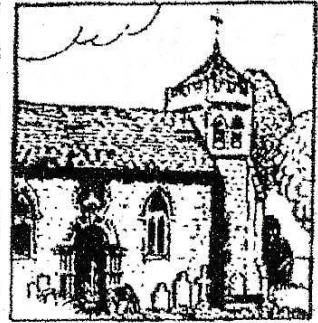


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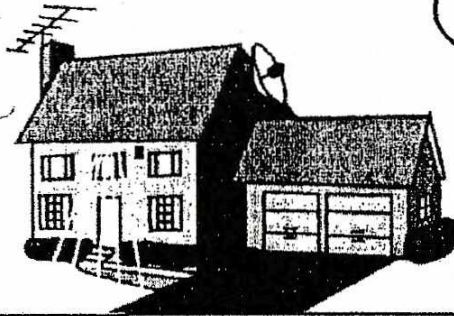
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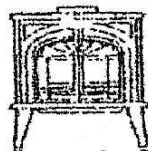
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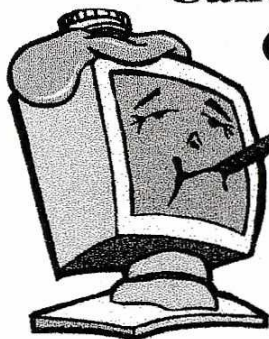
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Services for the month of January 2005

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 2nd January 2005 Christmas 2	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	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: Jer 31. 7-14 NT: Eph 1. 3-14 G: John 1. 10-18
Sun 9th Epiphany 1	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Humphriss	6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Is 42. 1-9 NT: Acts 10. 34-43 G: Mat 3. 13-end
Sun 16th 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	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Is 49. 1-7 NT: 1 Cor 1. 1-9 G: John 1. 29-42
Sun 23rd Epiphany 3	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Is 9. 1-4 NT: 1 Cor 1. 10-18 G: Mat 4. 12-23
Sun 30th Epiphany 4	10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		6.00 pm Deanery Evensong Rev P Filmer			OT: 1 Kings 17. 8-16 NT: 1 Cor 1. 18-end G: John 2. 1-11
Sun 6th February Candlemas	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service and Baptism Mrs P Kusel	OT: Mal 3. 1-5 NT: Heb 2. 14-end G: Luke 2. 22-40

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Diary for January 2005

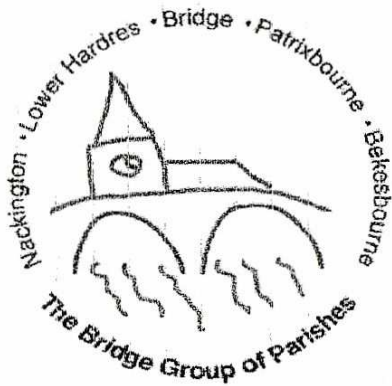
- 4th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 6th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
- 8th Lower Hardres 2005 Celebrations, John Baker White Hall 2pm
- 10th Caring and Sharing, 7.30pm
- 11th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 12th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10-11.15am
Ears'n Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm
- 17th Caring and Sharing, 7.30pm
- 18th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Bridge History Society, Bridge School, 7.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 24th Caring and Sharing, 7.30pm
- 25th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm
Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 29th Jumble Sale, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am
- 31st Caring and Sharing, 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events

4th March Wine and Wisdom Bekesbourne

Bridge Methodist Church

- Jan 2nd Rev. George Baugh (Covenant Service)
- Jan 9th Rev. Barbara Heather
- Jan 16th Miss Jean Hall
- Jan 23rd Rev. David Marshall
- Jan 30th Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc. DMS. C.Eng.
- Feb 6th Rev. George Baugh



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The Area Dean's Letter

Dear Friends,

We live in a troubled world – but you don't need me to tell you that. The evidence is all around us; TV images of bomb and bullet shattered communities, children orphaned through AIDS and suffering from malnutrition and drinking dirty water, the wealth and social divisions in our own country, the deaths of young people through drug abuse, and much more.

I sometimes think that worldwide communications and media coverage makes life much more difficult for us, as we have no excuse for 'not knowing'.

But we also live in a deeply caring world, and this *is* something we need to be reminded about. Every year tonnes of aid are sent to people in need, and our hospitals and communities have countless people who raise money or give freely of their time for the benefit of others, so much so that the government has recognised that the 'voluntary sector' is of vital importance in delivering services to the needy, and I'm sure that many reading this will be involved in one way or another in this kind of generous activity.

When we look back we can see that many of the institutions taken for granted today were begun by churches; schools, hospitals, The Samaritans (the first of many 'helplines'), homeless shelters and accommodation, and many more. That they have been taken over by professional organisations speaks of the importance of the work they do. But it does mean we are likely to forget the Christian origins, and the true meaning of 'charity'.

Perhaps in 2005 Christians in East Bridge Deanery might do what we can to re-dress the balance. When we are involved in something for the benefit of others, make sure people know you are not just doing it 'out of the goodness of your heart', but because Christ has commanded it. Be confident in your faith and unafraid to speak out when you hear sentiments or opinions or language which is offensive to your faith, because they are offensive to God.

It will be a challenge, but one worth the undertaking!
May 2005 be a happy, peaceful and blessed year for you and your family.

David Roper, Area Dean

Your Parish Matters

Funeral

7/12 Bekesbourne Kenneth Charles Bindoff

Interment of Ashes

11/11 Bridge Joanna Cicely Michell

Confirmation

The following candidates from the Bridge Group were confirmed at the Cathedral on 10th November

Alexander Watson, William Leggatt, Dominic Beer, Daniel Worsley, Alexander Ellis, Benjamin Brown, Tania Gower, Louise Parsons, Samuel Watson, Henry Day, Georgia Myatt, Katie Daw, Emily Martin, Mary Maclean, Matthew Townsend, Natasha Todd, Raymond Ellis, Jacqueline Ellis, Melanie Maclean.

What's happening for children at Bridge Church?

There's certainly something going on, somewhere in the benifice, every Sunday, sometimes more:

1st Sunday 10.00 am Bekesbourne Family Service

or

9.15 am Bridge "The Upper Room" @ The Plough & Harrow for children, to join parents and the rest of the congregation for the end of the 9.30 am Bridge Holy Communion Service.

2nd Sunday 11.00 am Bridge Family Service

3rd Sunday 10.00 am Lower Hardres Family Service

4th Sunday 10.00 am "The Works" @ Bridge Village Hall for children. Crafts, puppets, songs, stories and games. 11.30 am Finish.

We have a friendly bunch of children coming along to "The Works" and "The Upper Room" and we have great fun. *It would be lovely to see some new faces* - just turn up. Parents are more than welcome to stay, so long as you don't mind helping out!

We would love to see some *helpers* who do not have their own children underfoot, please speak to Paul, Margaret or Ruth if you think you might like to come along.

N.B. All the above are monthly events, but are often cancelled in school holidays. Therefore there will be *no Upper Room Sunday School on Jan 2nd*, sorry!

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

The children of 'The Works' would like to invite you to join us to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at The Marlowe Theatre, on Saturday 14 May 2005 at 5.00pm.

We have the front four rows booked, plus two disabled spaces. The seats have been booked at a reduced rate of £18.80 each. Tickets will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. Please remember places are limited, so hurry up and book now. For more details and to reserve your seats.

Contact Emma Haynes 01227 830558

Salvation Army Carol Concert

Well over 100 people attended the concert at Bridge School on 6th December.

The Salvation Army got us off to a rousing start to the Christmas season with a varied programme of carols and readings.

Children in the audience were invited to use musical instruments during some of the carols and the School Choir performed, singing under the direction of their teacher Sarah Buchan.

A donation of £200 was made to Salvation Army funds.

Senior Citizens Afternoon of Entertainment

This was well supported and enjoyed by 37 local residents.

They were entertained by pupils from the school and enjoyed afternoon tea served by Year 6 pupils. Mrs Washington's recorder group performed for the first time to an audience and played extremely well.

Everyone enjoyed this event and a vote of thanks on behalf of those attending was given by Kathy Eynon.

Thank You!

A would like to say a very BIG THANK YOU for my lovely large hamper of goodies which you so generously gave to me.

It was really exciting and my whole family will love it especially Jacob and Samuel.

It was a great shock when Pat, Laurence and Sue staggered into my house with it. I am so very grateful and I really appreciate it - I do not merit any thanks, I just love being here with you.

Thank you very very much.

A Very Happy and Blessed New Year to you all.

Margaret

Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting will be on Thursday 6th January, 7pm at 7 Windmill Close. Please keep your requests coming, if you are unable to come in person.

As we all know too well, prayer is vital and gives hope and support in so many situations. Please ring me on 830844, but better still, come in person, you will be very welcome.

Kath Pierce

830844

Fish News

A Very Happy New Year to you all.

The Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) urgently needs more drivers. Even if you only have a little spare time you could be invaluable to your fellow villagers. You would be asked to driver someone to the Surgery or the Hospital when you can. Petrol costs are covered and it is a great way to make new friends. Do please telephone Ann Medhurst (830762) if you would like to help.

The next Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall is on January 12th from 10 to 11.15am.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The first meeting of the New Year, which is also the Annual General Meeting, will be held on Tuesday 25 January at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. After the business part of the meeting, our Chairman Roger Austin will give a talk with the intriguing title of "Tales of a Gamekeeper's Son".

Annual subscriptions are of course due at this time and the names of all these renewing or joining will be entered in the draw for 2 tickets to the Chelsea Flower Show.

We are currently somewhat short of committee members. The committee usually meets only 3 times a year - not too daunting a commitment - mainly to make arrangements for the Spring and Summer Shows. We would be delighted to welcome some new faces. So, if you feel you have a little time to spare this long established village society and **would like to join us please contact me, or any other committee member, either before the AGM or at the meeting itself.**

Finally, show schedules for both the Shows will be available at the AGM to give you plenty of time to plan your planting.

We look forward to **seeing you on the 25th.**

Kathy Walder

Bridge with Patricxhourne Women's Institute

The first meeting of 2005 is a talk by Christine Gibbons on the Library Service for East Kent on Tuesday 18 January in Bridge Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30 pm. The competition this month will be for an article beginning with the letter "E".

A reminder that the New Year lunch is being held at the White Horse on Wednesday 26 January. Anyone who still wishes to come should give their names as soon as possible to the Chairman, Avril Austin, or any member of the committee.

Bridge History Society

The New Year for the Society starts with a meeting at Bridge School Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 18 January 2005. John Shelton of the Kentish Stour Countryside Project will be talking to us about our elusive river Nailbourne - its influence on the villages along its course and the effect it has had on the landscape. Come and join us! All are welcome. Members £2 and non-members £3, including refreshments.

BEKESBOURNE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

There were lots of seasonal gifts for sale at the Bekesbourne Christmas bazaar which was held on the morning of Saturday 27th November. Home made cakes, jams, produce, scarves and jewellery were just a few of the many stalls. £556 was raised for church funds.

The 1st prize in the raffle of a Christmas hamper was won by Joan Atkins. Bekesbourne brownies served tea and cakes during the morning. Thank you to everyone who generously donated gift's, helped on the stalls or attended the event.

CAROLS AT THE UNICORN

It was a full house at the Unicorn on Thursday 9th December for a very enjoyable evening of carol singing. We were accompanied by Stuart Field on the violin and David Cutting on the piano. Thanks to Cheryl and Clive for hosting the evening and providing the delicious sausage rolls and mince pies. £100 was raised on the raffle for the church.

BEKESBOURNE 100 CLUB

The 100 club was drawn after the carol singing at the Unicorn. The December month draw included the end of year prize of £250 which was won by Zan Clifford. The usual prizes of £50 went to Roger Nicholls, £25 to Mrs J Moon and £15 to I E McCarthy. The club was established in January 2001. Its aims are to have a bit of fun and to raise funds for the care and maintenance of Bekesbourne church.

We are always pleased to welcome new members, if you would like to join contact Steve Thomas for more information.

Tel 832573 or E:mail s.thomas@which.net

Jumble Sale

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church are holding its annual jumble sale Saturday 29th January at 10 O'clock in Bekesbourne village hall. We would be grateful for donations of bric a brac, games, books and clean good quality clothing ect. They can be brought to the hall on the morning or collected by Gill Moon Tel 832134.

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VILLAGE HALL

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 11th November 2004

Christmas Tree Lights Cllr Esdale has arranged with Serco for the Christmas Tree Lights to be installed as usual on the weekend of 4th December. He will have more details nearer the time.

Access to the Allotments

Councillors accepted a quote from PKR for £864 plus vat for the work to be carried out.

Concurrent Funding application for 2005/06

The Parish Council would apply to Canterbury City Council for £9646 to meet the running costs of the Village Hall, Recreation Ground, and Bus Shelters.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th December 2004 at the earlier time of 7 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 11th November.

Planning applications received:

CA/04/01504/BRI - Bourne Park - Installation of a radio base station comprising of 25 metres high lattice telecommunications mast, 2 antennae, 1 dish, radio equipment housing and ancillary development. The Chairman advised that Steve Davis of CCC had confirmed to the clerk that King Sturge had been notified that the application would be refused under delegated powers, and they had withdrawn the application that morning.

The Chairman thanked all the residents who had written to Canterbury City Council for their support.

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

CA/04/01558/BRI & CAL/04/00110/BRI - (Revised Plans) 10 High Street, Bridge (Grade 2 listed building) - single storey extension, dormer windows and roof lights to rear, light well to front of dwelling and replacement garage.

CA/04/01556/BRI - 40 Union Road, Bridge - Single storey side extension to dwelling.

The planning committee agreed that they had reservations to the planning applications listed below:

A/04/01595/BRI & CAL/04/00115/BRI - 19 High Street, Bridge - Conservatory to rear of dwelling.

CA/04/01596/BRI & CAL/04/00116/BRI - 21 High Street, Bridge - Conservatory to rear of dwelling.

The proposed conservatories were too large for the properties and not in keeping with the listed buildings.

CA/04/01575/BRI - 80 High Street, Bridge - Demolition of existing shop and erection of dwelling. (Revised scheme) The new application did not meet the conditions set out for refusing the original application. A letter was received from a local resident objecting to the plans, and the loss of retail premises in the village.

It was noted that the following applications are being granted:

CA/04/01298/BRI - Le Picachon, Beech Hill, Bridge - Single storey extension to side of dwelling.

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

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 9th December at the earlier time of 6.45 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend both meetings

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

Christmas Trees

Councillors wish to thank everyone in the village who helped at the weekend with putting up the Christmas Trees, and for Serco who carried out their inspection.

Access to the Allotments

Councillors hoped PKR would start the work at the end of January

Notice board for Bridge Down

The Notice board should be finished and ready for Serco to install by the end of January.

Streetranner

In February the Streetranner will move from the Mill Centre to the Village Hall. The session will run for two hours. The dates will be changing from 1st and 3rd Tuesday to 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

The group has just been awarded some money to purchase a tv/dvd, a drum machine, an X-box and various indoor sports equipment.

The Streetranner is open to all young people in Bridge between the ages of 10 and 18.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 13th January 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall.

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

Planning applications received:

CA/04/01674/BRI 3 Riverside Mews, Riverside Close, Bridge, Single storey extension to rear of dwelling. Councillor had no objections to the proposed plans.

It was noted that the following applications are being granted:

CA/04/01406/BRI - April Cottage, 1 Meadow Close, Bridge - Two storey side extension incorporating dormer windows to front and rear of dwelling.

CA/04/01556/BRI - 40 Union Road, Bridge - Single storey side extension to dwelling.

It was note that the following application had been withdrawn:

CA/04/01504/BRI Land at Higham Lane, Bridge Installation of a radio base station comprising of a 25 metres high lattice telecommunications mast, 2 antennae, 1 dish, radio equipment housing and ancillary development.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee is on Thursday 13th January 2005 at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall.

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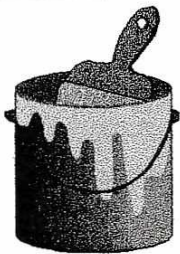
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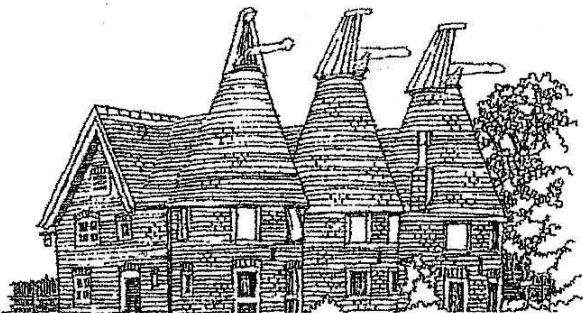
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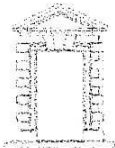
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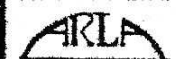
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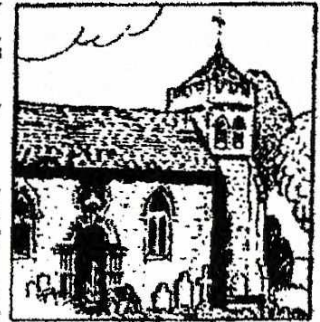


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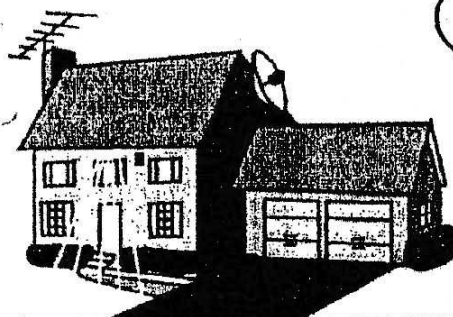
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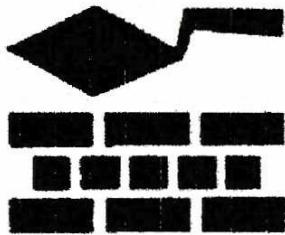
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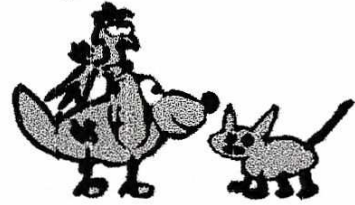
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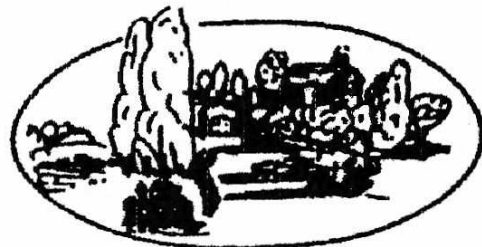
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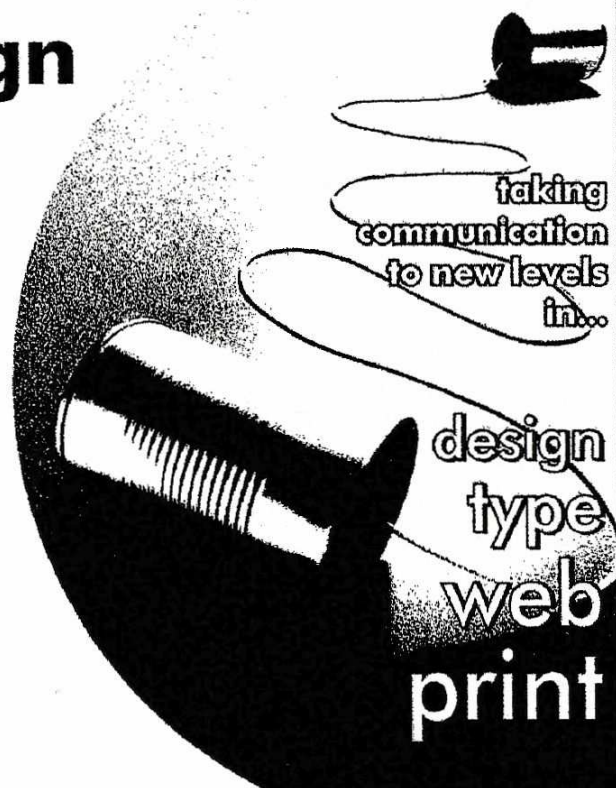
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Services for the month of February 2005

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekebourne	Readings
Sun 6th February Sunday before Lent	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service and Baptism Mrs P Kusel	OT: Ex 24. 12-end NT: 2 Peter 1. 16-end G: Mat 17. 1-9
Weds 9th Ash Wednesday			7.00 pm Holy Communion Rev P Filmer			OT: Is 58. 1-12 NT: 2 Cor 5.20b-6.10 G: Matt 6. 1-6,16-21
Sun 13th Lent 1	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service and Baptism Tony Washington	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Gen 2. 15-17; 3.1-7 NT: Rom 5. 12-19 G: Jn 8. 1-11
Sun 20th Lent 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: Gen 12. 1-4a NT: Rom 4. 1-5,13-17 G: John 3. 1-17
Sun 27th Lent 3	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Roper	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Ex 17. 1-7 NT: Rom 5. 1-11 G: John 4. 5-42
Sun 6th March Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	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 P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: 1 Sam 16. 1-13 NT: Eph 5. 8-14 G: John 9

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Diary for February 2005

- 1st Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 2nd Bekesbourne PCC Meeting, Cala, Aerodrome Road, Bekesbourne 7.30pm
- 3rd Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
- 6th The Upper Room, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 9.30am
- 7th Caring and Sharing, 12 Somme Close, Canterbury 7.30pm
- 8th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 3pm
Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC Meeting, Bridge Church 7.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 9th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
- 15th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 16th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm
- 21st Caring and Sharing, 8A Conyngham Lane, Bridge 7.30pm
- 22nd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 24th Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 26th Bangers, Beetle & Bingo, Bridge School 5.30pm
- 27th The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
- 28th Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge 7.30pm

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Bekesbourne

- 4th March Wine and Wisdom
- 9th July Boot Fair



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Who Cares?

If there is anything that moves me more than the pain and anguish of human tragedy, it is the demonstration of sacrificial love that humans are capable of in response to that tragedy. Since 26th December, money has poured in to the Tsunami Appeal Fund from individual people, shocked by the sudden destructive violence of nature on such a huge scale. Unlike recent incidents, where time and energy has been wasted in political posturing and finding someone to blame, people around the world have reacted spontaneously to do something for those who have seen their families, homes and communities swept away before their eyes. It is encouraging for the future of humanity that our desire to help others can override our normal reservations about nationality, religion and personal well-being.

My only worry is that, whereas the disaster will demand months - if not years of international aid, our attention will, all too soon, be drawn away to other more immediate causes. After all, you have only to walk down Canterbury High Street to realise how many different charities are vying for our spare cash, every day of the week. It is not practical for every one of us to donate money to every charity, but it is possible for every one of us to make a regular donation to one or two charities. Perhaps your donation to the Tsunami appeal will prompt you to make a long term commitment, to help the long term work of restoring some form of normality to broken lives. In any case, I would ask you to reconsider what it means to 'love your neighbour as yourself', and how we can best demonstrate that love.

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

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Wedding

23/12	Bridge	Jonathan Forwood and Claire Dineen
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Funeral

20/12	Bridge	Nellie Henrickson
11/01	Patricxbourne	Brian Pearson

Confirmation 2005 In November last year 16 children & 3 adults from our Parishes were confirmed as members of the Church of England by the Bishop of Maidstone in Canterbury Cathedral. Would you like to 'confirm' the promises made on your behalf by your parents and godparents when you were baptised as a young child? If you do, or would like to find out more about confirmation, please contact Paul Filmer for information about our 2005 confirmation course. We will begin after Easter, with a Deanery confirmation service in the Cathedral set for 27th September.

Smartie Tubes Thank you to everyone who raised money for the Children's Society by saving coins in smartie tubes and bringing them to our Christmas services. More tubes were given out ready for our Easter charity collection.

This year's **Benefice Lent Course** is based on a new 5 part course on relationships called "Better Together?". Each week we will discuss a recorded interview with distinguished speakers from a range of churches and traditions; exploring family relationships, relationships within the Church, relating to strangers, broken relationships, our relationship with God. The course will be held in Bridge Church, on Thursday 17th Feb and the next four Thursdays. Each session will be from 7.30 - 9.00 pm, and all resources will be provided. Everyone is welcome, whether for the whole course or individual evenings

Christmas Workshop.

I would like to thank everyone who helped on December 20th. We had a great time with about 50 children. I really appreciate all the helpers who gave their time and expertise.

Don't forget our **Good Friday Workshop on March 25th**. Details later!

A big thank you to all who gave gifts at the Crib Service. They were very much appreciated at the Canterbury Women's Refuge.

Margaret Clarke

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If you have any spare jam jars please ring Jane 830653 or Margaret 765598. Thank you.

Health and Healing

The meeting this month is on Thursday 3rd February at 7pm at 7 Windmill Close.

The prayer cycle is continuous and can be added to, or deleted as circumstances change.

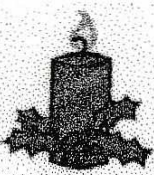
Feedback shows the prayer group is vital and comforting to so many people. So please feel free with your petitions for sickness, bereavement, anxiety, depression and any other situation you are concerned over. Do come in person, if you are able. You will receive a warm welcome., otherwise ring me on 830844 with your requests.

Kath Pierce

Fish News (Neighbourly Help)

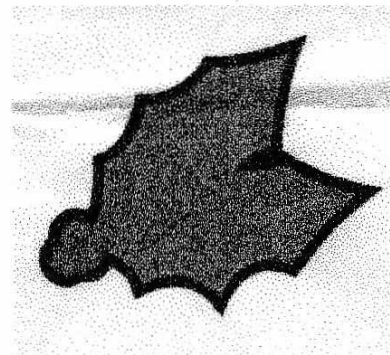
The next Fish Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 9th February from 10 to 11.15am. Do Come.

Thank-you



We would like to thank you for your generosity towards our carol singing on Saturday the 18th. We raised £70.00 in total from residents of Bridge Down and the money will go to the Ugandan Project that our school has recently been raising money for.

*Many thanks,
Kelly Saunders
Theresa Coleman
Rosie Burgess
& Rachel Salter*



The Children's Society - Fund raising in Bridge

Looking Back - During 2004 contributions were made to the Society from the following sources:-

Contents of Home/Shop Boxes	583.85
Donations in Memory of Mrs Daisy Flanders dec'd 1.4.04	215.00
Sale of Goods at Table Fair	56.00
Donation	5.00
Christingle Service 24.12.04 Collection	388.20
Total	£1248.05

The Christingle Service Many thanks to all who attended, in spite of the very wet weather. Your generous offerings together with children's Smartie Tube savings raised a large sum for the Children's Society work with many less fortunate children. Special thanks are due to Mr & Mrs Tilly who once again gave the oranges for Christingles and to Pat and Laurence Dunerdale, with all other helpers, also to Paul our Vicar for taking the service.

Looking Forward - 2005

Home and shop boxes will be emptied during February and March, this is usually done annually before the end of the tax year. Kathy Eynon will be in touch with present box holders, to collect at your convenience. Should anyone else like to have a box for contributions, handy for small change, please contact her on Tel. 830466 or at 19 Bridge Down, Bridge.

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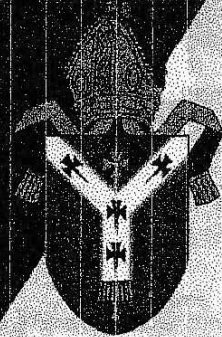
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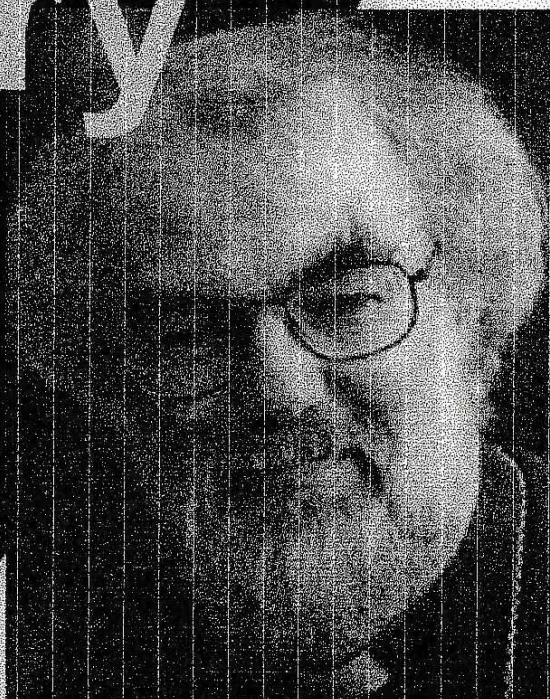
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6.30pm **A man for all seasons**

7.45pm **The peace dividend**

Wednesday 23rd March 2005

6.30pm **God and company**

7.45pm **Love actually**

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The Rural Streetrunner Youth group is moving from the Mill Centre to the Village hall. Our first session at the Village hall will be February 8th 2005.

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We will still run on a Tuesday but it will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 8th February onwards.



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As always, members and non members will be made very welcome

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday 15 February Mr Charles Ilott, a well known local character, will give a talk entitled "Reflections of a Has Been" which promises to be most entertaining. Members are requested to bring a friend.

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

BRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our February meeting is a Members' Social Evening. The idea is to give members a chance to socialise in an informal atmosphere in the Plough and Harrow. Chris Maclean will give a short illustrated talk about the pub's history and events associated with its past, following which there will be a buffet supper. The gathering will take place in the Upstairs Room of the Plough and Harrow, and on this occasion, is restricted to members only. Please contact John Bishop (832596) if you would like to come.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
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11 members were present at the December 2004 meeting at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. Our total Poppy Appeal Collection (House to House and Static Point) is £2,316.99 which is a record. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped. Well done. With other fundraising efforts (including the Coffee Morning) the final total will be around £3,500, so we are very pleased.

The Branch Dinner is booked for Saturday, 19th February and it will be at Littlebourne War Memorial Hall. Anyone wishing to come can contact the Secretary on 01227 472023 or the Treasurer on 01304 812292. It will be nice to have a forthcoming event during what is usually a quiet time of the new year.

Now that things have calmed down a bit following the Poppy Appeal, can I take this opportunity to say that we are always happy to welcome new members (and potential ones too) to our meetings. We are a friendly bunch and we always keep meetings quite informal. We meet at the Recreation Club on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 pm. Any enquiries please contact us on one of the above telephone numbers. Our next Branch meetings is on Tuesday, 8th February 2005 at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. Do come and join us.

Finally, the Chairman and Committee would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

FOLK IN THE BARN



A huge thanks to everyone who came to the Kingston Barn on Sat 27th Nov, to see **Colvin Quarmby**, some from extraordinary distances. Two families had travelled from Portsmouth and Southampton to see the guys and quite a few from London and North West Kent. It was really nice to see a few more people from the villages this time, please come back and tell your friends and neighbours. This is entertainment of the highest quality on your doorstep. This was our most successful night so far in the Barn and it was fantastic to see it so full. Apologies to those who phoned for tickets but were too late. I'd also like to thank John Leeming from the Red Lion in Bridge for providing welcome refreshments!

Gerry Martin Dave and Nick put on a wonderful show as always. It was fantastic to hear the songs from their new album performed live and Gerry was as entertaining as ever. I have never met anyone who loves what they do as much as he does and wants to share that enthusiasm with everyone. Find out more at www.colvinquarmby.co.uk

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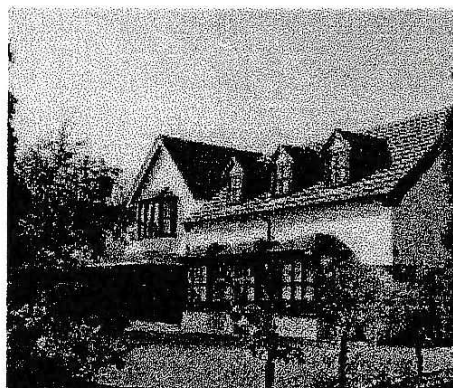
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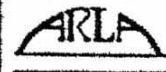
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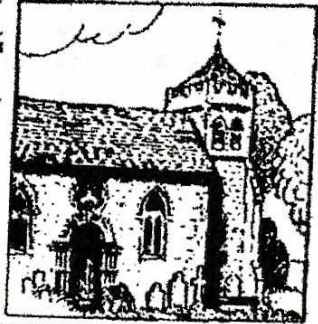


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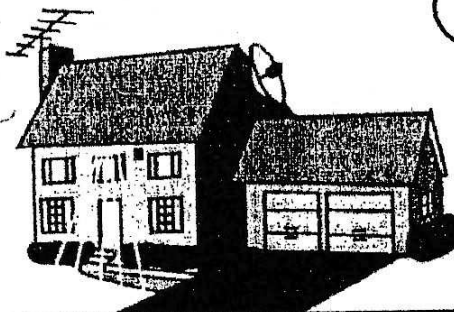
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Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 6th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev tba	10.00 am Family Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: 1 Sam 16. 1-13 NT: Eph 5. 8-14 G: John 9
Sun 13th Lent 5	9.30 am Holy Communion with Baptism Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	11.00 am Family Service with Baptism Mr M Leggatt	10.00 am Mattins Mr C Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Ezk 37. 1-14 NT: Rom 8. 6-11 G: John 11. 1-45
Sun 20th Palm 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 Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Is 50. 4-9a NT: Phil 2. 5-11 G: Mat 26. 14-end of 27
HOLY WEEK Maundy Thurs 24th			7.30 pm Tenebrae @ Bridge School			
Good Friday 25th		9.30 am Childrens Worship @ JBW Hall	Noon WALK OF WITNESS 11.00 am			
Sun 27th Easter Day	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	10.00 am Family Communion Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Jer 31. 1-6 NT: Acts 10. 34-43 G: John 20. 1-18
Sun 3rd April Lent 4 Easter 2	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion with Baptism Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev tba	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service with Baptism Rev P Filmer	OT: Acts 2. 14a, 22-32 NT: 1 Peter 1. 3-9 G: John 20. 19-end

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Diary for March 2005

- 1st Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 2nd Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
- 3rd Lent Course, Bridge Church 7.30pm
- 4th Women's World Day of Prayer, Bridge Methodist Church 11am
Bekesbourne Wine and Wisdom, Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.15pm
- 7th Caring and Sharing, 22 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 8th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 9th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm
- 10th Lent Course, Bridge Church 7.30pm
- 14th Caring and Sharing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 15th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 16th Lower Hardres and Nackington PCC Springboard 7.30pm
- 17th Lent Course, Bridge Church 7.30pm
- 21st Holy Week - see service pattern
- 22nd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
East Meets West 2005 - Japanese Visitors arrive 1.30pm
- 27th Japanese Visitors depart 8.30am
- 28th Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage, Canterbury Cathedral 10.30am

Forthcoming Events

Bekesbourne - Sunday 1st May Village Rogation Walk

7th May Organ Recital

9th July Boot Fair

Patricxbourne with Bridge - 18th June - 12 noon - Bridge Village Fete
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We have reached that time of year again that fills me with excitement and awe – Spring. The garden hasn't waited for Spring to officially arrive but spring has shown itself in many ways. The birds seem to be nesting; the snowdrops, daffodils and even primroses are in bloom. Those of you who know me well know that I am a keen gardener and with the garden springing into life I need to start the new cycle; chitting the seed potatoes, planting my onions, sowing seeds etc. I never tire of wandering around looking for the first signs of new growth and experiencing the thrill of finding that first flower or open bud with the wide eyed wonderment of a small child.

Here in our rural parishes we witness and are reminded of the wonder of nature and God's creation all the time. But what about those who live in towns and cities? I work in an 'inner city' primary school in east Folkestone where opportunities to engage with nature are few. Last spring (my first at the school) it was wonderful to see the spectacle of pink cherry blossom festooning the trees in the street outside the school. Alas last week the workmen came and cut them down because of the damage the roots had done to the pavement! We do what we can within our cramped walled asphalt yard to grow and nurture a few plants, to instil a sense of wonderment and an appreciation for our natural world.

In this material world we are all more removed than ever from nature. How many of us today have the time or the opportunity to stop and look at the wonderment of this world created by God for us to enjoy and to care for? At present we are bombarded by the media with reports about climate change, man-made disasters and large scale loss of habitat. Maybe it is about time we took our role as custodians of God's creation seriously and all do our bit to save this world for generations to come.

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Smartie Tubes Thank you to everyone who raised money for the Children's Society by saving coins in Smartie tubes and bringing them to our Christmas services. The Easter Smarties Tube collection will be for "Mercy Ships" who provide voluntary aid in Africa/Asia.

Good Friday This year's **Walk of Witness** on the 25th March begins at 10.00am at St Peter's Bekesbourne, walking via St Mary's Patrixbourne to St Peter's Bridge, where we will join for a 12 noon service with the children from the **Arts & Crafts Workshop**. The Workshop starts at 9.15 am at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres, and Margaret asks that pre-school children are accompanied by parents and encourages a voluntary contribution of 50p towards costs. Contact Margaret Clarke (765598) or Julie Cox (788316) to book places.

Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage

This year's Pilgrimage will begin at 10.30am, walking from Dane John Gardens to the Cathedral with the Archbishop. A full programme of activities will finish with a service in the Cathedral on the theme 'Who Cares?' linked to the 'Make Poverty History' campaign. The day will finish by 3pm. For more information contact Diocesan House 01227 459401.

Easter Lillies

Donations for Easter lillies are now being collected by Rosy Green or Viv Brasier. Decorating of St. Peter's Bridge for Easter will be on Saturday 26th March, anyone interested in helping, please just turn up at the church, or contact Rosy Green on 830204. Thanks.

Viv Brasier

Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd March, at 7pm, at 7 Windmill Close. Please note the change of day to Wednesday for this month. This is so we do not clash with the Lent Lectures, which are being held every Thursday during Lent.

It is vital to keep the circle of prayer unbroken, so please let me have your petitions for sickness, bereavement, anxiety or any other situation. Better still, do come in person; you will receive a very warm welcome.

God knows our needs before we ask but it is good to share our concerns and to receive God's healing prayer.

Kath Pierce

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Fish News

One of the aspects of the work of the Fish Scheme in Bridge, Bishopsbourne, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne is to give lifts to the hospital and surgery for people who would otherwise have to try to tackle public transport where it exists, or use taxis. As everybody is busy the scheme can only work if there is a large number of volunteer drivers. If you are already helping you will know how satisfying it is to be able to help, however occasionally.

Do please ask your friends if they would consider volunteering their help. They will hugely enhance the quality of life in our villages. Please telephone Ann Medhurst on 830762.

The next Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall is on Wednesday 9th March from 10 to 11.15am. The next Committee Meeting is on Tuesday 8th March at Rosy Green's.

Candlemas

On Sunday January 30th a Deanery service of Evensong was held in St. Peter's Bridge at which a choir of over forty choristers from the churches within the Deanery were in good form.

The Choir Master and Organist was Martin Miles who has been associated with the choir at St. Peter's over many years arranged the music and conducted. The anthem was 'When to the Temple Mary Went' composed by Johann Eccard (1553-1611) - 6 part unaccompanied.

In view of the restricted amount of time available for practices the resultant musical accomplishment was highly successful and was greatly appreciated by the congregation and choristers from the Deanery. Thank you Martin.

Bill Rose

East Meets West 2005

On Tuesday 22nd March we welcome a group of ten Japanese students and their three teachers to stay with us in Bridge. Several families have offered to act as Hosts and a full itinerary has been organised.

The link with the students from Tenryu and Bridge is, of course, our very own Bill Rose, who was a POW in Mitsushima (now renamed Tenryu). Bill visited the village last year and met with Trevor Anderson who is leading this project from the Japanese end.

The students will arrive on Tuesday afternoon and visit Bridge School, their Host families will meet them at a Reception to be held in the School at 3.30pm.

Wednesday sees them visiting the Eastbridge Hospital, Greyfriars and The Mayor's Parlour in the morning and to the Chaucer College (where Japanese students study) at the University during the afternoon.

On Thursday they will visit Dover Castle during the day and join us at the Tenebrae Supper at the School during the evening.

Friday they are off to Howletts Zoo - quite an experience for them, I'm sure.

A get-together will be held during the evening at the School for the Host families, Students and any villagers wishing to join us.

On Easter Saturday they will be going to the Canterbury Tales and the Cathedral.

I'm sure you will agree we have packed a lot into their short stay with us before they leave to visit London on Easter Morning.

If you would like to join in the get-together on Friday evening please contact me on 01227 830960.

Evelyn Andrews

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The next event on this year's calendar is the Society's Annual Spring Show on Tuesday 5th April, 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.

As last year we shall be taking names at the Show of those who want to take part in the "Chairman's Challenge" at the Summer Show. Roger Austin, our Chairman, has kindly agreed again to produce and distribute annuals in a pot for members to grow on themselves and then 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 with Patricbourne Women's Institute

The March meeting on 15th in Bridge Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30 pm will be a talk with slides by Mr D Wilks entitled "Temples but no Tigers" and the competition is for an article beginning with the letter "U".

Kathy Walder

FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

The jumble sale on the morning of Saturday 29th January got off to a busy start with people queuing from 8.30 to snap up the bargains.

Many thanks to everyone that donated jumble. And a big thank you to the band of helpers on the day, without you it would not have been such a successful morning.

£438 was raised too boost the "friends" funds.

WINE & WISDOM

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church will be having their annual Wine & Wisdom Friday 4th March. If you would like to book a table of 6-8 people phone Gill Moon 01227 832134. As usual, bring your own food & drink. Start time of 7.30pm Bekesbourne village hall.

BELL & ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT

We are very pleased to announce that we have raised enough money through grants and donations to arrange for work to commence on both the bells and organ in Bekesbourne Church. The bells are to be removed in the middle of July and will be 'out of action' for several months although there will be ringing in the tower once again by Christmas 2005. The organ will also be restored this year and we expect to receive confirmation of when the work can begin any day now.

This is very good news indeed and we are extremely grateful for all your generous donations which have made this project possible. We are now only £3,000 away from reaching our target of £46,000 and very much hope we can rely on your continued support at future fund raising events.

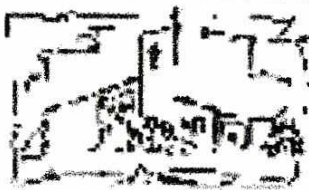
If you would like to make a donation, gift aid forms are available from Bekesbourne Church or you can contact our Treasurer, Zan Clifford on 01227 830328.

TSUNAMI FUND RAISING

Over £2500 was raised throughout January across the Benefice.

In particular the Wine and Wisdom Evening raised £1280 - many thanks to those who organised the event and to Mark Smith of Faversham who supplied the questions.

The funds have been split between Christian Aid and The Bishop of Ripon and Leeds, Bishop John Packer (jnr) Special Appeal for Sri Lanka.



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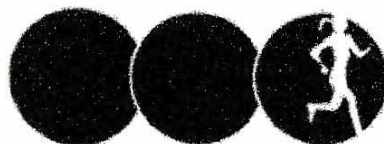
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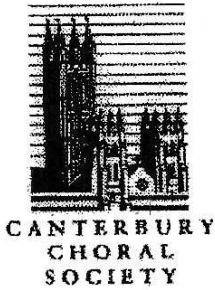
With the new year well underway we are planning some Branch events. Our Games Night with other branches in the Group is on Tuesday, 15th March at the Recreation Club.

We also have a Quiz Night at the Hay Wain, Bramling on Monday, 4th April. Anyone wishing to eat first should arrive by 7pm and the Quiz starts at 8pm.

We also have booked our Coffee Morning in aid of the Poppy Appeal on Saturday, 17th September in the Lounge at Littlebourne War Memorial Hall, 10am.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 8th March and 12th April both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

Can I mention (again), that we are always happy to welcome new members to our meetings. Any enquiries please contact either the Secretary on 01227 472023 or the Treasurer on 01304 812292.



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Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 13th January 2005

Access to the Allotments

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Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 10th February 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 13th January 2005

Planning applications received:

CA/04/01857/BRI - Tanglewood, Patricxbourne Road, Bridge. Installation of solar collectors to roof of dwelling.- Councillors had no objections to the proposed plans.

CA/04/01870/BRI - Samuel Court, Beech Hill, Bridge. Installation of dormer windows to front of dwelling.- Councillors had no objections to the proposed plans.

It was noted that the following applications are being granted:

CA/04/01674/BRI 3 Riverside Mews, Riverside Close, Bridge, Single storey extension to rear of dwelling.

CA/04/01556&8/BRI & CAL/04/00110/BRI - 10 High Street, Bridge (Grade 2 listed building) - single storey extension, dormer windows and roof lights to rear, light well to front of dwelling and replacement garage.


CA/04/01595/BRI & CAL/04/00115/BRI - 19 High Street, Bridge - Conservatory to rear of dwelling.

CA/04/01596/BRI & CAL/04/00116/BRI - 21 High Street, Bridge - Conservatory to rear of dwelling.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee is on Thursday 10th February 2005 at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall.



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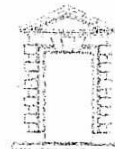
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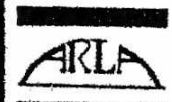
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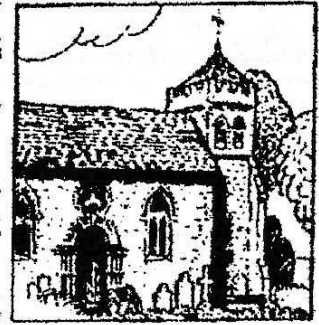
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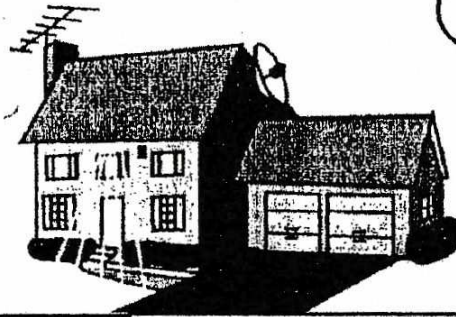
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Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 3rd Easter 2	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion with Baptism Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	Joint Service at Bridge	OT: Acts 2. 14a, 22-32 NT: 1 Peter 1. 3-9 G: John 20. 19-end
Sun 10th Easter 3	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service and Baptisms Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Mattins Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Acts 2.14a, 36-41 NT: 11 Peter 1. 17-23 G: Luke 24. 13-35
Sun 17th Easter 4	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: Acts 2. 42-end NT: 1 Peter 2. 19-end G: John 10. 1-10
Sun 24th Easter 5	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Acts 7. 55-end NT: 1 Peter 2. 2-10 G: John 14. 1-14
Sun 1st May Easter 6	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: Acts 17. 22-31 NT: 1 Peter 3. 13-end G: John 14. 15-21

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for April 2005

- 4th Marburg Choir Concert, Bridge Church 7.30pm
5th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
Horticultural Society Spring Show, Bridge Village Hall, from 6pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
6th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm
7th Health and Healing, Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge 7pm
11th Caring and Sharing, Coffee and Chat, The Purlins, Meadow Close,
Bridge, 7.30pm
12th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
13th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10-11.15am
Bekesbourne APCM, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 7.30pm
18th Caring and Sharing, Gentleness, The Vicarage, Bridge 7.30pm
19th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
21st Patricxbourne with Bridge APCM, Bridge School 7.30pm
22nd Lower Hardres and Nackington APCM, John Baker White Hall 7.30pm
25th Caring and Sharing, Coffee and Chat, The Vicarage, Bridge, 7.30pm
26th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm

Forthcoming Events: Bekesbourne

- Sunday 1st May Rogation Sunday Walk
Saturday 7th May David Flood and the Cathedral Choristers
Saturday 9th July Boot Fair

Forthcoming Events: Bridge

Bridge Village Fete Saturday 18th June

Bridge Methodist Church Services

- April 3rd Rev. Howard Skinner B.A.
April 10th Rev. David Marshall
April 17th Miss Jean Hall
April 24th Rev. David Marshall
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It must be my age. As I get closer to 50 I get grumpier. Most of the time my family knows how to handle me, but sometimes it spills onto innocent people too. I moan about people in the "9 items or fewer" queue in a supermarket who have more than nine items, who then pay with a debit card. I moan about drivers who use mobile 'phones. Who queue in the wrong lane. Who then push in. Drivers that don't indicate. Cyclists on pavements. The list goes on and on.

A few weeks ago I went on a retreat where a very gentle group of pastoral carers were looking at resolving conflict. Our first exercise was, from a vast box of buttons, to "choose a button which closest reminded our relationship with God". I was furious. What a stupid thing to do. How could a button possibly come close to achieving that? A stupid button. I was angry now and chose a large sea blue button so that I could climb on my soapbox and rant on about the tsunami or something similar.

We broke up into groups of four and started our discussion. The first lady spoke of her despair with her errant son and had chosen a button to reflect that. I started feeling a little guilty but the next lady absolutely floored me with her explanation. She had chosen the smallest, meekest, most insignificant button in the box. She said she felt like that button in the presence of other people but she knew God saw her as good as any other button in the box. She took comfort in knowing that, whenever she felt small and insignificant, God loved her.

To come to the group with such humility stunned me. I was so intent on raging against things I had lost sight of the real picture. After that session I sewed the smallest button I could find onto the lining of my jacket. Now, whenever I feel myself getting angry, pompous or opinionated, I can check the lining of my jacket and try to remember to show a little more humility. Life is a lot less stressful thanks to that button - and the delightful lady who shared that with me.

Chris Maclean, Authorised Lay Minister

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Jessica Louise Graham

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17/02 Barham (LH) Joan Lilian Hamilton
24/02 Barham (LH) Amy Annie Crowther
Barham (B) Leonard Sidney Moyses

Confirmation 2005 Its not too late, if you are interested, please contact Paul Filmer for information about our 2005 confirmation course. We will begin week commencing 18th April.

Marburg Choir Visit - 7.30pm 4th April at Bridge Church

You are invited to join us for an evening of music provided by the 48 strong Brass Ensemble and Choir from Trinity Church, Wehrda, Marburg, Led by their minister Rev Hans Hentschel they will perform a programme of Traditional German folk music and hymns.

Bishop's Deanery Mission Plan Visit

Following work to formulate a Deanery Mission Plan by our Deanery Synod, Bishops Stephen and Graham would now like to meet with parishioners from every parish to discuss the plan and explore how it should best be implemented. This open meeting for all parishioners of Eastbridge Deanery will be held on 19th July at 7pm at Wingham Church.

Deanery Family Weekend

18th June 7pm Dinner & Cabaret with Rev Roly Bain at
St Peter's Aylesham

19th June 11pm Family Service with Rev Roly Bain at St
Mary's Wingham
2-4pm Deanery Family Day @ Barham School

For further details please contact Brian Davis on
secretary@eastbridgedeanery.org.uk or 01227 831340

Deanery Synod Membership

Membership of Deanery Synod is made up of representatives from each parish who serve a 3 year term and become automatically a member of the PCC. This April will see the election of Synod Reps for the next 3 year session (held at Annual Parochial Church Meetings). If this is a position you feel capable of volunteering for please contact Paul Filmer 01227 830250, or any churchwarden for further information.

Caring and Sharing

We are a group of women from across Bridge Benefice who meet every Monday evening. This picture is of just some of the group who spent one evening raising nearly £50 for breast cancer (a big thank you to Katie Fuller who arranged it). Our evenings are very mixed from informal chats, listening to invited speakers, visits out, bible study to 'fish & chip' suppers etc. etc. This is a Christian group whose aim is to grow spiritually as a group and individually, plus also enjoy fellowship by being there for each other throughout the ups and downs of our busy lives. We can be serious but more often than not spend a lot of time laughing. It would be great to welcome new members either regularly or on the odd occasion when you can get along. If you would like to know more, details of subjects and venues should be in the parish magazines or at the back of your local church. Any further queries please contact Judy Filmer 830250 or Anne Booth 831290.



Electoral Roll:

The Electoral Roll for St.Mary's, Patricxbourne and St.Peter's, Bridge will be updated shortly. This is a list of those who are a member of the Church of England and resident in the parish or who, if not resident have worshipped in the parish during the last six months. Registration forms will be found in both churches and when completed should be returned by April 11th to one of the Church Wardens or to Rosemary Whatley at the Primary School. If you are already on the Electoral Roll, you do not need to reapply.

The PCC is in need of a new secretary. If you could help with this or would like more details, please contact one of the Church Wardens.

Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting will be on Thursday, 7th April at 7pm, at the home of John and Muriel Packer, Netherbury, Meadow Close. If you are unable to come in person, please let me have your requests for sickness, bereavement, anxiety or any other situation. Prayer is so vital and God knows our needs before we ask, but it is good to share our concerns and to receive God's healing power.

His peace which passes all understanding, is for us to receive, if only we can give ourselves to Him - May God bless you all.

Kath Pierce

830844

Fish News

Hearing Aid Re-tube Clinic At the Coffee Pop-in on Wednesday 13th April at 10.30am you can have your N.H.S. hearing aid re-tubed if you wish. Please bring your battery book with you.

Booking forms for the Blossom Tour on Wednesday 4th May will be circulated and if then you have any enquiries you can make them at Frank Whitten's office, 29 High Street, Bridge.



Fund Raising with Home and Shop Boxes

The contents of 32 boxes held in Bridge, which were emptied through February and March, raised the splendid total of £521.56, (mostly from small change) for this Charity.

Thank you to all Box Holders for your support and generosity.

Should anyone else like to have a box, they are normally emptied annually, please contact Kathy Eynon, tel 830466, 19 Bridge Down.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15 - 21 MAY 2005

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 £ 1400 was raised and almost half of that sum was "gift aided", so the total sum raised was over £2,000! 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!

The new year started on a solemn note for the Charity following the tsunami. Christian Aid continues to respond to the crisis alongside partner organisations in the region and has had a fantastic response from churches and individuals.

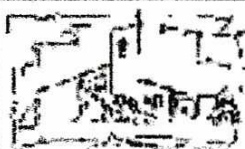
However, along side that work the Charity is also dedicated to challenging the injustices that will frustrate long-term development in countries where extreme poverty is an everyday reality. In particular, Christian Aid along with other charities, celebrities and pressure groups will be forming the 2005 Make Poverty History campaign, seeking to maximise the opportunity that 2005 gives to persuade the UK government to tackle poverty and support trade justice.

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



St Peter's Church, Bridge
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Monday 4th April



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Wine And Wisdom

As usual the wine and wisdom evening was fun and boosted the funds of the Friends of Bekesbourne Church by £334. The committee thank Pat Kusel and the rest of the winning team from last year who did a splendid job of presenting the quiz. Congratulations to this year's new winners who have agreed to set the quiz for next year.

Rogation Sunday Walk

Everyone is welcome to come on this year's Rogation Sunday Walk, which will be Sunday 1st May. The walk will be 3-4 miles in length around some of the lovely footpaths of Bekesbourne. Meeting at the village hall at 10.30am, we will then walk to St Peters Church where we will be joined by some of the family service congregation. It is always a pleasant mornings walk, stopping for prayers at various places to bless the village, the farmers and their crops. As usual the walk will end at the Unicorn pub, so do book if you intend to eat lunch.

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Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting

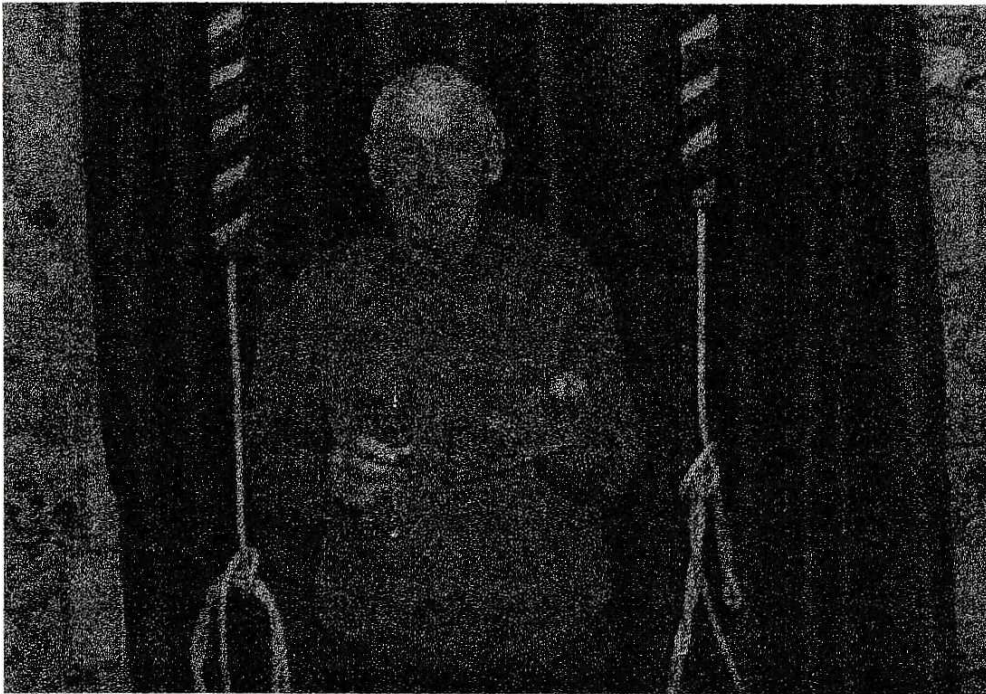
The Annual Church meeting of St Peter's Bekesbourne will be held on Wednesday 13 April at 7.30pm in Bekesbourne Village Hall.

Everyone in the parish is welcome to elect the Churchwardens for the coming year and to hear reports of the activities of the church. To take a full part in the second half of the meeting (after the election of Churchwardens), you need to be included on the church Electoral Roll. Anyone who lives in the parish of Bekesbourne can apply, as well as anyone living elsewhere who is a regular attender at the church. You do not need to apply if you are already on the current Roll, which will not be renewed until 2008.

Please contact me if you would like an application form.

Jane Millyard (Tel 830256)

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AT RINGING PRACTICE AT BEKESBOURNE CHURCH ON MONDAY THE 28TH OF FEBRUARY OVER FIFTY YEARS OF RINGING THE BELLS BY DAVID FARBRACE WAS CELEBRATED ALONG WITH HIS 65th BIRTHDAY. THE RINGERS PRESENTED DAVID WITH A CARD AND A CAKE WHICH WAS WASHED DOWN WITH SPARKLING WINE. DAVID HAS LIVED IN THE VILLAGE ALL HIS LIFE AND WAS BORN IN OAST COTTAGE THE STREET BEKESBOURNE AND NOW RESIDES IN DOWNSIDE VILLAS ADISHAM ROAD. HE HAS BEEN A FAITHFUL SERVANT TO THE VILLAGE OF HIS BIRTH HAVING PUMPED THE BELLOWS OF THE CHURCH ORGAN AS A YOUNG BOY AND CAPTAIN OF THE BELLS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. OVER DAVID'S HALF-CENTURY RINGING CAREER THE BELLS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO RING AND HE AND THE OTHER RINGERS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COMPLETION OF THE BELL AND ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT. WHEN THIS IS COMPLETED DAVID CAN GO FOR HIS CENTURY WITH CONFIDENCE.

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For more information and to book tickets please call 01227 830344 or 01227 830204.

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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A reminder that the Spring Show will be held on Tuesday 5 April in Bridge Village Hall. Members will be able to gain access to the hall from 6.00 pm onwards to stage their exhibits prior to judging. The prize giving will be at 7.30 pm. There will be refreshments available during the course of the evening. As with all good village events, and to help raise money for funds, we will be organising a raffle and hope-fully a plant bring and buy stall for which, of course, contributions will be very welcome.

We are looking forward to a good display of spring flowers to brighten up the hall and also to seeing a splendid number of entries of daffodil blooms in the Chairman's Challenge class from all those members who were given bulbs in the autumn.

Again a reminder that you need to be a member to exhibit, but you can 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 with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

On Tuesday 19th April at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall Mr Granville Harmer will be giving a talk entitled 'Road through the Weald'. This month the competition is for an article beginning with the letter "C".

Bridge History Society

Our March meeting was a fascinating talk about bricks given by Dick Bolton. It may not sound a subject of great interest, but Dick's talks are always entertaining and we learnt a great deal about buildings, styles and fashions, patterns and designs. Our next event is a coach visit to the battlefields and museums of Agincourt and Crecy - on St George's Day, Saturday 23 April! There are one or two seats left at the time of going to press, so if you would like to come, in the words of the Bard, 'The game's afoot: follow your spirit; and upon this charge cry 'God for Harry! England and Saint George!' We shall also be visiting the walled town of Montreuil, the setting for Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables* and the HQ for General Haig during the First World War. We depart at 7.30 am from Bridge Post Office. The cost is a bargain. For further information, telephone John Bishop: 832596.

Meriel Connor

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The Chairman congratulated the Secretary Barbara Hunt, on her receipt of an Associate Gold Badge, awarded to her for her work in the Branch.

It was suggested that we might occasionally book a speaker for monthly meeting nights. More on this will be announced next month.

Our Quiz Night at the Hay Wain, Bramling is on Monday, 4th April. Anyone wishing to eat first should arrive by 7pm and the Quiz starts at 8pm. Please come along and support us.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 12th April and 10th May - both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.



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We will provide equipment on the day and there will be a chance to buy new equipment if you decide to join us. Refreshments available.

If you don't fancy taking part call in for a cup of tea. You will be most welcome.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 10th February 2005

Access to the Allotments

PKR will start the work the week beginning 14th February

"Kent Village of the year " competition

Bridge to enter the competition

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on 24th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 10th March 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 10th February 2005

Planning applications received:

It was noted that the following applications are being granted:

CA/ 04/01857/BRI - Tanglewood, Patricxbourne Road, Bridge. Installation of solar collectors to roof of dwelling

CA/04/01870/BRI - Samuel Court, Beech Hill, Bridge. Installation of dormer windows to front of dwelling

CA/04/01575/BRI - 80 High Street, Bridge - Demolition of existing shop and erection of dwelling (Revised scheme)

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee is on Thursday 10th March 2005 at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 10th March 2005

Access to the Allotments

The new vehicular access has been completed.

Notice Board for Bridge Downs

The new notice board has been completed and will be installed shortly

Bus Shelter

Quotations are being obtained to replace the broken Georgian glass panes in the Bus Shelter outside the Post Office

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on 24th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Jennifer Shaw will give a presentation entitled "Affordable Housing"

Street Lighting

The responsibility for street lighting will transfer from the Parish Council to Canterbury City Council on 1st April 2005

Bench outside the Londis shop

Councillors agreed to purchase a bench to be sited outside of the Londis shop.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th April 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 10th March 2005

There were no new planning applications for discussion at the meeting.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee is on Thursday 14th April 2005 at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall.

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

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

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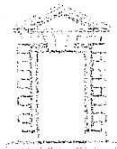
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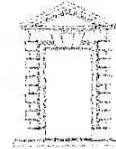
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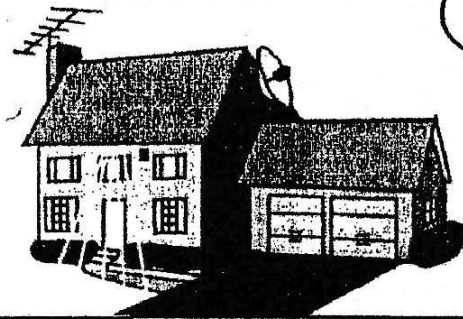
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Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 1st May Easter 6	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service and Baptism Mrs P Kusel	OT: Acts 17. 22-31 NT: 1 Peter 3. 13-end G: John 14. 15-21
Thurs 5th Ascension Day			7.00 pm Holy Communion Rev P Filmer Rev H Hentschel			OT: Daniel 7. 9-14 NT: Acts 1, 1-11 G: Luke 24. 44-end
Sun 8th Easter 7	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	11.00 am Family Service Tony Washington	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Acts 1. 6-14 NT: 1 Peter 4.12-17 G: John 17. 1-11
Sun 15th Pentecost	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Marley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Num 11.24-30 NT: Acts 2. 1-21 G: John 7. 37-39
Sun 22nd Trinity Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Is 40. 12-17, 27-end NT: 2 Cor 13. 11-end G: Mat 28. 16-end
Sun 29th Trinity 1			10.00 am Benefice Communion Rev P Filmer			OT: Gen 6.9-22 NT: Rom 3. 22b-28 G: Mat 7. 21-end
Sun 5th June Trinity 2	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service and Baptism Mrs P Kusel	OT: Acts 17. 22-31 NT: 1 Peter 3. 13-end G: John 14. 15-21

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for May 2005

- 1st Rogation Sunday Walk, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10.30am
3rd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
4th Fish Scheme Cornelia Slavin Blossom Tour
German Confirmation Group Visit
5th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
7th Organ Recital, Bekesbourne Church 7pm
9th Caring and Sharing, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
10th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
11th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm
15th-21st Christian Aid Week
16th Caring and Sharing, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 7.30pm
17th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
20th Bridge Group Visit to Marburg
21st Fish Scheme Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall
Woodpeckers Nursery Spring Fayre, 11.30am - 2.00pm
23rd Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
24th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm

Forthcoming Events - Bridge

Saturday 18th June - Village Fete

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

Saturday 9th July - Boot Fair

Forthcoming Events - Benefice

18th/19th June - Deanery Family Weekend

19th July - Deanery Mission Plan, Wingham Church 7pm

Methodist Church Services May 2005

- May 1st Rev. Donald Lugg
May 8th Rev. Barbara Heather
May 15th Rev. David Marshall - Holy Communion
May 22nd Mr Robert Preston
May 29th Rev. Barbara Heather



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MY GOD IS BIG

A young boy was very excited. Thick fog had come down and when mum questioned him about his excitement he said; "Mum I can be really naughty now because God cannot see me". The trouble is we do exactly what that boy did - we limit God! We try to put Him in little boxes and 'get Him out' when we need or want Him, but we cannot contain God. He will burst out from them as we have seen at Easter, when Christ burst through the grave and won a glorious victory, giving us eternal life now and forever. As young Anna said in the book, 'Mister God This Is Anna', "My God is Big".

Anna was probably one of the youngest theologians ever. She seemed to understand with uncanny certainty the purpose of being, the essence of feeling, and the beauty of love. You see, Anna had a very special relationship with 'Mister God'. She was so cross with her Sunday School teacher who was pushing God into little boxes. It was then that she shouted out through her tears, "My God is Big" and ran home.

The month of May is exciting; - spring, growth, new life, Ascension Day, Whitsunday (Pentecost) and as Christian Aid says 'We can make poverty history'. For 40 days, after Easter Day, Jesus appeared to his disciples and then on Ascension Day He returned to His Father. I was once told wonderful, exciting news - because God became human in the form of Jesus when He returned to heaven, He took our humanity back into the Godhead and we are divine. So to be truly human is divine - wow! Then at Pentecost, God sent the Holy Spirit to help us in the here and now. Yes, NEW LIFE! My God is Big. WE do underestimate Him!

We have an opportunity to make poverty history in the world through Christian Aid. This is a gigantic task and we might say impossible, but we must not forget that God is almighty. All things are possible with Him and He works through us. We are His hands and His feet and He enables us to do the impossible in

everything in our lives, the ups and the downs.
Yes May is a wonderful month; the wonder of New Life, the
glory of spring and the SIZE of our God -
MY GOD IS BIG

God Bless

Margaret Clarke

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

3/04	Lower Hardres	Patrick Edward Douglas McCully
10/4	Bridge	Franceska Loren Sheridan-Bolton Natasha Neve Sheridan-Bolton Reggie George Dyer

Marriage

26/3	Banns Only	Spencer McComb & Mairi McLaughlin
14/4	Renew Vows (Px)	Mark & Penelope Rose

Funeral

29/3	Bridge	Frank Leslie Cremer
30/3	Barham (B)	Ernest James Holden
1/4	Bekesbourne	Jon Brian Dutfield
7/4	Nackington	Ernest James Fedarb

Bishop's Deanery Mission Plan Visit

Following work to formulate a Deanery Mission Plan by our Deanery Synod, Bishops Stephen and Graham would now like to meet with parishioners from every parish to discuss the plan and explore how it should best be implemented. This open meeting for all parishioners of Eastbridge Deanery will be held on 19th July at 7pm at Wingham Church.

Deanery Family Weekend

18th June	7pm	Dinner & Cabaret with Rev Roly Bain at St Peter's Aylesham
19th June	11pm	Family Service with Rev Roly Bain at St Mary's Wingham
	2-4pm	Deanery Family Day @ Barham School

For further details please contact Brian Davis on
secretary@eastbridgedeanery.org.uk or 01227 831340

Good Friday Workshop

We had a busy Workshop at the JBWH in Lower Hardres. Over 40 children came and we had a great time. Sincere thanks to all the helpers who worked so hard to make the morning a success. -and there were a lovely lot of helpers. We then went to Bridge Church for a short moving service with those who had been on the Benefice 'Walk of Witness'. Thank you once again!

Health and Healing

The next meeting is on Thursday May 5th, 7pm at 7 Windmill Close.

Please let me have your requests for sickness, bereavement, depression or any other situation. Better still, why not come in person? You are sure of a warm welcome and praying together can be very rewarding and comforting.

Kath Pierce

830844

Fish (Neighbourly Help) News

Two important dates this month; firstly, the Cornelia Slavin Blossom Tour on May 4th and secondly, this year's fund-raising Coffee Morning on Saturday morning May 21st in Bridge Village Hall. There will be a raffle, a bric a brac stall and best of all, cakes and plants.

Do please come, if only for a few minutes, thank you.

Mrs Trixi Cremer wishes to express her thanks to her family, friends and neighbours, for their help and support, both during her Husband's brief illness and since his passing.

Trixie also wishes to thank our Lay Preacher, Mrs Margaret Clarke, for conducting Frank's funeral service, the people that were able to attend and the many whom she has received such kind messages of condolence.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15-21 MAY 2005

Please remember that our collectors will be calling to collect those red envelopes during Christian Aid week and I trust we can rely on your continued support.

Important international meetings in 2005 will give our government an excellent opportunity to take a lead for trade justice. The meeting of the world's richest eight nations returns to the UK in July. The UK government wants the agenda to address poverty in Africa. From July to December the UK holds the presidency of the EU and in December there is the ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation.

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Christine Barnett

Church Cleaning

We have lost some of our help with cleaning Bridge Church.

If anyone would be prepared to go onto the rota and spare a couple of hours once a month, could they please contact Julie on 831678.

Bekesbourne Bells and Organ Restoration

A recent grant of £3,500 from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts means that we have passed our target for the restoration of the six bells and the organ at St Peter's Church Bekesbourne and are now in the fortunate position of having some contingency funds against any unexpected increase in costs.

We had hoped the organ restoration might have started by now, but a back-log at FH Browne of Ash, who will be carrying out the work, means that we have had to delay it until after David Flood's concert on 7 May and a couple of summer weddings. We expect it to start at the end of June and take about eight weeks. The bell foundry was also very booked up and we are having to wait until mid July before lowering the bells and sending them off to Oxfordshire for about four months.

The total amount promised in grants is nearly £50,000 and, in addition, local donations and fund-raising have reached the incredible total of £8,800. We are VERY grateful to everyone who has contributed in any way and hope it will not be too long before you hear the results of our restoration!

Jane Millyard

An Evening of Music - Saturday 7th May

Tickets are selling fast for this event to be held in St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne with Dr. David Flood and the Choristers from Canterbury Cathedral. If you would like to buy a ticket please phone Gill Moon on 01227 832134 as soon as possible as there are only a few left! Tickets are £6 each including wine and refreshments.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society's Spring Show on Tuesday 5 April in Bridge Village Hall was a very successful and enjoyable event. There were over 20 exhibitors and some 80 entries.

The cup for the best bloom in the show went to Jane Shorrocks for one of her tulip entries, the best pot plant was entered by Una Smith and the Chairman's Challenge for the best daffodil bloom from bulbs supplied by the Chairman, Roger Austin, was won by Ann Shirley.

A big thank you to all who entered and all who came along to support.

The next event on the programme will be a local evening visit to view the cactus collection of Phil Andrews on Thursday 9 June. More details will follow nearer the time.

Bridge with Patrixhourne Women's Institute

The May meeting on Tuesday 17th in Bridge Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30 pm will be the Resolutions Meeting. There will be no competition this month.

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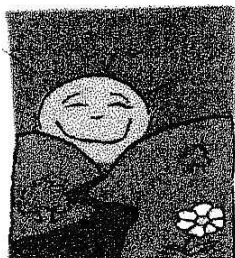
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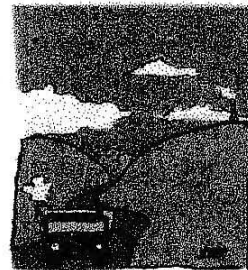


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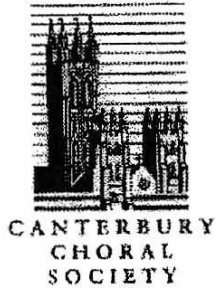
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Anyone who would like more information about the event can contact Keeley Taylor on 01227 731504



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Elijah is a much more traditional oratorio than Messiah in that it contains an historical narrative of the events in the life of the biblical character Elijah. Elijah was commissioned in 1845 by the Birmingham Festival Committee. Structurally the work is influenced by the choral masterpieces of Bach and Handel but it is highly dramatic, bordering on the operatic. Elijah has many outstanding qualities, imaginative orchestration, spontaneity and energy of the counterpoint, and the sheer beauty of many of the arias and choruses. It epitomises the vivid characterisation of Elijah. The first performance, conducted by Mendelssohn was in August 1846 and was an unprecedented success with no less than four choruses and four arias being encored. It is an oratorio which certainly gives much scope to a choir as experienced as Canterbury Choral Society.

If you would like to discover more about joining the Society, open rehearsals are held following each concert – details can be obtained by telephone 01304 840318 or visiting the Website on www.canterburychoral.co.uk

Tickets for this concert and all others can be purchased from Canterbury Bookings on 01227 378188. Email: boxoffice@canterbury.gov.uk

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

17 members were present at the April 2005 meeting at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. Ron Bates and Tony Bevan were welcomed back after illness. Tony, who has been our Welfare Committee Officer for several years, has expressed his wish to give up the post due to his health problems and we would very much like somebody in the Branch who would take this task on.

As mentioned last month, we are planning to have short talks at some of our monthly meetings. As we have now discovered that we have a wealth of interesting members who would be willing to give a short talk on various subjects, we plan to do that. The first one is likely to be at the June meeting and details will be announced next month.

The Group Games Evening hosted by us went very well - with Geoff Welch proving to be a competent snooker player! Our Quiz Night at the Hay Wain, Bramling was enjoyable and £106 was raised for the Poppy Appeal.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 10th May and 14th June - both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 14th April 2005.

Notice Board - Cllr Esdale reported that the new notice board for Bridge Down was ready and that a site for its erection had been agreed with SERCO. It was hoped to install it within the next week.

Bus Shelter - Cllr Esdale reported that new panes of glass had been cut and that the broken ones would be replaced as soon as possible.

Graffiti - Cllr Esdale advised that nothing further had been heard from the police on this matter following the recent outbreak of graffiti in the village.

Refuse collection changes - During the Parish Meeting last month the Parish Council were asked to debate this issue following expressions of concern by villagers. At the Parish Council meeting it was noted that a letter outlining the views of the village had been sent to CCC in April 2004. It was therefore decided to take no further action until the new scheme had been introduced in the village and there had been an opportunity to assess how effectively it was operating.

Highways - Details of the speed of traffic using Bridge Hill had been received from Kent Highways following their traffic survey in February. The statistics did not differentiate between the speeds of vehicles entering and leaving the village. It was felt that this data would be helpful to the Council and Kent Highways are to be asked to provide the additional information.

'Kent Village of the Year Competition' - Cllr Edmonds reported that Bridge has been entered in four categories of this year's competition.

Bench for Bridgeway Stores - It was agreed to order a new bench to be placed outside Bridgeway Stores. The Council expressed its thanks to Mr Dhaliwal, the owner of the stores, for agreeing to this.

Library van - The Council agreed to publicise the times for the mobile library van in the next Newsletter and on the village website.

Parish Council Meeting - The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th May at 7.30 in Bridge Village Hall

Notes from the Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14th April 2005

The Planning Committee agreed they had no objections to the applications listed below;

CA/05/00280/BRI - Bridge & Patricxbourne C of E School, Conyngham Lane, Bridge - Stationing of temporary single-storey building.

CA/05/00306/BRI - 34 Western Ave, Bridge - First floor extension to side of dwelling.

CA/05/00322/BRI - The Shires, Old Renville Farm, Bridge - Erection of shed in rear garden

CA/05/00388/BRI - 28 Bridge Down - Installation of external chimney, pitched roof and single storey extension to rear of dwelling.

The Planning Committee expressed reservations concerning the application detailed below;

CA/05/00362/BRI - Land South East of Archways, Conyngham Lane, Bridge - Erection of two detached dwellings with associated garaging. (Resubmission)

Further discussion on this application was postponed until the committee have seen and considered the revised plans which the applicants have submitted to CCC,

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council Planning Committee will be held on Thursday 12th May at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

All parishioners are invited to attend both meetings.

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 (765773)

Gift Aid Officer Mrs J Ellis, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge (832955)

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 Millyard, 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 preceding month.

MAIDSTONE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra. Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 21st May 2005 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone. The programme consists of three works ~ Adams - A short Ride in a Fast Machine ~ Beethoven - Piano Concerto No.3. Soloist MSO President John Lill and Richard Strauss - Ein Heldenleben.

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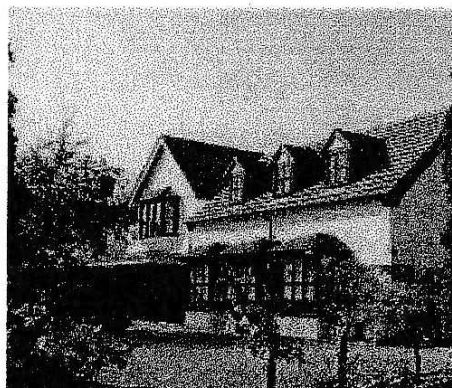
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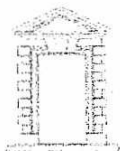
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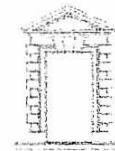
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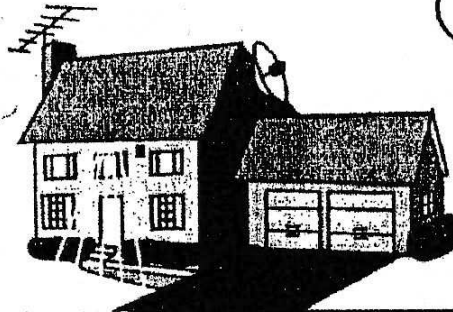
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Services for the month of June 2005

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 5th June 2nd after Trinity	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service and Baptism Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 12. 1-9 NT: Rom 4. 13-end G: Mat 9.9-13,18-26
Sun 12th 3rd after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service Martin Leggatt	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Gen 18. 1-15 NT: Rom 5. 1-8 G: Mat 9. 35-10. 8
Sun 19th 4th after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon A Duke	Joint Service at Bridge	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Gen 21. 8-21 NT: Rom 6. 1b-11 G: Mat 10. 24-39
Sun 26th 5th after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion by Extension Mrs M Clarke	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	Joint Service at Patrixbourne	OT: Gen 22. 1-14 NT: Rom 6. 12-end G: Mat 10. 40-end
Sun 3rd July 6th after Trinity	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Family Communion Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 24. 34-67 NT: Rom 7. 15-25a G: Mat 11. 25-end

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for June 2005

- 1st Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow 7pm
3rd Confirmation Group, Bridge Church 7pm
6th Caring and Sharing, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge 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 Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
Horticultural Society Visit to The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge 7pm
10th Confirmation Group, Bridge Church 7pm
12th Bridge Methodist Church 11am, 111th Church Anniversary Service
13th Caring and Sharing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
Bridge Methodist Church, Anniversary Celebratory Evening,
Concert by St. John's Worship Group, Whitstable at 7.30pm,
Followed by refreshments. All are welcome.
14th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
15th Lower Hardres & Nackington PCC Meeting 7pm
17th Confirmation Group, Bridge Church 7pm
18th Bridge Village Fete, Bridge School 12 noon - 4pm
18th/19th Deanery Weekend
20th Caring and Sharing, 37 High Street, Bridge 7.30pm
21st Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
24th Confirmation Group, Bridge Church 7pm
27th Caring and Sharing, 8 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
28th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge, 8pm
29th Bekesbourne PCC Meeting 7pm

Forthcoming Events:

Bekesbourne 23rd July - Boot Fair (new date)

Bridge 10th July Victory Celebration Party

Benefice 19th July Deanery Mission Plan, Wingham Church 7pm



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Forward Together

Much has happened over the past two years to plan the future shape of our local churches. Why fix what isn't broken? you may ask. Well, the thing is that a number of things are happening that mean we must make changes in order to remain effective in our local communities.

The first principle is safety in numbers. Rather than plan as individual parishes, we have devised a Deanery Mission Plan (our deanery incorporates the benefices of Bridge, Aylesham, Littlebourne, Barham, Wingham and Ash). This will allow us to retain our individual identities within parishes, but share resources and work together more effectively.

Secondly is the principle of ordained and lay ministry. Decreasing numbers of ordained ministers and money to resource them forces us to return to a more biblical model where local lay members of each church are trained and authorised to work alongside the clergy to ensure a continued ministry in each community.

To help us explore how best to move forward in these two key areas, our Diocesan Bishops, Stephen and Graham have invited the grass roots members of our church congregations to meet with them for one evening. I would encourage you to attend if possible, to share your views and concerns about the future of your own church and find out how each parish can help with the implementation of the Deanery Mission Plan. The meeting is at Wingham church on Tuesday 19th July. I hope to see you there.

Until then, may God continue to bless you, and all you love.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

1/5 Bekesbourne Oliver John Godsal

Funeral

3/05 Nackington Paul Joseph Alcuri

Deanery Family Weekend

18th June 7pm Dinner & Cabaret with Rev Roly Bain at
St Peter's Aylesham

19th June 11pm Family Service with Rev Roly Bain at St
Mary's Wingham

2-4pm Deanery Family Day @ Barham School

For further details please contact Brian Davis on
secretary@eastbridgedeanery.org.uk or 01227 831340

Germans' Visits

A Big Thank You to all those involved in the two recent visits by
the Choir from Marburg and the Confirmation group.

Children's Activities Celebrate 1st Birthday

It was a great opportunity to invite friends along to the Works on
May 22nd. We had parachute games, musical chairs, balloons,
party food and of course a wonderful cake with one candle! We
had the story of Pentecost - the Birthday of the whole church!
The puppet show was written by our own young puppeteers,
members of MOBY keen to help out.

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

June 5th Upper Room Plough and Harrow 9.15
Theme – It's the sick that need a doctor – come
along for fun with pretend medicine and bandages!

June 26th The Works Games at the Rec 10.00
Meet by the park, or at the Village Hall to walk
down. Be prepared for water games if it's warm!
Bring your packed lunch, or get the rest of the
family along at 11.30 to join us for lunch and more
games.

Buy a Goat or 2!

On Sunday 3rd July at 11.00am. We shall be having a Family Communion at St Mary's Lower Hardres, followed by lunch in JBW Hall at 12.30ish! This is in aid of Christian Aid and from the proceeds we hope to buy a goat or two for an African family. It was the idea of some of our young people - please support them. More information later, but TICKETS will be available from Jane 830653, Harry 832936 or Margaret 765598.

Margaret Clarke

Health & Healing

The meeting in June, unfortunately needs to be transferred to 2nd Thursday which is on the 9th June. I hope this will not inconvenience too many people. The prayer cycle is continuous and can be added to, or deleted as circumstances change. So please let me have your requests, either for sickness, bereavement, anxiety, loneliness or any other situation. Prayer is so vital and God knows our needs before we ask, but it is good to share our 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. The meeting commences at 7pm, on Thursday 9th June, at 7 Windmill Close.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish News

Joan Warren writes:-

Many will be saddened to hear of the recent death of Vera Ford. On her retirement Vera and her sister Marjorie came to live in Bridge and were soon taking an active part in village affairs. Vera made an invaluable contribution to the Fish Scheme from its early days, and many elderly people were helped by her. Initially she was a volunteer driver, helped at the Luncheon Club and was involved in arranging the emergency drivers' rota. From 1983 she and Marjorie helped to run the Luncheon Club. She was a valuable member of our Committee and continued to drive regularly for the transport scheme, chiropody clinic and Age Concern until ill health forced her to give up her car. We extend our sympathy to her sisters Marjorie and Daphne, both of whom gave considerable help to the Fish Scheme in its early years.

(Joan Warren)

Methodist

June 5th Mr Michael Baybutt, B.Sc. DMS, C.Eng.
June 12th Rev. David Marshall (Church Anniversary)
June 19th Rev. Donald Lugg
June 26th Mrs Margorie Beckwith
July 3rd Rev. Howard Skinner, B.A.

NEW DATE FOR BEKESBOURNE BOOT FAIR

The date has been changed for the annual St Peters Church Boot Fair.

* NEW DATE is SAT 23RD JULY 2005 *

Watch next month's magazine for more details.

Rogation Sunday Walk

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny and warm morning for the annual Rogation walk around the footpaths of Bekesbourne Sunday 1st May. There were 13 walkers and 3 well behaved dogs. We met at the village hall and made our way to the church, where after the family service we said prayers with Paul and set off on our way. The beautiful weather was complemented by the walk passing through chestnut woods with bluebells, fields of yellow rape seed, orchards with trees covered in blossom, and most important good amiable company. We said prayers on the route to ask God for a good growing season, and thank him for the life of the village. The walk ended at the Unicorn pub where we were grateful for much needed refreshment.

Gill Moon

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

On Saturday 7th May we were royally entertained by the choristers of Canterbury Cathedral led by Dr. David Flood.

A full church heard a concert of music from composers as diverse as Handel, Benjamin Britten, Timothy Noon, Cesar Frank and Andres LLOYD Webber. During the programme, Robert Patterson played organ solos using the instrument to its fullest extent as well accompanying the choristers.

We are all extremely grateful to Dr. Flood, Mr. Patterson and the boys of the choir for their time and for helping to boost our Restoration Fund by over £500.

BRIDGE VILLAGE FETE

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RNLI House-to-House Collection

The RNLI house-to-house collection in Bridge raised £483-79, out of a grand total of £9,909 for Canterbury and District. This amount exceeded last years total, and was the best result ever - excellent news for RNLI, who rely entirely on voluntary contributions.

My thanks go to all who collected and all who contributed.

Joan Hill
Village Co-ordinator



Save the Children

Grateful thanks are extended to all residents of Bridge Down and Beech Hill who kindly donated to our door to door collection for Save the Children week this year. **We raised a grand total of £115: 52 pence.**

Save the Children works in over 111 countries throughout the world. . .and that money can be used in projects as diverse as helping child soldiers in Africa and Sri Lanka, to assisting Street children that have been abandoned in Brazil India or Mongolia. There is a great deal of work to be done to assist children in the wake of the recent Tsunami, including helping to re-establish schools and livelihoods for the parents.

Thank you very much for your generosity this year.....it will certainly help improve and make a difference to children, both in the UK and in the third world.

If you would like to help us, to help more children next year, please, please Volunteer to collect for Save the Children in Bridge in 2006 .

We would be delighted to hear from you on: tel no. 832 548 Or email: anita@nevillehilary3.wanadoo.co.uk

Victory Celebration Party

A Victory Celebration Party is being planned for the Commemoration Day, 10th July. All being well, it is scheduled to take place in the Village Hall between 2pm and 5pm.

Royal College of Radiologists Appeal

I have handed a cheque for £220 for the Fund to Professor Field and received a thank you from the President of the College.

I am grateful to those who have supported me for many years and those who still do. It is a combined effort.

Any money I am able to raise in future I would like to send to the Pilgrim's Hospice.

M.E.J.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Phil Andrews has invited the Society to view his cactus collection at "The Purlins", Meadow Close, Bridge on Thursday 9th June. We will meet there at 7.00 pm prompt. If anyone requires help with transport would they please contact Kathy Walder on 830057 (evenings). Phil & Evelyn Andrews have also kindly agreed to offer us refreshments afterwards.

The weather is usually kind to us on our evening visits and we look forward to a pleasant summer s evening outing.

I should also like to remind members that the Summer Show, which is to be held this year on Saturday 23 July at Bridge School, is fast approaching. If you have not already got a show schedule, these are available from any of the committee members. We had a very encouraging turnout at last year's show and hope that we can make this year's even better.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday 21 June at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall there will be a practical evening of instruction in the paper folding art of Origami presented by Tim and Cathy Finnis. The competition this month will be for an item beginning with the letter "A"

BRIDGE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Association maintains a waiting list of potential tenants. If you are interested in renting an allotment, either now, or in the near future, please give your details to the association secretary, David Spencer (telephone number 830 735) so that your name can be registered on the list. Vacant allotments (when they become available) are offered to those on the list in the order that they were registered.

BRIDGE IN BLOOM

With the hope that I am not becoming boring please may I make my usual request Bridge Parish Council will be judging the flower baskets, tubs, etc of both business and private premises.

Please make an extra special effort this year so that the Village will look a picture again.

Thank You,

Ann Edmonds.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

12 members were present at the May 2005 meeting at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair.

After observing the Exhortation and Silence, the Chairman presented Hugh Wheeler? Jim Mount and Bill Bagwell with Veteran's Badges.

It was proposed and accepted that John Frederick Bennett become a new member of the Branch and he will be warmly welcomed to our midst.

The meeting heard that the Branch Standard has been awarded the honour of a place at the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall in November.

We are making our annual trip to Etaples again this year - on Sunday 19th June. If anyone is interested please contact a Branch officer for details.

We are planning to have our first short talk at the June meeting. This is be Geoff Welch talking on the work of the St John's Ambulance Brigade.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 14th June and 12th July - both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

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Do You Remember?

I have had an enquiry from lady who is trying to find out what happened to the Humphrey Family (Mr & Mrs and 2 daughters Joan and Ann) who lived at Keepers Cottage, Keepers Hill during the late 1950's/early 1960's.

If anyone has any knowledge of where they moved to please let me know and I will pass it on.

L.H. Dunderdale, Churchwarden
830668

Patixbourne with Bridge PCC

Produce Sale

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Art in Bridge

Autumn Exhibition

15th & 16th October 2005

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

Nailbourne Craft Club

On the second Tuesday of every month a group of ladies meet socially for a chat while knitting or sewing.

Why not come and join us and have a cup of tea or coffee.

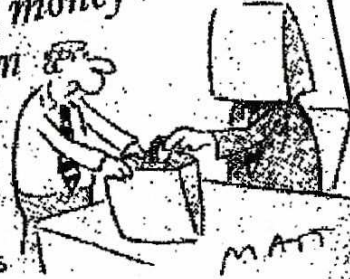
We meet at Bridge Methodist Church, Patricxbourne Road 2.00pm - 4.30pm.

For more information ring Canterbury 830078 or 830120.

On The Lighter Side!!

MODERN PHOBIAS

No 6 Conspicunophobia
Fear of putting money in the church collection



Conspicunophobiacs are not necessarily stingy (although many obviously are). They may fear being stingy or just being seen as stingy. Symptoms include nervous coughing, disarmingly flamboyant hand flourishes and - rarely - pointing out a small child with the free hand. Conspicunophobiacs can get through a "purse" collection relatively painlessly, but open baskets - favoured by particularly sadistic collectors - can provoke panic attacks and cries of "Look, the Queen only gives a fiver!" Chronic conspicunophobiacs will load their children with motley collections of loose change, to give the impression they are donating their life savings.

NB. Conspicunophobia officia, a separate strain, common during workplace collections for departing colleagues. Use of A4 envelopes has made detection all but impossible.

Tim Lihoreau

Your jokes



A FRIEND, driving home from a fishing trip off Rhyl in North Wales with his boat in tow, had engine trouble a few miles from Chester. He didn't have a mobile phone in his car, so he decided to use his marine radio. Climbing into his boat, he asked for assistance.

A Coastguard officer responded: 'Please give your location. I'm on the M57, two miles from Chester.'

The officer paused: 'Could you repeat that?' 'M57, two miles from Chester.'

A longer pause. Then an incredulous voice asked: 'How fast were you going when you hit shore?'

Keith Hallam, Blackpool, Lancs.

The papal car could net £2.5m

THE only car Pope John Paul II is believed to have owned is expected to attract bids of up to £2.5million at auction in the U.S. next month.

The 1975 Ford Escort GL - normally worth £635 - is being sold by Illinois businessman Jim Rich who bought it for £54,000 at auction in 1996. He handed the then Pope a cheque which was used for papal projects.

A VW Golf which once belonged to the new Pope Benedict XVI sold for £127,000 on the Internet auction site eBay last week.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm 2005.

Election of the Chairman of the Council for 2005-6

Cllr John Hill was elected as Chairman of Bridge Parish Council for 2005-06

Election of Vice- Chairman of the Council 2005-6

Cllr Ann Edmonds was elected as Vice - Chairman of Bridge Parish Council for 2005-6

Planning Committee

The following were appointed as members of the Planning Committee;

Cllrs Beinder, Edmonds and Lewis.

Representatives to outside bodies;

The representatives to outside bodies remain the same as last year with the exception that Cllr Esdale has replaced Cllr Dobson on the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Dobson has been appointed as the Parish Council representative on the Art in Bridge committee.

Appointment of Sub Committee members 2005-6

There were no changes in the appointments as representatives to sub-committees.

Affordable Local Housing Survey

Following on from her talk to the Annual Parish Meeting, Jennifer Shaw of Action with Communities in Rural Kent addressed the council and circulated a draft local affordable needs housing survey. It was agreed that the survey would be delivered to every household in the village in early July. The survey is designed to assess the need for new affordable local housing in Bridge.

Notice Board - A new notice board has been erected on Bridge Down and will be used by the Parish Council in addition to the notice board located outside the White Horse.

Clerk's Phone Line - The phone line has now been installed in the Parish Clerk's office and the old number; 01227 831085 has been retained.

Traffic Calming Bridge Hill - The additional data supplied by the Highways Department recording the speeds of cars entering and those leaving the village showed little difference in speeds. It was agreed to seek the advice of the Highways Department as to what measures can now be taken to reduce the speed of traffic travelling in both directions on Bridge Hill.

Environment Agency Flood Map- It was agreed to ask the Environment Agency to provide a copy of their flood map for the whole of the village so that parishioners could be informed if their properties are designated as being in an area of flood risk.

Parking and lorry nuisance complaints from parishioners- There have been several complaints about vehicles parking on the double yellow lines by the cash point in the High Street and of delivery vans and private cars parking on the pavement and/or on double yellow lines outside Bridgeway Stores. In addition, large lorries continue to get lost in the village attempting to find the depot for A Gomez Ltd. in Coldharbour Lane. It was decided to write to the owner of Bridgeway Stores to explore possible solutions to the parking problems outside the stores. A letter would be sent to Gomez Ltd to ask them once again to ensure that drivers are given clear directions to their depot and also to request that the company erects better signage on the route to the depot.

Recreation Ground - It was reported that the picnic benches will be put out on the recreation ground within the next few days. Repair work will be carried out on the gaps appearing in the safety surface of the play area.

PCC donation - The council agreed to donate £100 to the PCC towards the production costs of the village magazine 'On the Nail'.

Bridge in Bloom - It was agreed to continue with 'Bridge in Bloom' competition this year.

Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area-

The council had no objection to proposed work to trees at Ivy House, 14 High Street, Bridge.

The council objects to the proposed felling of two yew trees on the boundary with Higham Lane at Red Deer, Bridge Down, Bridge.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

NOTES ON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING **12th MAY 2005**

The Planning Committee agreed that they had no objection to the planning application listed below:

CA/05/001516/BRI - Cedars, Higham Lane, Bridge - Erection of dwelling - (Renewal of application)

The Planning Committee has written to Canterbury City Council objecting to the revised plans for the following application:

CA/05/00362/BRI - Land South East of Archways, Conyngham Lane, Bridge
Erection of two detached dwellings and associated garaging. (Resubmission)

The following applications have been notified as granted:

CA/05/00280/BRI - Bridge & Patricxbourne C of E School, Conyngham Lane, Bridge - Stationing of temporary single-storey building.

CA/05/00306/BRI - 34 Western Ave, Bridge - First floor extension to side of dwelling.

CA/05/00322/BRI - The Shires, Old Renville Farm, Bridge - Erection of shed in rear garden.

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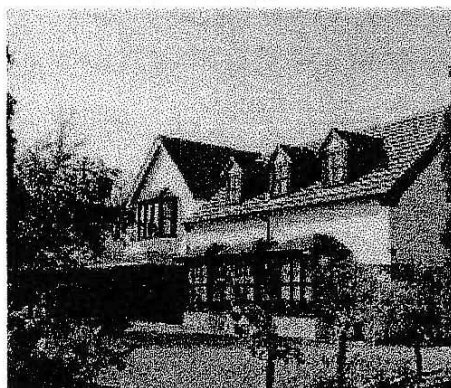
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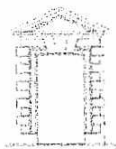
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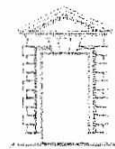
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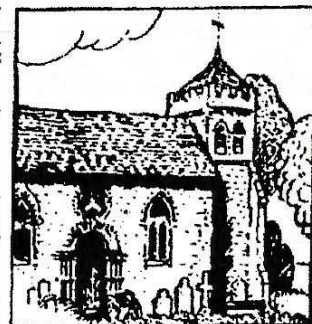


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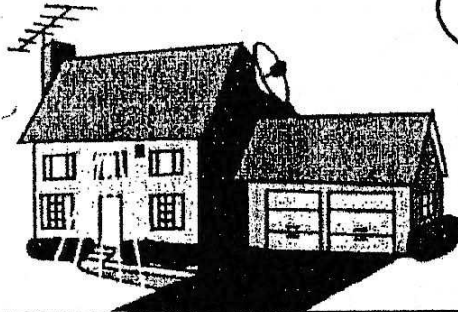
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8.00 am Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Gen 25. 19-end NT: Rom 8. 1-11 G: Mat 13. 1-9,18-23
10.00 am Communion	OT: Gen 28. 10-19a NT: Rom 8. 12-25

Diary for July 2005

- 1st Confirmation Group, Bridge Church 7pm
3rd Upper Room, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 9.30am
4th Caring and Sharing, 13 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
5th Holy Communion, New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
6th Lower Hardres & Nackington PCC 7.30pm
7th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
8th Confirmation Group, Bridge Church 7pm
11th Caring and Sharing, 22 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
12th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
13th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm
15th Confirmation Group, Bridge Church 7pm
17th Benefice Summer Barbeque, Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne 12 noon
18th Caring and Sharing, 8A Conyngham Lane, Bridge 7.30pm
19th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Bishop's Mission Plan Visit to Wingham School 6.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
23rd Bekesbourne Boot Fair, Parsonage Farm, Bekesbourne 9am
Horticultural Society Annual Summer Show, Bridge School 2pm
26th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
31st Deanery Service, St Nicholas Church, Ash 6pm

Methodist Church Services July and August 2005 - all at 11am

- July 3rd Rev. Howard Skinner
July 10th Rev. Peter Cornish
July 17th Mr John Ellis
July 24th Rev. David Marshall (Holy Communion)
July 31st Rev. Donald Lugg
Aug 7th Rev. Barbara Heather
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As I am writing this the G8 finance ministers have met and made a grand statement about debt relief. Around the time you read this the LIVE8 concert will be in all the news and the G8 summit in Edinburgh will be about to happen. There is a growing air of expectation for these politicians to 'produce the goods'. In addition the 'Make Poverty History' slogan is proudly displayed on large numbers of teenager's (and adult) wrists. For this generation born and raised since the LIVE AID concert of the 80's the Bob Geldolf factor is a new phenomenon. He has to be admired for his gritty determination, straight talking and incredible energy and ideas. He has gripped this new generation, my daughters included.

Many of us may feel insignificant or impotent when faced with poverty on such a massive scale. BUT we can all make a difference. Many of us do all the time. We don't always need headline grabbing campaigns to motivate us. In a recent British Humanitarian Aid newsletter Tony Buddell reminded me of a quote from Mother Theresa 'None of us can do great things, only small things with great love'.

So how do we respond? Some of us will be sceptical ; been there, seen it all before, politicians only out to further their own careers; some of us will be fired up with emotion, determined to make a real difference; some of us will quietly go about our lives perhaps donating money or writing a letter to Tony Blair; yet others of us may turn a blind eye (or a deaf ear).

Let us pray that the world 's politicians will find the will and determination to succeed. To think globally and selflessly is asking a lot of them. They need our support, whether it is with letters, gestures, demonstrations or prayers. Remember 'small things with great love' and maybe this time the world will succeed and begin to act globally to solve problems.

Pat Kusel

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

5/6 Bekesbourne Jake Newman

Marriage

21/5 Lower Hardres Gary Debenham & Joanne Eastland

28/5 Bekesbourne Ian Saunders & Hannah Howard

4/6 Banns Only Mark Izard & Joanna Barton

Funeral

18/05 Bridge Patricia Margaret Graham

11/06 Inter of Ashes(B) Irene Beatrice Armstrong

Deanery Service

There will be a Deanery Service at St Nicholas Church, Ash at 6pm on Sunday 31st July. All parishioners are very welcome.

Bishops' Mission Plan Visit

Bishops' Stephen and Graham would love you to come to a meeting with them to discuss our Deanery Mission Plan on Tuesday 19th July at 6.30pm at Wingham School. Please contact Paul Filmer, 830250, if you would like to go but have no transport.

Goats for Africa!

Just a reminder that on 3rd July we will be having our Family Communion at 11am at St Mary's Lower Hardres. This will be followed by LUNCH at JBW Hall. Children of our Parish will have cooked it with a little assistance! If you haven't a ticket please contact Jane 830563, Harry 832936 or Margaret 765598. (£12 - Family, £5 - Single, £2.50 - OAP). We are hoping to purchase one or 2 goats for Africa, from the proceeds!

On July 17th our Family Service at Lower Hardres will take place at the usual time of 10.am. You are all Welcome. Please Come. I know it is holiday time and I hope those of you who are going away have a restful and happy time.

Margaret Clarke

Health & Healing

The prayer group meets on Thursday 7th July at 7pm, at 7 Windmill Close. Please let me have your prayer requests before that date, alternatively, you know you are warmly welcome to come in person and join in the prayer cycle. We have so much to thank God for, as well as our petitions. That I can vouch for myself in the past month. So do not be shy, come and share your requests with us.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish News

Thank you for your support of the Annual Cake and Plant Sale in May. Nearly £400 was raised.

The July Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday 13th and the August one on Wednesday 10th. Do remember that you can telephone Ann Medhurst (830762) if you need a lift.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2005 Very many thanks for the support given to our house to house collection for Bridge Patricbourne and Bekesbourne when £1284.50. So was banked as a result of your generosity and the efforts of the collectors. More than 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

Bridge Village Fete

On behalf of Bridge Village Fete Committee may I thank everyone involved in making the Fete this year such a resounding success. The weather excelled itself, but dare I say it was a little too hot for some!

In total just under £5,000 was raised and will be shared between the School and Bridge with Patricbourne Churches.

Evelyn Andrews

Open Gardens Weekend 2006

We are hoping to organise an Open Gardens Weekend in Bridge during the first weekend of June 2006. If you would be interested in opening your garden, however big or small, please contact Pat Dunderdale 830668 or Evelyn Andrews 830960 for more information.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Horticultural Annual Summer Show will be held on Saturday 23 July in Bridge School Hall, Conyngham Lane. The hall will be open from 8.00 am to allow exhibitors time to stage their exhibits prior to judging which will begin at 11.00 am. The Show itself will be open from 2.00 pm with the presentation of prizes at 4.00 pm. There will be refreshments with home-made cakes, a raffle and a bring and buy plant stall to raise funds for the Society.

Show schedules are available now from committee members. Entries should be submitted by Thursday 21 July at the latest for all classes other than the garden entries which should be in by Friday 15 July. Please remember that you have to be a member to exhibit, but it is never too late to join!

The Chairman's Challenge class was a great success last year, encouraging more people to take part, and we hope that this year's show will be even better with more exhibitors and more exhibits to admire, because the more entries there are, the better and more interesting is the show. Please do not be put off from showing because you are unsure what to do or feel that your entries may not be good enough. Bring them along and there will always be a friendly person on hand to help and advise you on the morning of the show.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

On Tuesday 19 July at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Mrs Bosworth will be giving a talk entitled "Life of Hats".

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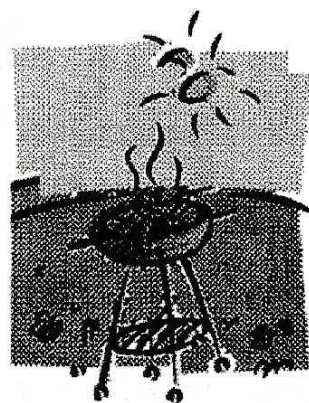
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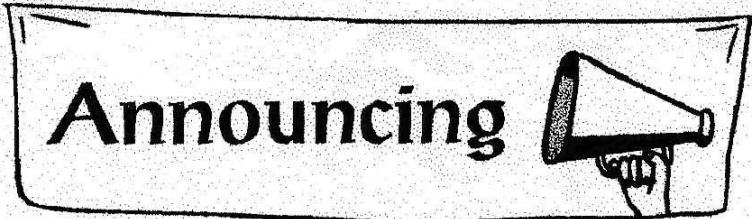
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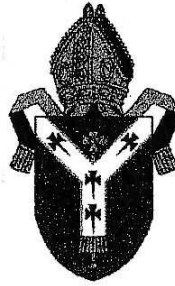
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Now that the initial planning process is progressing we plan to visit each deanery in turn: to hear a presentation of the plan, to offer encouragement and ideas from similar work in other deaneries and dioceses, and to offer practical support from this diocese's boards and training officers.

But because plans are no good without people, we want now to move on with you to help identify, call, prepare and nurture the people whom the Holy Spirit is calling to play their part.

So we invite all Anglican Christians in the deanery of East Bridge to meet us on Tuesday 19th July at 7:30pm at St Mary's Church, Wingham.

Be part of God's plan for your deanery and parish.

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Stephen Venner

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16 members were present at the June 2005 meeting at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair.

The members expressed their good wishes to Tony Bevan who has continuing health problems, and to Jim Mount following a fall. Also Mrs Baker, landlady of the Unicorn. We are thinking of you.

Our team played well and gained 2 points at crib at the Games Night at Chartham and are looking forward to the next leg at Whitstable in September. We will also be entering a team for the Quiz at Canterbury on 7th July.

Several members agreed to attend the Battle of Waterloo Anniversary Service at Ickham on 1 8th June.

At the end of the meeting the President, Hugh Wheeler, presented the Chairman with his Veteran's Badge. This was followed by a short talk by Geoff Welch talking on the work of the St John's Ambulance Brigade.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 12th July and 9th August - both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm 2005.

Bus shelter - Work on replacing the broken and cracked windows in the bus shelter has now been completed.

Bench - The new bench has been placed outside Bridgeway stores and the Council expressed its thanks to Craig Dobson and Cllr Gulvin for installing it.

Traffic Calming Bridge Hill - The Highways Department had informed the Council that there would be no money in the 2005/6 budget for traffic calming measures on Bridge Hill. However, money would be available for kerb extensions to ease illegal parking problems in the village. The Highways Dept. will liaise with the Council on positioning and materials to be used.

Affordable Housing Survey - The Council approved a covering letter to accompany the affordable housing survey and a poster to publicise it in the village. The survey questionnaire will be distributed to all households by councillors and a copy of it will be posted on the village website.

Lorries lost in the High Street- A reply had been received from Gomez Ltd which did not offer any practical solutions to the increasing problem of lorries getting lost in Bridge while trying to locate the depot of Gomez Ltd at Highland Court Farm, Coldharbour Lane. The matter had also been raised at the Parish Council Forum on 7th June and a representative from KCC Highways Department had agreed to investigate the issue and report back to the Forum on the outcome.

Recreation Ground - New swing seats had been installed and it was agreed to seek a quotation for the repair and replacement of some of the playground equipment. There had been some graffiti on the notice board and pavilion and the Council agreed to purchase anti--graffiti solvent to remove it. The litter bin next to the pavilion had been destroyed by vandalism.

Dog Fouling- An increase in dog fouling around the village had been reported. The Council agreed to post more notices warning dog owners of the penalties for this.

Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area-

The council had no objection to proposed work to trees at Brookside Lodge, Patricbourne Rd, Bridge.

The council had no objection to the tree work proposed at Bournes Corner, Bekesbourne Rd,

Bridge provided the pruning of the yow was approved by the City Council Tree Inspector.

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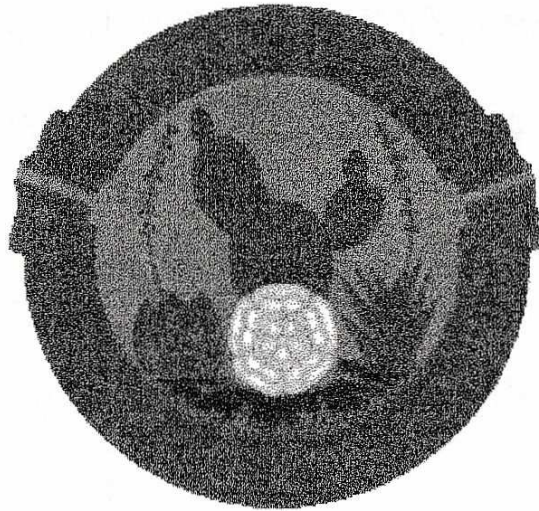
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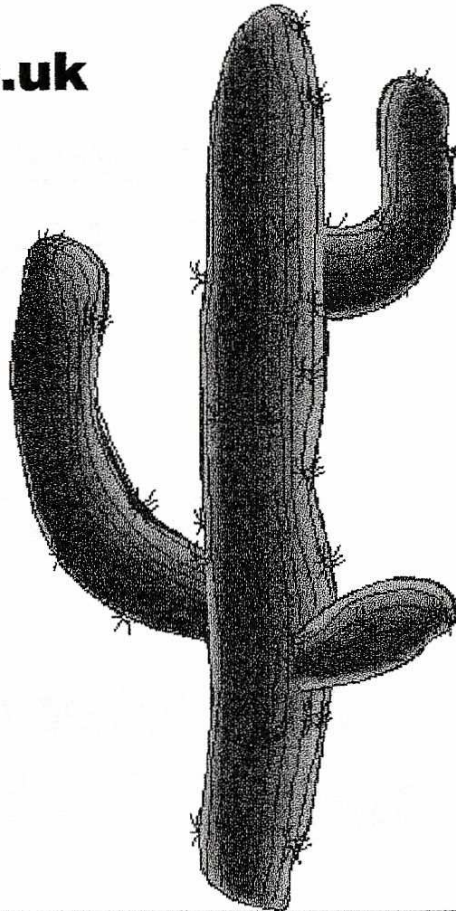
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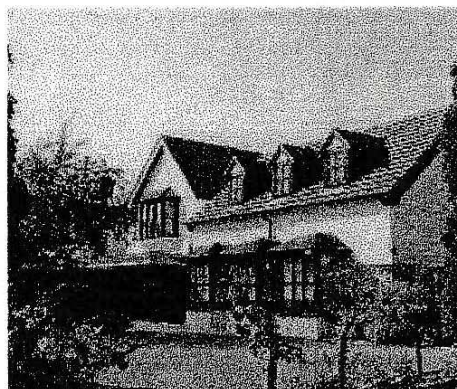
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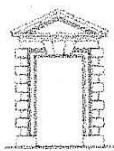
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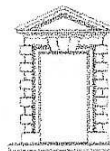
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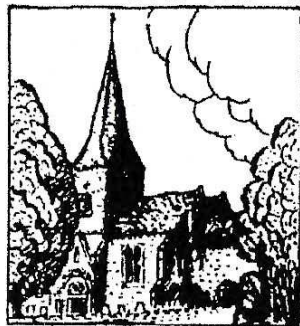
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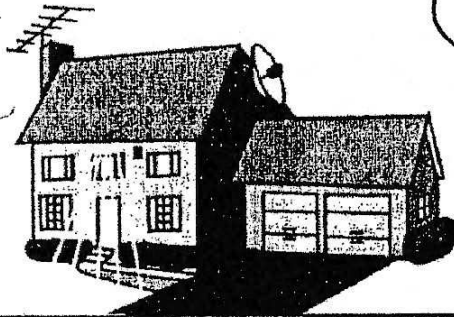
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Sun 14th 12th after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service Tony Washington	10.00 am Mattins Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Gen 45. 1-15 NT: Rom 11. 1-2a, 29-32 G: Mat 15. 21-28
Sun 21st 13th after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon A Duke	Joint Service at Bridge	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Ex 1. 8-2.10 NT: Rom 12. 1-8 G: Mat 16. 13-20
Sun 28th 14th after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Ex 3. 1-15 NT: Rom 12. 9-end G: Mat 16. 21-end
Sun 4th Sept 15th after Trinity	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Family Communion Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Ex 12. 1-14 NT: Rom 13. 8-end G: Mat 18. 15-20

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Diary of August 2005

- 9th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
Holy Communion, New Close, Bridge 3pm
10th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
16th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
17th Women's Institute, Bridge Methodist Church 2pm
20th Smallest Garden Party, 15 The Close, Bridge 12.30-2.00pm/5.30-7.00pm
21st Boules at The Unicorn, Bekesbourne 3pm
23rd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
24th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm

Forthcoming Events

Bridge & Patrixbourne

17th September Produce Sale 12 noon - 4pm

Nackington & Lower Hardres

3rd September Hog Roast from 5.30pm

18th September St. Mary's Lower Hardres Family Service with
Archdeacon 5pm

Methodist Church Services - all at 11.00am

August 7th	Rev. Barbara Heather
August 14th	Mrs Marjorie Beckwith
August 21st	Miss Jean Hall
August 28th	Rev. David Marshall



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A man's business goes bust. He finds himself in dire financial trouble. He resorts to praying.

"God help me" he wails. "I've lost my business and I'm about to lose my car. Please let me win the lottery".

Saturday comes and he stands aghast as someone else wins. Again he prays; "God, please let me win the lottery! I've lost my car, my business and I'm about to lose my house".

Next Saturday comes and still he has no luck. Once again he prays. "God, why haven't you helped me?" He cries angrily. "I've lost my house, my car and my business. Now my children are starving. I've always been a good servant. PLEASE let me win the lottery just once so I can get my life back".

Suddenly there is a blinding flash and the heavens open. He is confronted with the glowing, ethereal vision of God Himself.

"John," he booms. "Meet me halfway on this. Buy a ticket".

Many of us wrestle with our faith. When we are beset with tragedies we start to doubt. We lose the confidence to place our trust with God. We "wobble". But doubt and uncertainty shape how deep our faith is. It is only natural to want to put conditions on our faith and get the results before we pay for them! (My children are forever saying "Let me have so-and-so and I'll keep my room clean/walk the dogs")

But my dictionary describes faith as "unquestioning belief" and "complete trust or confidence". This trust is absolute. No conditions. No opting out of bits.

But beware of the kind of faith that simply accepts a story that is difficult to wholly prove or disprove. Instead look for your faith to be about commitment.

Commitment is not only "stand-up-and-be-counted" faith but life-changing faith. Faith is not a static thing; it grows. It grows and enriches. But it requires commitment. And commitment isn't buying a lottery ticket.

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

10/07	Bridge	Ashton George Hollingsbee Sol Patrick Hollingsbee Taylor James Hollingsbee Byron-Rhys Fisher
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Marriage

25/06	Bekesbourne	Edward Chapman & Emma Skinner
2/07	Nackington	Kevin Fagg & Katharine Bigg

Funeral

27/06	Inter of Ashes(B) Nackington	Vera Gwendoline Ford Florence Mary Caldwell
13/07	Bekesbourne	Joyce Ethel Gove

Margaret Clarke 's Lay Reader Licence expires this September, after which she will be given permission to officiate as a Reader Emeritus. To mark this transition we have invited the Venerable Patrick Evans, Archdeacon of Canterbury, to present Margaret with her new authority at a special Family Service on **18th September at 5.00pm to be held at St Mary's Lower Hardres (THIS WILL REPLACE THE NORMAL FAMILY SERVICE IN THE MORNING)**. This service is a Benefice service and we encourage everyone to come and support Margaret on this special occasion.

Goats for Africa!

One goat? Two goats? A herd? YES!! That was the result of our African Project.

The lunch we held at JBW Hall and which was cooked by children and teenagers, was a fantastic success. We fed over 100 people and the food was scrumptious. We made £380 and here I must thank all who came and all who gave such generous donations. It was all very moving and exhilarating. The sun shone down on us (tables were outside the hall as well) and we truly had a happy time.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Mums, who let the children loose in their kitchens, the young who are excellent chefs and cooked lovely food, and all who helped on the day. Everyone pulled together - chairs & tables were put away, the kitchen was left spotless and the hall swept clean. Thank you so

very much! We were all so proud of the children's initiative and grateful for the amazing response of the Parish and also right across the benefice. Again - sincere thanks!

PS Laurence, the editor, thought he was getting a goat for lunch, so he brought me a playmobil with goats and a farmer! - Thanks Laurence!

Family Service at Lower Hardres on August 21st is at the usual time of 10.00am. You are all warmly invited.

Happy holidays! God Bless

Margaret



The "Goat" Lunch @ Lower Hardres

Gladys Flynn

Mrs Gladys Flynn thanks all those who helped her after her fall in Dering Road on Thursday, June 23rd, especially John who supported her until the ambulance arrived. Thank you also to all those who visited her in hospital, sent cards, gifts, kind wishes and for the prayers said on her behalf.

Many thanks on behalf of Gladys.

David Spencer.

Health and Healing

There will be no meeting in August due to holidays but the cycle of prayer is continuous, as we do not just pray on one night only, when we meet, but continuously until the next prayer meeting. The September meeting will be on Thursday 1st of September at 7pm, 7 Windmill Close. You are warmly welcome to join us.

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Fish News

The August Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday 10th in Bridge Village Hall. 10-11.15am. Please come if you can.

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BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The August meeting on Tuesday 17th will be an afternoon meeting starting at 2.00 pm in the Methodist Church. The speaker is Janet Preston who will be giving a hands-on talk on encaustic art, which involves using hot wax and an iron to make modern landscape and seascape pictures. After the demonstration there will be a chance to try out the technique ourselves. Please note that there is no competition this month.

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

Good news on the Bells and Organ Restoration

Work is well under way on both the bells and organ. In July the bells were carefully lowered from the tower and transported to Whites of Appleton for restoration which is expected to take about four months. The organ is being restored by F.H. Browne and Sons of Ash and should be completed by mid September. Meanwhile we have been supplied with a replacement keyboard.

The committee is very grateful to everyone for their continued encouragement and support and would like to thank you all for helping us achieve our goal.

Plans are being made to celebrate completion of this historic event later in the year - please look out for details in next month's Parish Magazine.



Boules at the Unicorn

Cheryl and Clive will be hosting the annual
boules tournament

Sunday 21st August starting at 12 noon at the Unicorn.

All ages are welcome, please bring your own
boules if you have any.

There will be a barbecue and raffle to raise
funds for the Friends of Bekesbourne Church.

If you intend to eat a meal remember to book in advance.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

16 members were present at the July 2005 meeting at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. We were sorry to hear that Jim Mount had met with another accident and we wish him well.

We did well in winning the Quiz at the recent Group 4 Meeting - although we did cheat by having 3 Canterbury members in our team!

Members of the Branch have attended the Battle of Waterloo Anniversary Service at Ickham on 18th June and a World War II 60th Anniversary Service at Canterbury Cathedral. Also a trip to Etaples was enjoyed by several members and friends recently.

Our "Meet the Legion" Coffee Morning is on Saturday, 17th September at 10am at Littlebourne Hall.

Following the monthly meeting Hugh Wheeler gave a short talk entitled "What is a Quantity Surveyor".

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 9th August and 13th September -both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

Victory Celebration Party

Sunday, the 10th July, saw the Village's effort to join in the Nation's celebration of thanksgiving for the ending of WWII.

After an introduction from Bill Rose and Paul Filmer, community singing was accompanied by Grenville Harmer and led by Betina Farley, soprano.

Self-styled "Professor Reg E. Mental" entertained with magic before tea which was provided by Ann Medhurst.

Chris Maclean managed to photograph guests outside the hall along the lines of past celebratory photographs. Thank goodness the weather was on our side.

My profound thanks go to all those who gave unstinted help over the weekend; in particular to Mark Esdale who risked life and limb to decorate the hall, both inside and out.

An excellent raffle, administered by Margaret Evans and Tweedy, raised the bulk of a final profit of £242, destined to be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Amongst generous contributions to the raffle I was grateful to receive offerings from The Plough & Harrow, The White Horse Inn, Nick James and Bridge Pharmacy. Thank you all so much.

I must mention in particular, the enormous contribution made by Joan Stingemore who undertook the printing of all tickets and publicity leaflets free of charge. Thank you so much Joan, for a truly generous and professional contribution.

Finally, I sincerely thank the 80-90 folk who took the trouble to support the occasion. The Royal British Legion is grateful to you all.

Barry Whiting



Bridge & Patricxbourne 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War

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London Bridges Walk

Saturday 17 September 2005



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Walkers choose between a 5 or 10 mile route and cross several of London's bridges taking in the sights of the London Eye, Houses of Parliament and St Pauls Cathedral to name but a few. There's also a quiz to test your knowledge, one for adults and a special Dora the Explorer quiz for all our younger participants. It is both a fun and educational day out and the route is pushchair and wheelchair friendly so anyone can take part. Entertainment is planned throughout the day, from musical activities to face painting, and all participants receive a **FREE** goody bag, T-Shirt and medal.

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Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 15th July 2005 at 7.30pm .

Affordable Housing Survey -The survey questionnaire is being distributed to all households by councillors and a copy has been posted on the village website. The closing date for its return is 22nd July 2005.

Parish Council Environmental Policy - It was agreed in principle to adopt a Parish Council Environmental Policy. Ideas for this will be submitted to Councillor John Corfield who will report back at the September Parish Council meeting.

Kent Village of the Year- Bridge has been short listed for this award. The winner will be announced at the award ceremony in Harrietsham on 8th September.

Support for Local Enterprises - The Council agreed that local businesses should be supported wherever possible. The visiting times of the library van and mobile fish and chip shop will be advertised in the next Parish Newsletter.

Recreation Ground - A new litter bin had been placed next to the children's play area but a replacement for the bin burnt outside the pavilion is still awaited. The quotation from Wicksteed Leisure to refurbish some of the playground equipment was accepted.

Rural Street Runner -Volunteers are needed urgently to help with this very successful youth group which meets in the village hall. At present around 24 young people attend regularly and there is a waiting list. It is hoped that parents and others with an interest in promoting youth activities in the village will offer to help. It was agreed that parish funds could be used to fund a youth worker so that this project can continue after March 2006.

Bridge Festival Committee – The Council noted that a new constitution for Bridge Festival Committee had been accepted and adopted. In principle the Council support this initiative and will discuss future detailed plans with the festival committee once they are available.

Dog Fouling- Following the increase in dog fouling around the village more notices warning dog owners of the penalties for this have been posted in the High St. Dog owners are urged to act responsibly and clear up after their dogs. The maximum penalty for failing to do this is £1,000.

County Lengthmen Scheme – Cllr Selwyn Lewis was nominated as Lengths-men Coordinator for Bridge. He will assist Kent Highways Services in drawing up a schedule of work for the parish.

Bridge in Bloom – It was agreed to donate £50 to buy plants to replant the first chicane at the entrance to the village as it has been come untidy.

Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area-

The Council had no objection to proposed work to trees at a. Red Deer, Bridge Down, Bridge, b. Wayland , Town Hill , Bridge and c. on the land opposite 2 Highland Court Cottages, Higham Lane, Bridge.

Notes from the Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm of Thursday 15th July 2005.

Councillor Ann Edmonds was elected Chair of the Planning Committee.

The Planning Committee agreed they had no objections to the applications listed below;

CA/05/00865/BRI – Sharnwood, Bridge Hill Bridge – Two storey extension to front of dwelling

CAL/05/00064/BRI

CA/05/00780/BRI – 11 The Close, Union Rd Bridge – Conservatory to rear of dwelling, provided the glass in the windows was not changed and the windows remain the same as the rest of the building.

The Planning Committee objected to the following applications'

CA/05/00764/BRI – Corner Dering Rd and Filmer Rd - Erection of five two-storey dwellings and associated works

CA/05/00362/BRI (Revised)- Land to South East of Archways, Conyngham Lane, Bridge

Consideration of the following application was deferred pending corrected plans;

CA/05/00893/BRI –12 Riverside Close, Bridge – Installation of three solar collectors to front roof slope of dwelling.

The Committee noted the following applications had been granted;

CA/05/00516/BRI – Land adjoining Cedars, Higham Lane, Bridge – Erection of a dwelling (Renewal of CA/00/0135/BRI)

CA/05/0588/BRI – 22 Union Rd Bridge. Two-storey extension to side and rear of dwelling

There will be no Parish Council meeting in August. The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm preceded by the Planning Committee meeting at 7.15pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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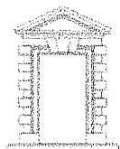
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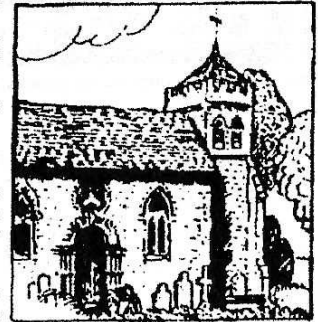


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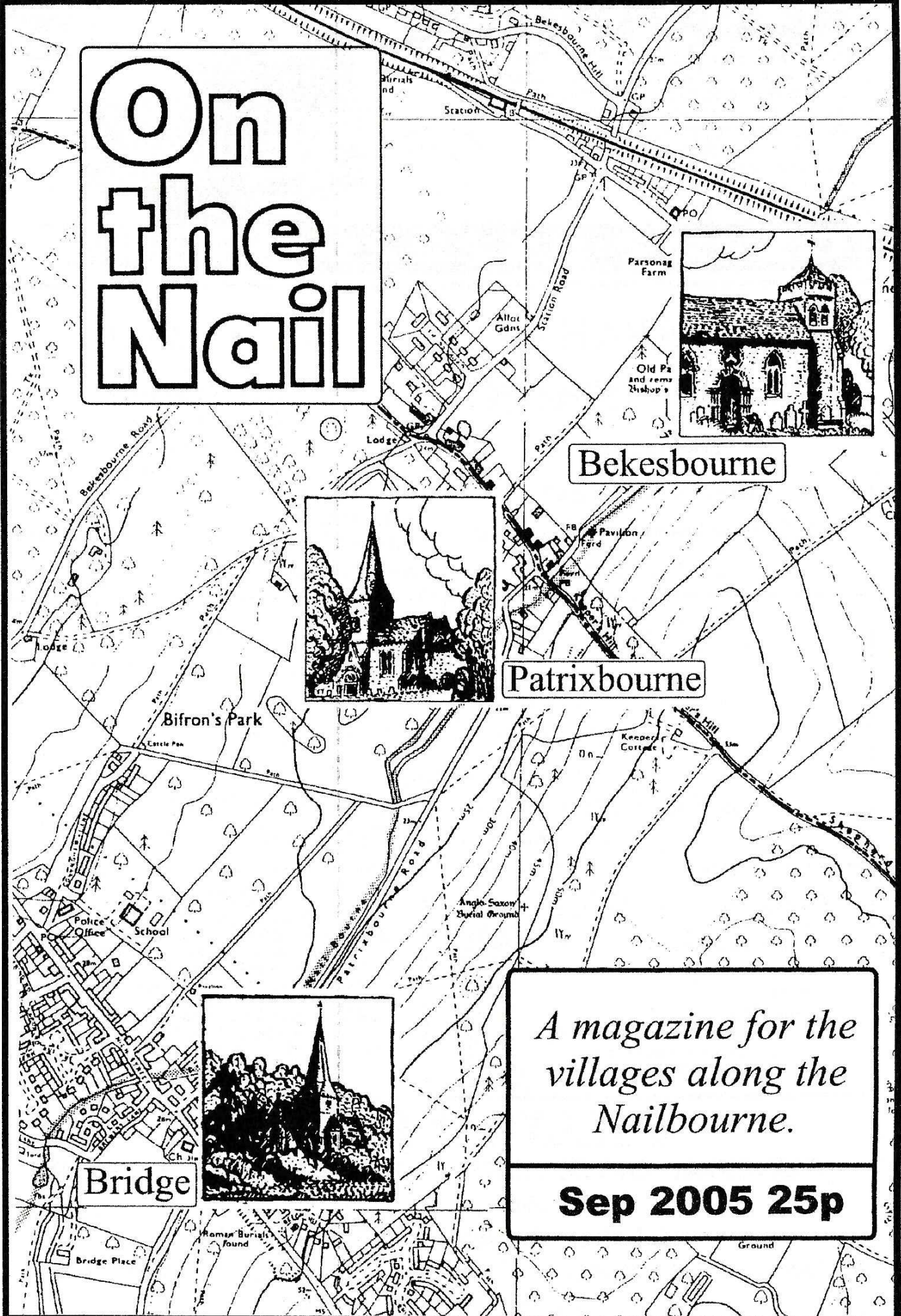
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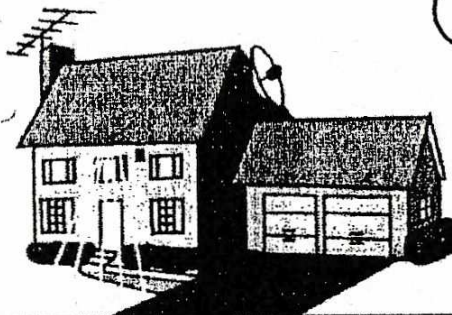
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Services for the month of September 2005

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 4th Sept 15th after Trinity	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Family Communion Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Ex 12. 1-14 NT: Rom 13. 8-end G: Mat 18. 15-20
Sun 11th 16th after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	11.00 am Family Service Martin Leggatt	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Ex 14. 19-end NT: Rom 14. 1-12 G: Mat 18. 21-35
Sun 18th 17th after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	5.00 pm Family Service Mrs M Clarke Ven P Evans	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	Joint Service at Bridge	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Ex 16. 2-15 NT: Phil 1. 21-end G: Mat 20. 1-16
Sun 25th 18th after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Harvest Festival with Communion Rev P Filmer	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Ex 17. 1-7 NT: Phil 2. 1-13 G: Mat 21. 23-32
Sun 2nd Oct 19th after Trinity	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion & Upper Room Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Harvest Festival Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Ex 20. 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 NT: Phil 3. 4b-14 G: Mat 21. 33-end

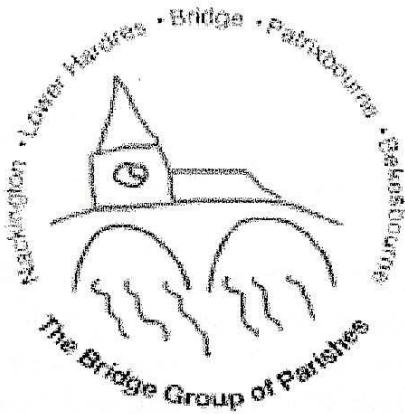
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Dates for September 2005

- 1st Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
2nd Confirmation Group, Bridge School 7pm
5th Caring and Sharing, 13 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
6th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
9th Confirmation Group, Bridge School 7pm
10th Friends of Kent Churches Annual Bike Ride
12th Caring and Sharing, 12 Green Court, Bridge 7.30pm
13th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
14th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
Lower Hardres and Nackington PCC Meeting 7.30pm
17th Bridge & Patricxbourne Produce Sale, Bridge Church 12 noon - 4pm
19th Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
20th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
26th Caring and Sharing, 20 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbledown 7.30pm
27th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
Confirmation Service, Cathedral 7pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
28th Bridge and Patricxbourne PCC Springboard Meeting

Methodist Services

- Sept 4th Rev. Howard Skinner (Holy Communion)
Sept 11th Rev. Barbara Heather
Sept 18th Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc DMS. C.Eng (Harvest Festival)
Sept 25th Dr. Christine Hoffman
Oct 2nd Mr John Ellis



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Holidays, Refreshment/Space

Holidays! Yes we all need a holiday, however short - for refreshment. Mind you, we can't always have one, but we all need space, don't we? A little time perhaps to relax, to potter, to think!

Holidays conjure up many pictures. The seaside, castles, fishing, fish & chips on the harbour and the joy of paddling and swimming in the sea. At one point this year I felt I was breaking the ice as I entered the water. Then again you may choose the countryside and appreciate the beauty of trees, flowers and all the wildlife. Perhaps the mountains draw you, with their majesty and glory and yet you may stand in awe of their vast pinnacles.

Wherever you are memories of past holidays come flooding back. This year as we enjoyed a barbecue on the beach, in the hot sun, I recalled eating sausages on the beach early one morning. "Breakfast on the beach" like Jesus had with his disciples after he rose from the dead. The 3 children were really excited about this, but it was raining, so in our anoraks we munched away at our wet sausages. It was fun, nevertheless! It was an adventure! But we don't always look back, we ponder on our present life and plan a little for the future. Either way we try to find space to reflect, perhaps to meditate on God's fantastic creation or just life in general!

I wonder how Jesus found refreshment and space. No holidays for him even when young; life was hard. Later he looked after his mother and family after Joseph's death. The fact is our Lord found refreshment up in the mountains. No doubt he too had childhood memories; perhaps he would look at his present position as a carpenter but his main concern was he would obey his Heavenly Father - he would do HIS WILL whatever the cost and however much it hurt. The past, present and future were all "bound up" in Him. He was God Incarnate, at Creation, as a human being preparing for his ministry and finally ascending back to God in Glory. So in the space and quiet He would talk to his Heavenly Father; He needed Him. What would He have Him do?

During his ministry Jesus often went off alone to pray, to talk, to renew his vitality both spiritual and physical with His Father. We too need space and refreshment, to ponder, meditate and to reflect, to talk to God and to listen to Him.

I hope you have all had a happy holiday and I pray we all find refreshment and space somewhere in our lives.

God Bless You in your 'space hunting.'

Margaret

Your Parish Matters

Marriage

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Nackington

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Hicks

Margaret Clarke's Lay Reader Licence expires this September, after which she will be given permission to officiate as a Reader Emeritus. To mark this transition we have invited the Venerable Patrick Evans, Archdeacon of Canterbury, to present Margaret with her new authority at a special Family Service on **18th September at 5.00pm to be held at St Mary's Lower Hardres (THIS WILL REPLACE THE NORMAL FAMILY SERVICE IN THE MORNING)**. All parishioners in the Benefice are encouraged to come and support Margaret on this special occasion.

The Works starts again on Sunday 25th September at 10.00am in Bridge Village Hall.

Benefice Harvest Lunch on 9th October at Bridge CEP School.

Following the success of the All Souls Memorial Service last year, The Benefice Service at Lower Hardres on Sunday 30th 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.

Lower Hardres

On 18th September our Family Service will be at 5.00pm because the Venerable Patrick Evans, Archdeacon of Canterbury will be coming. It will be a **NORMAL FAMILY SERVICE** led by the children and lots of their participation. Afterwards we shall be having refreshments. You are all very welcome. **PLEASE NOTE 5.00pm.**

We have lots of plans for our Harvest Family Service on October. 16th - Porch Sale/Children's Harvest Thanksgiving when the church will be open for Tea & Cakes. Childrens' competitions on the Saturday! Look elsewhere in the magazine!!

I hope you have all had a great holiday and I wish you all the very best in either your new classes or new schools.

God Bless

Margaret Clarke

Health and Healing

The meeting this month will be on Thursday 1st September at 7 Windmill Close, at the usual time of 7pm. The prayer cycle has been continuous throughout the month of August and there has been several requests.

Prayer is so vital and God knows our needs before we ask but it is good to share our concerns and to receive God's healing powers. Look forward to seeing you all on the 1st September.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish News

The September Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday 14th September in Bridge Village Hall, 10-11.15am.

The Annual General Meeting of the Scheme will be at the October Pop-in on Wednesday 12th. This is a good opportunity to raise any relevant topic.

Tribute to Mr Charlie Fittall

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Mr Charlie Fittall, he was a regular at many village events and will be remembered at the school for the many productions he filmed and subsequently copied for the children.

He regularly phoned the school and asked for one of his 'girlfriends' to come and collect him, he always won us over with his sense of humour.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIXIIOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday 20th September at 7.30 m in Bridge Village Hall, Jane Finley will be giving a talk entitled "Dolls Houses". The competition this month is for an article beginning with the letter "I".

Bridge in Bloom

Many thanks to all parishioners who took part in this year's 'Bridge in Bloom'. The standard was very high and therefore judging was difficult. The winners were as follows:-

Large Businesses - joint winners - The Plough & Harrow and The White Horse

Small Business - The Harrow Bed and Breakfast

Private Households - 1st 33 High Street

joint 2nd - 54 and 56 Riverside Close

16 Brewery Lane

Ann Edmonds
Bridge Parish Council

Friends of Kent Churches - Annual Bike Ride - Saturday 10th September

A reminder to all you energetic cyclists out there to get your sponsorship forms from Jill Gillanders or Pauline Pritchard and help raise money for your local church.

If you are less energetic but could volunteer to 'man' one of the churches for an hour, we'd love to hear from you too.

Patixbourne with Bridge PCC

Produce Sale

Bridge Church
Saturday 17th September
12 noon-4 pm

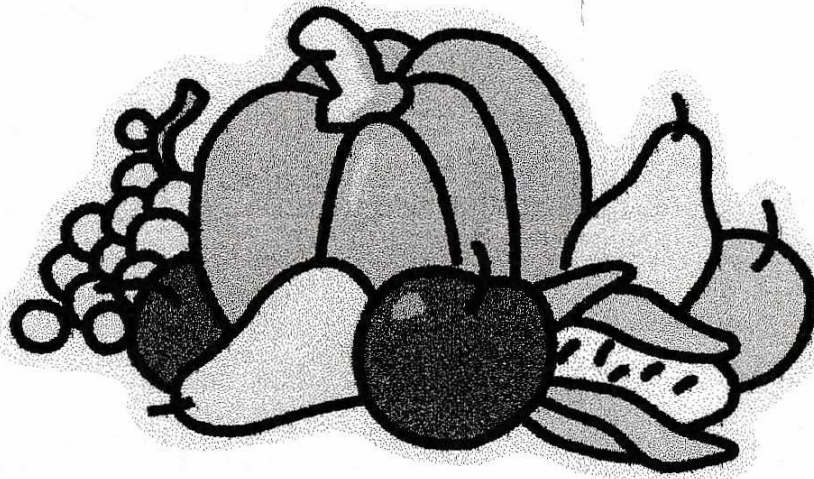
Come and join us for tea and
cake and a 'bring and buy'
produce stall in the Churchyard.

To make this event a success we
welcome donations of home made jams
and chutneys, cakes, home grown
vegetables and plants for the garden.



Please contact Pat
Dunderdale (830668) or
Andrea Nicholson (830947)
for
further details

ST MARY'S CHURCH, LOWER HARDRES



PORCH PRODUCE SALE

Due to public demand, the children of Lower Hardres Church are once again holding a produce sale in aid of church funds. The stall will be held after the Harvest Thanks Giving Service on

SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER 2005

All donations of fruit, vegetables, cakes, jams, marmalades gratefully received!

For further information please contact

Jenny and Emily Martin on 01227 830 653

CAR TREASURE HUNT

Sunday 16th October

At 4.30pm we are having a Car Treasure Hunt and Barbecue

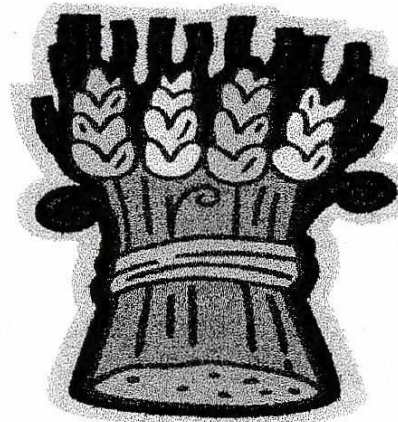
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ALL ARE WELCOME - YOUNG AND OLD!

ST MARY'S CHURCH, LOWER HARDRES



Children's Harvest Competition

Children across the Benefice are invited to enter the Lower Hardres Church Children's Harvest Competition.

There are two categories -

An animal made out of vegetables

To produce a piece of artwork (e.g. picture, collage, photograph)
on the theme of
Harvest time in Kent

Entry fee is 50p per item and all entries should be delivered to the Lower Hardres Church between 9.30 a.m and 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 15th October 2005.

Judging will take place prior to the Harvest Thanks Giving Service on Sunday 16th October 2005.

Prizes will be awarded for the best entries in two age categories
2 - 8 years and 8 years and above

Further information is available from Margaret Clarke

BEKESBOURNE NEWS

This summer has seen a lot of activity in and around the church.

A wedding at the end of June saw the bride and her family further adorn a church full of wonderful floral displays.

The organ was used to its full capacity and the bells rang out to celebrate the marriage.

Since then all six bells have been lowered and transported up to Oxford for renovation and the organ has been dismantled and is in the process of restoration.

The annual boot-fair at the end of July was another useful fund raiser and an enjoyable social occasion for the village.

Church life continues to expand to every corner of the parish and beyond and we welcome visitors on Sundays and during the week. Do come!

Jonathan Cowans- Churchwarden

TRAFALGAR BEEF PUDDING SUPPER

Come and celebrate our glorious victory on the 200th anniversary of the battle with a traditional beef pudding supper (vegetarian option available). There will be much flag waving and hilarity with local talent providing the entertainment. The venue is Bekesbourne village hall, Friday 21st October at 7.30pm. More details in next month On The Nail. To book your place contact Gill and Sid Moon, Tel 832134

Bekesbourne Bootfair

The magnificent amount of £518 was raised at the annual boot fair for church funds. Trading was underway by 7.30am with 44 pitches turning up to sell a variety of bargains. Many thanks to "Nippers" for sponsoring the advertising and to Amanda and Mike Barker for the use of their field.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

16 members were present at the August 2005 meeting at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair.

Jim Mount was welcomed back following his accident. We also send our good wishes to Tony Bevan and Ron Bates, both suffering ill health.

As most of you know, our "Meet the Legion" Coffee Morning is on Saturday, 17th September at 10am at Littlebourne Hall. We hope it will be even more successful than last year's event. Do come along and meet us. Contributions for the raffle or the produce and cake stalls will be gratefully received.

Poppy Appeal time is approaching again rapidly. Could we take this opportunity to ask if anyone feels they can spare us a few hours to help collect? We are all getting older and need younger members of the community to take on the task. You can contact us on 01227 721327 or 01227 472023.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 13th September and 11th October -both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

YOUTH GROUP CRISIS LOOMING

Bridge has a very successful youth group but there are not enough volunteers to keep it running

**For the sake of our children
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Fundraising for Odyssey

Watch out this autumn of a number of fun fundraising events organised by local people on behalf of the cancer charity Odyssey.

Odyssey is a Kent-based charity which enhances the quality of life for people with cancer through imaginative programmes of challenging and dramatic activities using the outdoors. Going on an Odyssey programme is a life rebuilding experience for anyone whose life has been shattered by the experience of cancer. It gives participants positive and lasting effects on their confidence, ability to handle uncertainty, energy and optimism for the future.

Odyssey is the brainchild of Dr Howard Smedley, a consultant Oncologist in Canterbury and has been running very successfully for nine years in Kent from its base at the Chaucer Hospital. Now the charity has plans to extend its programme to a new region in the UK each year over three years. Already this year it has started in the West Midlands.

Some of those fundraising for this expansion are cancer patients who have benefited from the Odyssey experience; others are supporting the charity because of the help it has given friends and relatives. You can read some of the testimonials on the Odyssey website at www.odyssey.org.uk or you can simply start asking around. It is quite amazing how many local people can name someone they know who has benefited from the Odyssey experience.

The first local event is a **Promise Auction** to be held at Lower Hardres Village Hall on Friday, 23, September. Contact Linda Pagdin of Dambridge Oast, Wingham on 01227 720082 for ticket availability. Then on Saturday, 29, October **Radio Kent's Barbara Sturgeon** will be hosting a **Fashion Show** organised by Carole Chiesa of Nick James Hairdressers - see the advert in next months 'On the Nail' for full details contact Carole on 01227 761733. Len Taylor of Elham is organising a **series for events in Elham Village Hall** of which more details in next month's 'On the Nail'.

And finally, make a note in your diary to attend the **Big Breakfast and Balloon Launch** at Canterbury Bowling Club on Saturday, 13, November from 8.30am to 10.30am. The balloon race is sponsored by Jarle Tatt of Impress Publishing and tickets cost £5 each for breakfast and a balloon. Contact me, Jill Thomas, on 01227 832573 regarding this event or to obtain tickets for any of the above.

Jill Thomas

PRESS RELEASE

New Crop urgently needed!!!

A Charity that helps older people throughout East Kent has put out an urgent S.O.S. for more volunteers.

"We have an avalanche of people to deal with" said local branch CROP co-ordinator John Newell "and our current volunteer advocates are struggling to deal with the amount of cases"

Citizens Rights for Older People (CROP) is a registered charity with a busy local branch based in Canterbury offering a free visiting help and advocacy service to people in this area over 60.

Founded in 1994 in Maidstone and funded by Kent County Council Social Services CROP has quickly grown and now receives at this branch alone over 600 cries for help a year.

Many such referrals are via Social Services and other such agencies but more and more requests are coming from individuals who are often unable to cope with elements of bureaucracy, or more often need assistance with form filling, especially applications for benefits which can make a tremendous difference to people's lives.

CROP are now urgently seeking more volunteer advocates to help older people enjoy the same rights and benefits as other citizens.

NO wages, NO pension rights, NO Company car but time to suit and lots of job satisfaction.

Full training is provided and all out of pocket and travelling expenses are paid.

If you can spare a few hours each week to help please contact CROP on 01227 789777 or e-mail cropcanterbury@yahoo.co.uk

John Newell
East Kent Co-ordinator

Patient
Public
Involvement



Forum for the Canterbury and Coastal PCT Area

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) in Health Forums

PPI Forums are made up of groups of volunteers who are keen to help patients and members of the public influence the way in which healthcare is organised and delivered.

Each PPI Forum is fully independent, and there is a forum for each type of health trust, for example, acute trusts which manage hospitals, mental health trusts, ambulance trusts, and primary care trusts which look after GP surgeries, NHS dentists, pharmacists and opticians.

Forums have been in existence for just over a year. They independently monitor the quality of health services through visits, and reports of these visits are given to the trust and are available to the public. Forums can find out the views of people on healthcare, and present these views to the trust. By law, the trust must listen to the Forum and provide a response.

Forums hold regular meetings in public, and we would like people to attend these meetings, and hear and contribute to the discussions.

Forums in East Kent receive administrative support from Kent and Medway Networks LTD, Folkestone. If you would like to know more about the work of the Forums, please contact KMN either by email ianine@kmn-ltd.co.uk or by phone 01303 297050.

Janet Bentley
Chairman

PPI Forum for the Canterbury and Coastal Primary Care Trust

Littlebourne and Bridge WEA

The WEA is running some courses in Littlebourne Village Hall from 2005 -6. They are open to all adults and concessionary rates may be available. Courses starting in the Autumn include:

The 20th century English and Russian Symphonies

This is a 20 week course starting on Thursday 22nd September, 10 am-12 noon.

The Modern Novel around the World

This is a 20 week course starting Wednesday 21st September 10am-12 noon. WEA courses are taught by knowledgeable and qualified tutors who specialise in adult learning. No previous knowledge is necessary or qualifications, just an interest in learning and new ideas. Further courses are starting in the New Year.

Contact The Secretary (01304) 840721 to reserve a place.

WEBBS GARDEN 2005

Up front this is also a plea! We really need Volunteers. Webbs Garden is a Therapeutic Community for those with enduring Mental Health Problems, where Gardening and Woodwork take place. PUT OFF YET? If not, you might be right to help us provide the supportive and work like environment for people to blossom!

The Garden provides a variety of activities; these include Weeding, Digging, Watering, Growing, Picking and Selling Fruit and Vegetables. We also have a Workshop for woodwork where we construct Bird Feeders, Rabbit Runs, Furniture and Fences, and do Art Work such as Wood Carving.

Each day there are between 6 and 9 Clients and 1 and 3 Volunteers Working in the Garden. Everyone finds it a Rewarding and Stimulating Environment. I here are some comments! "Friendship, Sense of Purpose, Learning New Skills." It's relaxed with no pressure, and provides company to do Gardening". "A very pleasant environment to work in and learn about Gardening and Life." "It offers Great Environment, Variety, and a Chance to learn different things each week". "We are all part of a Team - a good Community".

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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.

Bridge History Society

The new season begins on Thursday 15th September with a talk by Peter Ewart on 'The Swing Riots' in Kent in the 19th century. At a time of reduction in poor relief, heavy unemployment, fluctuation of hop prices and a general mood of desperation, the letters of the so-called Captain Swing and an uprising among the labourers and farmers led to arson, machine breaking and riots in areas of rural Kent. Please note that we shall be meeting throughout the season of lectures in the Village Hall once more unless otherwise stated. The meeting will begin at 7.30 pm.

Meriel Connor

Folk in the Barn

On Friday 14th October we have the **Miranda Sykes Band** playing at the Kingston Barn. Beautiful flame haired Miranda is very well known on the Folk/Acoustic circuit and has performed with many leading musicians including Robb Johnson, and Show of Hands. Forget Joss Stone, Miranda has a voice that could melt Portland Stone! Her Band line-up reads like a Who's Who of the Folk (Rock) world. Martin Alcock (Fairport, Tull etc) Pete Zorn (Richard Thompson, Arizona Smoke Revue etc) Martin Fitzgibbon (Colvin Quarmbly), Gareth Turner (L1E and the Phil Beer Band) Together they make a fantastic sound and are getting excellent reviews. There are only 30 or so tickets left for this concert now so don't leave it too late to book.

Tickets cost £10 or email folkinthebarn@foxinsocks.freemove.co.uk to join the Folkinthebard mailing list.

Nick James

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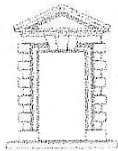
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The Bridge Group
Services for the month of November 2005

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 6th Nov 3rd before Advent	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Family Communion & Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Amos 5. 18-24 NT: 1 Thes 4. 13-end G: Mat 25. 1-13
Fri 11th Remembrance Day					10.50 am Act of Remembrance	
Sun 13th 2nd before Advent Remembrance Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.50 am Act of Remembrance 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	10.50 am Act of Remembrance and Family Service Tony Washington	10.50 am Remembrance Service Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Zeph 1. 7, 12-end NT: 1 Thes 5. 1-11 G: Mat 25. 14-30
Sun 20th Sun before Advent	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Marley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Martin Leggatt	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Ezek 34. 11-16, 20- 24 NT: Eph 1. 15-end G: Mat 25. 31-end
Sun 27th Advent 1	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Is 64. 1-9 NT: 1 Cor 1. 3-9 G: Mark 13. 24-end
Sun 4th Dec Advent 2	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion & Upper Room Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Advent Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 40. 1-11 NT: 2 Peter 3. 8-15a G: Mark 1. 1-8

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Diary for November 2005

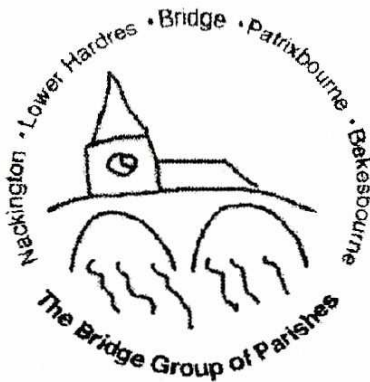
- 1st Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 2nd Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm
- 3rd Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 7th Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 8th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 9th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
- 14th Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 15th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 16th Lower Hardres & Nackington PCC Meeting 7.30pm
- 17th Bridge History Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 21st Caring and Sharing, 20 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbledown 7.30pm
- 22nd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 23rd Bridge & Patricxbourne PCC Meeting 7.30pm
- 26th Lower Hardres & Nackington Coffee Morning 10am
- 27th The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
- 28th Caring & Sharing, 13 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 29th Bridge School KS1 at Bridge Church 9.30am
- 30th Bridge School KS2 at Bridge Church 9.30am

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

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| 3rd December | Christmas Bazaar |
| 28th January | Jumble Sale |

Methodist Church Services

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|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 6th November | Mrs B Skinner |
| 13th November | Rev. Donald Lugg |
| 20th November | Rev. David Marshall (Holy Communion) |
| 27th November | Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc DMS. C.Eng. |



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I don't know about you but for me 'time' is becoming an increasingly precious commodity. It seems at odds with the perception that we have increased leisure time. Frequently I find myself having to say no to requests to help out with some task or activity, much against my natural instincts. Is it because as I get older everything takes longer? I don't think so. So what is happening? Obviously for many of us with growing families, high mortgage repayments and fears over an impoverished old age, we are spending longer in paid employment.

With more of us at work what is not getting done? Charity work (shop or fund-raising), PTA (Parent Teacher Association) fund-raising, listening to children read etc in school, time to look after elderly or house-bound neighbours, tending to our churches and supporting the life of our communities including helping run voluntary organisations such as Guides and scouts. All these areas are short of regular volunteers.

Financially have the pressures on us really changed or is it a personal choice. Surely for many of us we are at work because we want to be, because we expect a higher standard of living including all those material things we have been persuaded are necessary. Maybe we need to take stock and re-evaluate because I wonder what the situation will be like in 10 years time when many of the older generation of stay-at-home mothers and retired persons are gone? Who will replace them?

In your prayers remember all those organisations that rely on volunteer help and support and pray and trust that God will provide.

Pat Kusel

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

09/10 Bridge George Henry Darby

Marriage

20/08 Bridge Ben Vickery and Emily Rose

Blessing

17/09 Bx - Philip Mansfield & Wendy Baillargeon

Funeral

30/09 B (Bm) Nellie Doris (Helen) Andrews

05/10 N (Bm) Anna Linda Anning

Sunday 18th September 2005 5.00pm

What can I say? I was deeply moved on this day to discover so many 'secrets', not only for my birthday but also for the Celebration Service at 5pm. We welcomed the Archdeacon Patrick, the Vicar Paul, my family and so many people from Chartham and across the Benefice, it really was fantastic! And of course the young children - they sang well, they read well and they were just great. At the hall, I beheld a banquet; Wow, the food was indeed glorious and I would like to thank everyone again who cooked, the food just poured in. I was given a most beautiful black cloak to keep me warm in the churches, vouchers, gifts, flowers and cards. Thank you! I could not believe it! The children said some lovely things, I managed not to weep, that came later! All my family were so very grateful too, for their loving welcome. So many people spent a lot of time, energy and thought into this day. I can only say THANK YOU with all my heart for an unforgettable day, indeed weekend. It was a most lovely inspiring time.

Margaret

Benefice Harvest Lunch

90 parishioners from across the benefice joined together on Sunday 9th October for a lovely lunch. The new head of Bridge School, Miss Ren Chinnadurai, who was helping with the dishing up was introduced to everyone.

Remembrance Day

As well as a number of events on Remembrance Sunday 13th November (see November Service Grid) we will this year in addition have a short Act of Remembrance on Friday 11th

November at 10.50am at St Peter's Bekesbourne. If transport is required please contact Paul Filmer on 01227 830250, in good time).

Bekesbourne Family Service

Children's Library

We have been very fortunate over the past year or so in having new children's Christian books donated to us. We now have an extensive library of bibles, bible stories, prayer books, reading books and some information books. These are available to borrow (at no charge) at the end of each family service. They are also useful to browse for 'gift' ideas especially with Christmas on the horizon. So please come and make use of this wonderful resource!

Our family services are aimed at 'ALL AGE' worship catering for a congregation from toddlers through to 90+ years. Services last between 30-40 mins. Refreshments are served after every service. Do come and join in the friendly and intimate surroundings of St Peter's Bekesbourne on the FIRST Sunday of each month.

Between now and Christmas we have a busy schedule outlined below:

December - 1st Sunday (Dec 4th) Advent Service with our annual gift collection for British Humanitarian Aid (good quality clothes, toiletries, tinned or dried food, pens, pencils and stationary, cash) our local Canterbury based charity.

3rd Sunday (Dec 18th) Benefice Nativity Service and 1st Bekesbourne Brownies Church parade. Collection of Smartie Tubes. **If there are any children in the Benefice who would like to be a part of the Nativity Service; readers, actors, helpers etc. PLEASE contact me as soon as possible so I can plan accordingly.**

PLEASE NOTE; There will NOT be a service on the first Sunday in January. Our next Family Service will be in February.

Please contact me if you have any queries about the above events.

Pat Kusel, Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) Tel: 830272

Confirmation

Would you like to 'confirm' the promises made on your behalf by your parents and godparents when you were baptised as a young child? If you do, or would like to find out more about

confirmation, please contact Paul Filmer for information about our 2006 confirmation course. We will begin in the spring, with a Deanery confirmation service in the Cathedral in the autumn.

Grapevine

I have created a mailing list from known email addresses in the benefice. The idea is to use this list to give out notices of interest to the church and village communities across the benefice. If you would like to join the mailing list or submit something for publication email me at grapevine@bridgechurch.co.uk.

If you know of others with email addresses who may like to be included on this list, encourage them to drop me an email.

Bridge Church

At a meeting of Bridge with Patricbourne PCC this week it was decided to open Bridge church on a daily basis for a trial period of 3 months. The church will be open every day in November, December and January from 8.30 am till dusk for the benefit of casual visitors and local people who would like to spend time in church privately during the week. We would encourage everyone to enter their name in the visitor book every time, so that we can gauge the level of activity over the three months. Please contact me if you would be available to go on a rota for unlocking/locking the church.

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.

Enid Wintle

After some years in a wonderful Home cared for by dedicated staff with frequent cheering and supportive visits from her surviving son, James, and his two sons, who lived close by, Enid Wintle died on September 28th, aged 90. Although it is some ten years since she left Brewery Lane to be nearer her family in Sussex, many of us have still vivid memories of her in her "retirement" years in Bridge. Brought up to an open air life on her parents' farm near Goudhurst she trained as a nurse specialising in children's work followed by a period in Kenya which aroused her love of travel and keen interest in the problems of the wider world. After her marriage to Guy she went out with him to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) and learned to handle a balancing act between her determination to take an active and innovative part in the lives of the Singhalese and the strict code of conduct required by the white community. Their two sons were born during these years and it was partly on health grounds that she and Guy returned prematurely to make a new life for the family in Canterbury.

Once again she adapted to the changed situation by finding outlets for her enthusiasm. St. Dunstan's Church was strengthened by her work with the G.F.S. and her nursing training and deep understanding of children were skilfully used in her dedicated work at the Mary Sheridan Centre. Following Guy's sudden death after some years of failing health she began to rebuild her life in Bridge encouraged by the devoted help of her two sons.

Enid's constant pursuit of further knowledge and understanding led her to take up many challenges. Although by now too old to be accepted as a reader she followed an intensive course of Bible study for some years with a small group training as readers. This adventure encouraged her to develop her speaking ability through the Canterbury Speaker's group. The devotion she had given to the Mary Sheridan Centre was transferred to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital where she spent several years as an Assistant Chaplain. Her nursing experience made her sensitive to the needs of the staff as well as those of patients and their relatives. She gave unstintingly of her time and strength wherever she saw a need.

Her firm, but never unquestioning, faith was built on her commitment to the church. Regular church attendance at Bridge church and an active part in all church affairs also led to her responsibility for the building up of the very successful Family Service. The home she shared with a succession of much-loved dogs was always ready to welcome her growing family of four lively grandsons and friends of all ages. Old friendships were never forgotten and new ones frequently made.

"Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25. 21)
She has now found the answer to her questions.

Health and Healing

The meeting this month will be on Thursday 3rd November at 7 Windmill Close, at the new time - **7.30pm**.

The later time was agreed upon as being more convenient for everyone.

Please continue with your requests. Prayer is so vital and God knows our needs before we ask, but it is good to share our concerns and to receive God's healing powers. You need never to feel alone when you share your troubles and anxieties. Look forward to seeing you on 3rd November at 7.30pm

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish News

SOS - Please help Fish. At present about 20 volunteers help in Bridge, Patrixbourne, Bekesbourne and Bishopsbourne by driving older people to the surgery and hospitals. In this past year nearly 270 such trips were made as against 200 last year. To keep this invaluable service going we need another six or so drivers. That would mean nobody would be called upon more than once a month. Of course nobody is free all the time. Any help you can give will be at a time that suits you. If you cannot drive that day Ann will simply call on the next person on her list. So don't feel cornered. But, please, do consider helping. You will find it enormously worthwhile. Just telephone Ann Medhurst, who organises the driving, on 830762. And thank you.

The next Coffee Pop-In is on Wednesday, November 9th.

If you have any spare knitting wool, could you let Rosy Green know on 830204. There are several great knitters who produce garments for local children.

And finally, we are planning another Winter Lunch on Wednesday 25th January 06. There will be more details later.



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The Children's Society
are now on sale in their Charity Shop
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Patrixbourne Carol Service 23rd December 2005

The St Mary's Patrixbourne Carol Service will be held, this year, on Friday 23rd December at 7.00pm. Any one wishing to join the Choir for the evening should contact Mrs Rosalie Stacey on Canterbury 830205. Choir rehearsals will be held in December.

School Harvest Festival

On Friday 23rd September the school celebrated Harvest. The theme this year was 'Friends Around The World'.

Year 6 made the Harvest Loaf as they have been learning about micro-organisms, and wanted to find out about the role yeast has in making bread rise.

Mrs Whatley quoted Martin Luther King who once said "By the time you have eaten your breakfast you have depended on half the world". Year 3 then proved this by telling us what they eat for breakfast, and the countries that the ingredients come from.

Year 5 made a delicious 'One World Cake', and used PowerPoint slides to show us all the countries that the ingredients had come from. They then told us about Fair Trade products, which helped the farmers by giving them a fairer proportion of the profit.

Year 4 read letters that they have written to the children in the school in India that we support. Their letters tell the children about themselves, their families and what life in Bridge is like.

The Infants sang a hearty rendition of "Cauliflowers Fluffy" which everybody enjoyed. A number of grown ups were spotted joining in!

We had a huge amount of donated goods to sell - fresh fruit, vegetables, tinned products, and flowers. Parents and children bought these after the Assembly, and £300 was raised. The money will be sent to schools in Bihar, India that we have supported for several years. Dr Jones from Bridge Health Centre will take it with him on his next visit. We will also make a donation to the school we support in Ghana. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents who contributed to make our Harvest such a success.

SALVATION ARMY CAROL CONCERT

This annual event will be held on Monday 5th December 2005

at 7.30am in the School Hall

Entrance £2.00 - pay on the door

Refreshments will be served

Transport can be arranged if necessary - tel 830276

Bridge & Patricxbourne C.E.P. School

**invite all Senior Citizens to an Afternoon of Entertainment
on Tuesday 13th December 2005 at 1.30pm in the School Hall**

Afternoon tea will be served by the Year 6 pupils

If you would like to come please ring the school on 830276

Transport can be arranged if necessary

Bekesbourne News

Cycle Ride

Once again the cycle ride was a great success thanks to riders Joan Atkins, Roger Nicholls and Victoria Greatorex and her sons Richard and Ben. Between them all they raised £343.00 to be shared equally between St. Peters Bekesbourne and The Friends of Kent Churches. My thanks also to 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). Last but not least a big thank you to all the sponsors for their invaluable support.

Well done all! Jill Gillanders

British Humanitarian Aid

The following is an extract from the recent BHA newsletter containing important information for those of you who support them;

"We have two requests to make to those of you who collect for us. One concerns food. The Ukranian authorities place a high tax on any food in the aid so we have stopped taking food for the foreseeable future. The second concerns shoeboxes. Although greatly appreciated, we have had problems with the suitability/equality of the contents. We would prefer, in future, to receive the items loose so that bags can be made up appropriate to the actual children. If you have already collected shoeboxes, don't worry as we will take these.

If you are able to continue supporting us, then we are very grateful to you indeed. Helping our impoverished families, the elderly, orphanages etc is so very important to us, but without your financial support, we can do nothing. Once again, our heartfelt thanks to you and may God bless you." Rev. Tony Buddell Sept.05.

You can contact them direct on the following tel. (warehouse) 01227 453434.

Found

Left in Bekesbourne Church one grey fleece and one cycle helmet. If either belong to you, please get in touch with the churchwardens at Bekesbourne. (Address or telephone number in back of magazine).

Jill Gillanders



Christmas Bazaar

Bekesbourne

Village Hall

Saturday
3 December 2005
10.00am

Stalls Raffle Coffee

**Proceeds for Bekesbourne Church
And Bekesbourne Brownies**

Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC



Christmas Coffee Morning

*Bridge Village Hall
Saturday 26th November
10 am - 12 noon*

**Cake Stall, Books and Puzzles,
Bring and Buy Gift Stall
Raffle**

*Come and meet friends
Over a cup of coffee.*



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



Wine and Wisdom Evening

**Saturday 12th 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)- 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

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Advance notice of the Society's Social Evening to be held this year in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday 6 December. The evening will start at 1.30 pm with a light-hearted quiz on a gardening theme followed by a buffet supper. There will be an entry charge of £3 per person.

Please watch out for further details nearer the time.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

The Institute's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 November at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. There will be no competition this month.

Bridge History Society

At our November meeting, Michael Peters, the Secretary of the French Protestant Church of Canterbury, which meets in the Black Prince's Chantry in the Cathedral Crypt, will talk about the immigrant community which arrived from the Low Countries and northern France at the end of the 16th century and beyond. The victims of religious oppression, and sometimes persecution, many Walloons and Huguenots fled their native land and established themselves in southeast England, especially in Sandwich and Canterbury. They brought with them their skills in weaving and market gardening, and reintroduced into the region the hops that were to become such a feature of the local landscape and provided flavour and conservation properties into the local beer. Even the architecture shows traces of their presence. Michael Peters will tell us more about their origins and history. The meeting takes place on Thursday 17 November at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

Meriel Connor

Bridge Annual Bonfire and Spectacular Fireworks Display

Saturday 5- November

Church Meadow, Bridge

Gates open 5.30pm

Family ticket £10, Adults £4, Children £2

***Avoid the queue - buy tickets in advance from
Bridge School office ***

Hot dogs, mulled wine and other refreshments on sale

New attraction this year - fire jugglers!!


OPEN GARDENS

Sunday June 25th 2006 - put this date in your diary now.

A number of keen gardeners are joining together to open their gardens to raise money for Church funds. This is a new venture and anyone interested is invited to join in. Our next meeting is on 7th March 2006, 7.30pm at 37 High Street, Bridge. More details will follow nearer the time.

New Venue

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Nailbourne League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital

The annual newsletter will be coming through your letter box shortly. We greatly appreciate our local support. Your subscriptions and donations are used to purchase a variety of items of equipment for Canterbury Hospital.

A date for your diary is 1st December, a talk by Professor Stuart Field entitled "The Kent and Canterbury is expanding - not closing down!"

7.30pm at Bridge village Hall with a light supper and wine. For tickets phone Elizabeth Stewart 830344 or Rosy Green 830204.

Please support your local hospital.

EVTA committee members' exploratory visit to Cogny

Representatives from Bekesbourne (Mark and Deborah Jenner) and Bridge (Kathy and Tony Walder) joined other committee members of Elham Valley Twinning Association (E.V.T.A.) recently on a visit to Cogny, in Beaujolais, to explore a potential new French twinning opportunity. The group enjoyed some excellent hospitality that included taking part in the annual 'vendange' (grape picking), a tour of local historic buildings and sites, some excellent local cuisine and a few glasses of Beaujolais wine. Future events and exchange visits are now being planned and new E.V.T.A. members are always welcome. For more information please contact Mark Jenner (01227 830019).

Mark Jenner

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

14 members were present at the October 2005 meeting at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. He asked those present to remember in the Silence the victims of the recent earthquake in Asia.

Nominations were taken for Branch Officers to be elected at the forthcoming Branch A.G.M., as follows:- Chairman: Mr B Guyatt; Vice Chairrnan: Mr F Bennett; Hon Secretary: Mrs B Hunt; Hon Treasurer: Mr W J Hewett. Doug Fenn said that he wished to stand down as Chairman this year and thanked Mr Guyatt for agreeing to be nominated.

Our Coffee Morning held recently has raised £270 for the Poppy Appeal and we are grateful to all those who helped us on the day and those who came and supported us. Talking of the Poppy Appeal, we are grateful to those who have already offered to help with our collection this year, and we thank everyone - in anticipation - for supporting these "stalwarts" when they come round with the poppy trays.

Our Remembrance Service is at Littlebourne Church this year and we will form up outside the lychgate at 10.45am. We hope that many of you will come and be with us.

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, 1st November (AGM), and 8th November -at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

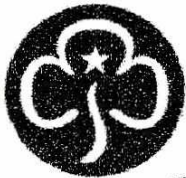
Mac Millan Nurses Coffee Morning

We would like to thank all those who generously attended and donated money for the recent Mac Millan Nurses Coffee morning, a grand sum of £72.00 was raised.

Once again the residents of Bridge have been most generous.

Hilary and Barry Whiting

Staff at Bridge School also donated money during their coffee break and raised £90.38.



Girlguiding

1st Bridge Guides

1st Bridge Guide Unit meets every Wednesday during term time at the Mill Centre. Girls can join Guides from the age of ten until their fifteenth birthday. Guides are members of a Patrol, have an elected Patrol Leader and plan many of their own activities. Every week Guides participate in games and challenges while work-

ing towards awards called Interest Badges, Go For It's! and ultimately the Baden Powell Award. Guides also have the opportunity to camp at least three times per year.

Following six years service the current adult leadership team comprising Gill Perks, Louise Coleman, Joan Masterson and Lynn Risbridger will be retiring in 2006.

1st Bridge Guides are delighted to introduce three new leaders; Carol Mounce, Unit Guide Leader, Gena Skinner, Assistant Unit Guide Leader and Catherine Ashdown, Unit Helper. Carole and Gena will shortly be commencing their Adult Leadership Qualification training and will work alongside us over the next year to achieve a seamless handover.

Carol and Gena are looking for another Unit Helper and a Treasurer to compliment their team. Both of these roles although invaluable to the function of the Unit do not require regular attendance at weekly Unit meetings. These positions therefore may appeal to some one keen to be involved but with limited time resources. Please contact Gill Perks on 830 333 if you are interested.

1st Bridge Guides have promised to serve their local community and would be delighted to be involved in any suitable projects or events.

Gill Perks

Unit Guide Leader 1st Bridge Guides

NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETINGS 13TH October 2005

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Planning committee agreed that they had no objection to the planning application listed below :

CA/05/01161/BRI Land adjoining 2 Dering Rd Bridge
Erection of detached dwelling and garage

It was noted that the following planning applications are being granted:

CA/05/01056/BRI 1 Dering Close, Bridge CT4 5ND

Alterations to roof and extensions to dwelling

CAL05/00096/BRI

CA/05/00961/BRI Red Lion, 75 High St, Bridge CT4 5LB

Single storey extension & alterations to public house

CA/05/01022/BRI East Bridge House, Bridge Hill, Bridge CT4 5AS

Erection of detached garage, carport and fence

CA/05/01095/BRI West Barn, Old Renville Farm, Renville Farm Rd, Bridge CT4 5AD

Erection of shed in rear garden

It was noted that the following application has been refused;

CA/05/01011/BRI 14 Riverside Close, Bridge CT4 5BN

First floor extension & conversion of one dwelling to two dwellings

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 10th November at 7.00 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council Vacancy

Notices advertising the casual vacancy for a parish councillor have been posted on the village notice boards.

Parish Audit

The Audit for the year 2004/2005 was agreed and signed by the Chairman. The Concurrent Function Expenditure for next year was also agreed and thanks expressed to those councillors who had worked to complete it.

Speed Watch

Cllr Esdale reported that an illuminated speed indicator for Bridge Hill would cost £1,750. He is investigating the cost of a solar powered indicator.

Street Runner

As no further volunteers have come forward to help with the Rural Street Runner, the council confirmed that it will pay Canterbury City Council to provide two youth workers to work with one volunteer at each session after city council funding ends in March 2006. Next year children will be asked to pay to attend each session and the remainder of the cost will be met from the village precept.

Parish Plan

The council agreed to contribute up to £500 towards the cost of the production of Bridge Parish Plan.

Restoration of old street and house names

Bridge History Society has agreed to carry out some further research into the old names for streets and houses in the village, with a view to possibly restoring some of them.

Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

Cllr Beesty reported on the Kent Association of Parish Councils meeting on 12th October 2005.

Cllr Beinder reported on the Kent and Medway Structure Plan Meeting on 11th October 2005. It was agreed to write to the Strategy Division of Kent County Council

to question the concept of the plan and the basis on which the questionnaires were drawn up.

Use of Cars on the Recreation Ground

Following recent complaints about cars driving across the recreation ground in a dangerous manner, it was agreed to insert a clause into next year's lease agreements setting down the conditions under which cars could be driven on the recreation ground and stipulating a maximum speed limit.

Liaison with Bridge Primary School

Miss Renuka Chinnadurai, the new Headteacher of Bridge Primary School, is to be invited to the next meeting of the parish council to meet the councillors.

New Bench for the Recreation Ground

The parish council agreed to buy a new bench to replace the one in memory of George Pratt, which could not be repaired. It was also agreed to repair the concrete sided bench near the health centre and repair one picnic table, which has been damaged by vandals.

Bridge Football Club

The agreement with Bridge Football Club for the hire of the football pitch for the 2005-6 season was signed.

Christmas Trees

It was agreed that the Christmas trees will be put up in the High Street on 3rd December.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 10th November at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall.

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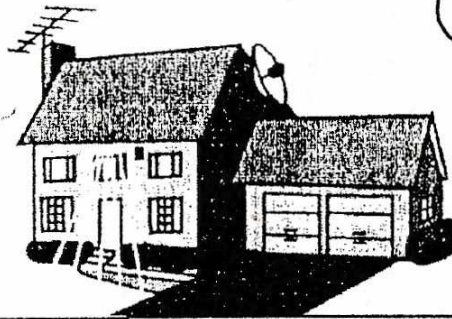
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0.00 am Advent Daily Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 40. 1-11 NT: 2 Peter 3. 8-15a G: Mark 1. 1-8
3.00 am Communion J Shorrocks	OT: Is 61. 1-4, 8-end NT: 1 Thes 5. 16-24 G: John 1. 6-8, 19-28
0.00 am Daily Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: 2 Sam 7. 1-11, 16 NT: Rom 16. 25-end G: Luke 1. 26-38

Diary for December 2005

- 1st Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
3rd Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am
5th Salvation Army Carol Concert, Bridge School 7.30pm
6th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
7th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm
9th Flower Arrangers, The Archways, Conyngham Lane, 2pm
12th Caring and Sharing, Elham Valley Vineyard 7.30pm
13th Senior Citizens Afternoon of Entertainment, Bridge School 1.30pm
Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
14th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
19th Children's Workshop, JBW Hall, Lower Hardres, 9am
Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
20th Carols at Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Carols at The New Close, Bridge 6pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
21st Carols at Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm

Forthcoming Events

2006 - Bekesbourne

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| 28th Jan | Jumble Sale |
| 3rd March | Wine and Wisdom |



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Christmas is almost upon us. The Christmas lunch guest list is complete. I've booked the largest turkey in the county. Melanie is in charge of presents (NB Melanie wants that scruffy dog calendar but no chocolates). The children are largely grown up and there will be "partners" to cater for. It's a busy festival and there a great deal of anticipation, excitement and delight. After umpteen Sundays after Trinity we enter the new church year with Advent and the clock ticks rapidly down until Christmas. We all look forward to the outpouring of joy and love that symbolises Christmas.

But Christmas can be a very difficult time for people. It can be lonely. It can be anxious. It can be confrontational. It can be disappointing. It can be intolerable.

Here, in the pub, the visible manifestation of Christmas Spirit can often be a superficial veneer hiding some very sad stories. Whilst I delight in the warm embrace that is my family Christmas I am acutely aware that for many it will be a wretched time.

Each year I try, with the best intentions, to make some gesture towards those to whom Christmas is a burden; the homeless, the elderly, immigrants and the sick. (Usually I end up bloated, on the sofa, watching *Gone With The Wind*.)

This year is going to be very different for a great many of us. Maybe this is the opportunity to make it different for the right reasons. I want it to be different for me.

I want to remember this Christmas not for the presents, or the TV schedule, or the excesses or the indigestion. I want to remember it because I did something right.

Chris Maclean

Your Parish Matters

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Dear Friends:

It is with mixed emotions that I have to inform you that I have accepted the offer - subject to the usual procedures - to become a University Chaplain in Rochester Diocese with effect from 1st March 2006. This will involve working in the Kent campuses of the University of Greenwich and the University College for the Creative Arts, across both Rochester and Canterbury Diocese.

I will finish work in the Bridge Group at the end of January, but until then, as far as I am concerned, it will be business as usual. I can assure you that along with our Churchwardens, PCCs, and associate ministers I will be working to ensure a smooth transition to my successor when appointed.

I thank you for your encouragement and support over the past 5 1/2 years and hope that my successor is as happy here as I have been.

Rev Paul Filmer

Smartie Tubes

Tubes given out at Harvest can now be brought back - full of small change - 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.

Christmas Card Competition

Children - please let me have a Christmas Card, made by YOU. There will be several classes; from very young to teenagers! Get them to me as soon as possible - early December would be great. Thank you. Margaret Clarke

Crib Service

This will be on Sunday 18th December, 3.00pm at Lower Hardres. Refreshments will be served after the service. Dress up as a nativity character - if you want - there will be lots for you to do. Please if you can, bring a gift (any size) for children (any age). These gifts will be given to the Children's Refuge and they bring a lot of pleasure to those young people.

Christmas Week

Christmas Workshop at Lower Hardres

PLEASE NOTE MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER at 9.30am -noon at John Baker White Hall. Don't forget CHILDREN (details in November Magazine) Ring Margaret Clarke (765598) or Julie Cox (788316) for places please.

Wednesday 21st December Carol Service at Lower Hardres at 7.00pm. Do come. There will be mince pies afterwards. This year we are holding a separate Carol Service from Evensong. We look forward to seeing you .

Christmas Day

Family Service at 10.00am at Lower Hardres. Again it will be a FUN service. Bring one of your presents - children and adults too! Then we can celebrate Jesus' birthday.

I wish you all a very Happy love-filled, peaceful Christmas and a 'blessed' New Year. God Bless
Margaret

What's Happening for Children and Youth at Bridge Church?

MOBY

If you're in Year 7, 8, 9, or 10 come and join us at MOBY (Members of Bridge Youth!) every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 7.00 - 8.30pm.

Changes to dates this month.

Tuesday 6th NO MEETING (Hall Unavailable)

Tuesday 20th CAROL SINGING OUTING - meet @ 58 Western Avenue 7pm.

Looking Ahead:

Friday January 6th TRIP OUT tba

For all information call Ruth or Tony Washington on 831156.

THE WORKS

No meeting in December - but we'll see you all at the Christmas Workshop at Lower Hardres on Monday 19th.

January Works Sunday 22nd 10.00 -11.30am Bridge Village Hall. For all children of primary school age.

THE UPPER ROOM

Meeting as usual Sunday 4th December 9.15 The Plough and Harrow. Making things for Christmas. Fantastic to see so many children coming to the Upper Room - we're having a great time, there's still room for more - bring a friend! I'd like to say a big thank you to all the helpers! Have a happy Christmas!

Ruth Washington

Health and Healing

The meeting this month will be on Thursday 1st December at 7 Windmill Close, at the new time - 7.30pm.

Please continue with your requests. Prayer is so vital and God knows our needs before we ask, but it is good to share our concerns and to receive God's healing powers. You need never to feel alone when you share your troubles and anxieties. Look forward to seeing you on 1st December.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish News

Don't miss the Christmas Pop-in on Wednesday 14th December in Bridge Village Hall.

Our thanks go to all the volunteer drivers who enable the Fish Scheme to function. If you think you could help by giving lifts to the surgery and hospital, however occasionally, please do telephone Ann Medhurst on 830762. We always need new volunteers. Thank you.

Patricxbourne Carol Service 23rd December 2005

The St Mary's Patricxbourne Carol Service will be held, this year, on Friday 23rd December at 7.00pm. Any one wishing to join the Choir for the evening should contact Mrs Rosalie Stacey on Canterbury 830205. Choir rehearsals will be held in December.

Flower Arranging

There will be a meeting at The Archways at 2pm on Friday 9th December to discuss next years flower rota, and Christmas decorations for St. Peter's Bridge.

As always, the plea goes out for new members to join this band of flower arrangers, no experience necessary. So if you might be interested, pop along for a cup of tea, and see how little is involved. Viv Brasier

SALVATION ARMY CAROL CONCERT

This annual event will be held on Monday 5th December 2005

at 7.30pm in the School Hall

Entrance £2.00 - pay on the door

Refreshments will be served

Transport can be arranged if necessary - tel 830276

Bridge & Patricxbourne C.E.P. School

invite all Senior Citizens to an Afternoon of Entertainment on Tuesday 13th December 2005 at 1.30pm in the School Hall

Afternoon tea will be served by the Year 6 pupils

If you would like to come please ring the school on 830276

Transport can be arranged if necessary

You are warmly invited to
Come and Sing Carols
at St Peter 's, Bridige
on Sunday, December 18th

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 *Wake, O Wake!* (arr. Bach), *Riu, Riu, Chiu* (Flecha, tr. Miles), *Away in a Manger* (arr. WillcQcks), *Calypso Carol* (arr. Miles), *Eastern Monarchs [Tres Magi de Gentibus]* (Lang) and *Joy to the World* (Handel, arr. Mason).

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:

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

Friday, December 16th 7-8.30 p.m.

Sunday, December 18th 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

BEKESBOURNE Family Service

4th December Advent Service with our annual gift collection for British Humanitarian Aid (good quality clothes, toiletries, tinned or dried food, pens, pencils and stationary, cash) our local Canterbury based charity.

December 18th Benefice Nativity Service and 1st Bekesbourne Brownies Church parade. Collection of Smartie Tubes. **If there are any children in the Benefice who would like to be a part of the Nativity Service; readers, actors, helpers etc. PLEASE contact me as soon as possible so I can plan accordingly.**

PLEASE NOTE; There will NOT be a service on the first Sunday in January. Our next Family Service will be in February.

Please contact me if you have any queries about the above events.

Pat Kusel, Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) Tel: 830272

Bekesbourne Church and Brownies Christmas Bazaar

Come for a coffee served by the brownies while supporting the Christmas bazaar, Saturday 3rd December in the village hall at 10 o'clock. There will be homemade cakes, produce, tombola and various Christmas gift stalls to tempt you.

Carol Singing at The Unicorn

Cheryl and Clive will be hosting their annual carol singing evening Wednesday 14th December at The Unicorn. Singing will be led by Stuart Field on the fiddle and David Cutting on the piano. This is always a very popular and enjoyable evening. Please book in advance if you intend to eat a meal. Tel: 830210

Friends of Bekesbourne Church Jumble Sale.

The Friends are having their annual Jumble sale on Saturday 28th January 2006. We would be very grateful for donations of good quality jumble.

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1st BEKESBOURNE BROWNIES.

The 1st Bekesbourne Brownies Unit meets every Tuesday evening during term-time at Bekesbourne Village Hall from 6p.m. to 7-30p.m. Girls can join Brownies from the age of 7 yrs until 10 or 11 years old.

The unit has 24 girls divided into 4 sets of sixes. These are led by a sixer with several years experience of being a Brownie. The seconder is her deputy and assists in helping the younger Brownies with the weekly activities.

Brown Owl (Claire Chalmers) devises a varied programme from the Brownies to follow, such as Crafts, Games, Cooking, Working towards Interest Badges and discussion groups. Several visits have already taken place: for example the Marlowe Theatre to see "Grease" and the Pantomime plus a trip to the Fire Station at Canterbury.

The Brownies regularly attend Bekesbourne Church's Family Service, where they present the Unit's flag to be laid on the altar.

Please ring Brown Owl (Mrs Claire Chalmers) on 01227-700090 if you would like to put your daughter's name on the waiting list, particularly if she is currently attending Rainbows.

Bekesbourne Bells and Organ Project

Those of you who have visited Bekesbourne church in recent months will have realised that work is progressing well, if slowly, on the bells and organ project.

By the time you read this, we hope the restored organ will be back in service and the bulky electronic organ removed from the front of the nave, giving us room for our Christmas celebrations.

The bells were lowered in July, trundled across the churchyard to a lorry on Church Bank, and taken away to Oxfordshire for restoration. A little later, they were sent to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where they were cast over a hundred years ago, to be retuned. In the meantime, building work has been carried out in the tower, inserting steel beams to strengthen the bell frame and forming a new hatch in the ceiling. Local volunteers have cleaned out the bell chamber, de-rusted and repainted all the metal work, and a specialist company had treated all the timber for wood-worm.

All is now ready for the return of the bells with their new clappers and modern fittings. Again restoration has taken longer than we expected and it is unlikely that we will have them rehung by Christmas. However, we hope that it will not be too far into the New Year before the bells are again ringing out for services and other celebrations.

The PCC is extremely grateful to all the local volunteers who have helped with the project and to everyone who has contributed financially. We could not have done it without your help and we hope to have a service celebrating completion of the restoration next year.

Jane Millyard

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A reminder that the Society's Social Evening will be on Tuesday 6 December in Bridge Village Hall. The evening will start at 7.30 pm with a light-hearted quiz on a gardening theme prepared by our Chairman, Roger Austin, to be followed by a seasonal finger buffet supper. All this, not forgetting a raffle, for an entry charge of £3 per person.

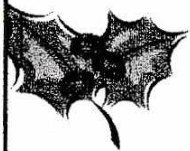
Bridge with Patrixhourne Women's Institute

The December meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, Tuesday 13 December, at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when Avril Woolf is to treat us to poems and songs with the title "Remember Joyce Grenfell". The competition this month is for an item beginning with the letter "N" and, in keeping with tradition, the evening will have a festive feel.

Bridge History Society

Our annual Christmas event this year is a a buffet-style hot and cold supper, including mince pies and mulled wine. Entertainment will be provided by the 'Barnstormers', and will take the form of a 1940s musical evening - to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. It will take place in Bridge Village Hall, and the cost is £7.50 for members and £10 for non-members. Come and join in the fun! Enquiries to John Bishop: 832596

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Happy Holidays!

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What an exciting year Canterbury Choral Society have enjoyed with their very special January concert where Elgar's The Apostles was performed with The Philharmonia Orchestra and a CD made which will be available very soon. They are now looking forward to appearing at the Canterbury Festival with Sir Willard White in A Child of Our Time.

As usual their first concert of the 2005/6 season will be Family Carols at Canterbury Cathedral on Monday, 12th December, which makes by a Brass Ensemble who perform solo pieces during the evening. Richard Cooke endeavours to make the evening enjoyable for the whole family with the children joining him to sing many of the Carols. The popularity of carols is their simplicity and many of them have withstood the passage of countless centuries. Some of the most favourite Carols will be included during the evening, which will again be sponsored by Pharon Independent Financial Adviser, so that tickets prices can be kept to a minimum.

The season continues with Monteverdi Vespers being performed on 21st January 2006, Handel Messiah (Mozart Version) on 1st April and on the 17th June there will be performances of Mozart Serenade for Wind in C minor, Dvorak Serenade for Wind in D minor and Bruckner Mass in E Minor.

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

Full information about the Society including ways to join can be found on their website www.canterburychoral.co.uk or if you wish to join their mailing list telephone 01227 720050.

Folk in the Barn

The sell out **Miranda Sykes concert** was a wonderful evening. Miranda has a beautiful clear, strong voice and her wide choice of material displayed her versatility. Mainly folky, with songs from Sandy Denny and Nanci Griffiths, but also a touch of jazz and blues styles.

There are still tickets available for **Martyn Joseph** in the Canterbury Cathedral International Study Centre on **Friday 16th December**. A friend who is also a fan of Martyn recently said to me, if they had a week to live, and one performer to choose to see, it would be a Martyn Joseph concert. I can't say more than that really. I've only seen him 5 times, I have people coming that have followed him for 17 years and seen him hundreds of times. He is amazing, come and see for yourselves. 01227 831493 for info and tickets and to go on the FolkintheBarn mailing list.

MAIDSTONE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

"Maidstone Symphony Orchestra. Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 3rd December 2005 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone. The programme consists of three works Dvorak - Scherzo capriccioso ~ Simon Proctor- Clarinet Concerto (World Premiere) - Soloist Emma Johnson clarinet and Rimsky-Korsakov - Scheherazade.

The renowned clarinetist, Emma Johnson, returns to the MSO concert platform for the world premiere of a new work by acclaimed Maidstone composer Simon Proctor, and his new Clarinet Concerto. Expect something sparkling and accessible - equal watchworks for Dvorak, at his dancing best, with his Scherzo Capriccioso to open the programme, and for Rimsky-Korsakov, with his dazzling story telling Scheherazade from the Arabian Nights to complete it.

Concert tickets £10, £15, and £20, seats for children or students with a student Card £5, available from Membership Secretaires 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 Luzzatto."

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

NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETINGS
10TH NOVEMBER 2005

Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee was held on Thursday 10th November 2005 in Bridge Village Hall.

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

CA/05/01400/BRI 5 Ford Close, Bridge CT4 5BN

Dormer window to rear of dwelling

CA/05/01435/BRI Trees, Bridge Hill, Bridge, CT4 5AX

Single-storey extension to side of dwelling

The Planning Committee objected to the application listed below:

CA/05/01011/BRI 14 Riverside Close, Bridge CT4 5BN

First floor extension & conversion of one dwelling to two dwellings (revised scheme)

Representatives of local residents, including the Chairman of the local Residents' Association, attended the meeting and expressed their objections to the application. The committee felt that, although the design of the dormer windows has been improved, the other significant objections of the Planning Committee have not been addressed. Canterbury City Council Development Services Dept will be requested to make a site visit.

It was noted that the following planning applications are being granted:

CA/05/01161/BRI Land adjoining 2 Dering Rd Bridge

Erection of detached dwelling and garage

CA/00362/BRI Land South East of Archways, Conyngham Lane, Bridge

Erection of two detached dwellings with associated garaging (Resubmission)

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 8th. December at the earlier time of 6.45 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

Bridge Parish Council met on Thursday 10th November 2005 in the Village Hall.

Sue Radcliffe - Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) visited the meeting and was welcomed by the Parish Council. She explained that her role is to deal with anti-social behaviour and low-level crime. Her area covers Bridge, Littlebourne, Adisham and Rural Canterbury. She may be contacted on 07969584289. The contact number and information about the role of the PCSO will be put on the village website.

Affordable Housing Needs Survey Report -Jennifer Shaw of Action with Communities in Rural Kent answered questions from the council concerning the draft report on the Housing Needs Survey. A committee to take forward the affordable housing plans was formed consisting of Cllr Hill (Chairman), Cllr Edmonds and Cllr Esdale. Ms Shaw will arrange a site visit to Bridge with officers of Canterbury City Council's Planning and Estates Departments and the Affordable Housing Committee to identify a possible site. It was agreed that a maximum of 6 to 8 houses would be considered

Village Flood Map Cllr Gulvin has produced a new flood map giving more accurate detail than the Environmental Agency's map of houses at risk of flooding in Bridge. The council agreed that a letter will be sent to those property owners who are not in flood danger, despite being included on the Environment Agency's map, so that they can reassure possible house purchasers, insurers etc. that their houses are not susceptible to flooding.

Adoption of Parish Council Environmental Policy -The policy was adopted by the council and signed by the Chairman.

Christmas trees - The Christmas trees will be put up in the High St on 3rd December. Volunteers are asked to assemble in Cllr Gulvin's yard at 9.30a.m. Christmas lights will also decorate the yew tree at the entrance to the church yard.

Setting of Budget and Precept - The precept for 2006/7 was agreed. It will include £2,700 to underwrite the costs of the Street Runner youth programme for 2006/7 and £2,000 to purchase an electronic speed sign for Bridge Hill.

Concurrent Funding Function Cllr Esdale confirmed that the agreed Concurrent Funding bid has been sent to the Canterbury City Council for action. The City Council will announce the allocation on 8th December.

Fish Scheme It was agreed to donate £150 from the Kent Village of the Year competition prize to the Bridge Village Fish Scheme

Co-option of new councillor- The meeting to announce the co-option of a new councillor will be held in the Hunter Room on Monday 21st November at 7.30pm.

Annual Parish Meeting -The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th April 2006. This later date will enable the previous year's parish accounts to be finalised before the meeting.

Parking & traffic calming - Cllr Esdale said that, as the church is now open during the day and pedestrians are using the narrow pavement outside, it is even more important to press for traffic calming measures on Bridge Hill. It was agreed to ask the City Council what specific actions were being planned to curb speeding on Bridge Hill.

Bridge Allotment Association- F P Savill's has advised that the lease for the allotments is not yet ready for submission to the Parish Council. They have also informed the Parish Council that the fence round the allotment area will not be erected until next Spring.

Conservation Volunteers - Cllr Lewis reported that the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers is currently looking for suitable projects to benefit from grants for environmental activities. These might include tree planting schemes, hedge planting, tree/pond surveys, creating wildflower meadows and pond restoration. The Parish Council would welcome any suggestions from parishioners for local projects which would benefit from such funding.

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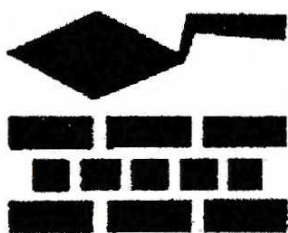
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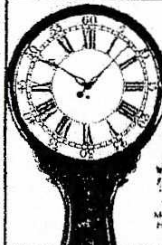
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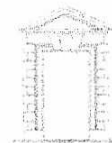
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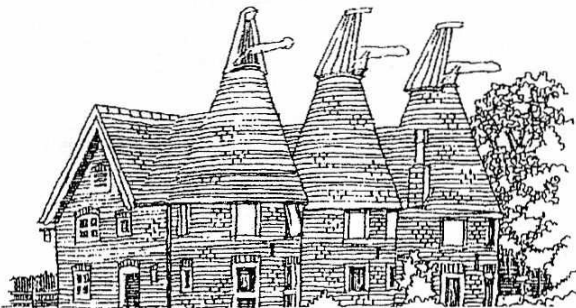


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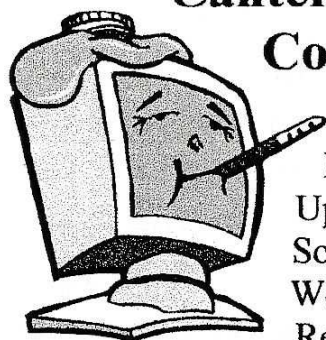
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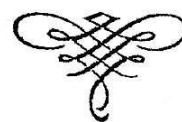
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