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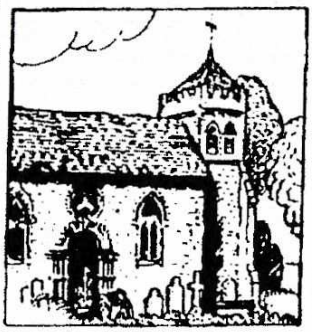

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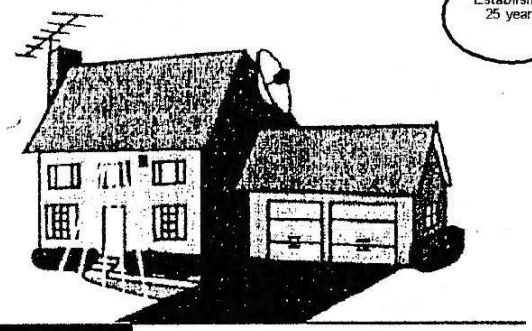

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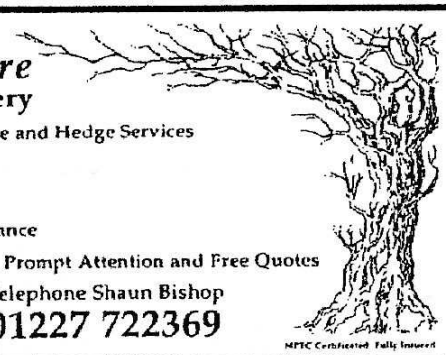

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Services for the month of January 2006

Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 1st January 2006 Christmas 2	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	9.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	OT: Num 6. 22-end NT: Gal 4. 4-7 G: Luke 2. 15-21
Sun 8th Epiphany	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	11.00 am Family Service Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrock	OT: Is 60. 1-6 NT: Eph 3. 1-12 G: Mat 2. 1-12
Sun 15th 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	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: 1 Sam 3. 1-10 NT: Rev 5. 1-10 G: John 1. 43-end
Sun 22nd Epiphany 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 Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	Joint Service at Patrixbourne	OT: Gen14. 17-20 NT: Rev 19. 6-10 G: John 2. 1-11
Sun 29th Epiphany 4	**Paul's Last Sunday** 10.00 am Holy Communion at Patrixbourne 12 noon Shared Lunch at BCEP 2.00 pm Family Service at BCEP					OT: Deut 18. 15-20 NT: Rev 12. 1-5a G: Mark 1. 21-28
Sun 5th February 4th before Lent	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Family Communion & Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrock	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 40. 21-end NT: 1 Cor 9. 16-23 G: Mark 1. 29-39

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

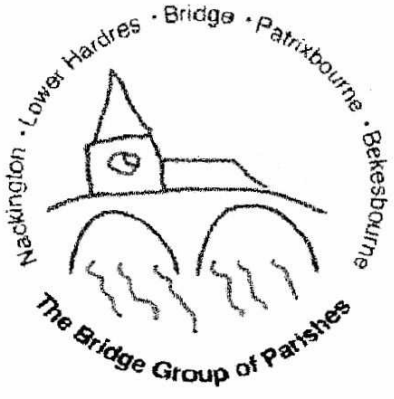
Diary for January 2006

3rd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
5th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
9th Caring and Sharing, 13 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
10th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
11th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop In, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
16th Caring and Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
17th Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
18th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7.30pm
22nd The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
23rd Caring and Sharing, 37 High Street, Bridge 7.30pm
24th Horticultural Society AGM, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
25th Lower Hardres and Nackington PCC Meeting 7.30pm
27th Lower Hardres Church Supper, John Baker White Hall 7.30pm
28th Bekesbourne Jumble Sale, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am
30th Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne
3rd March Wine and Wisdom

Methodist Church Services Jan/Feb 2006

Jan 1st Miss Jean Hall
Jan 8th Rev. Barbara Hether (Covenant Service)
Jan 15th Rev. David Marshall
Jan 22nd Mr Michael Baybutt (B.Sc DMS. C.Eng)
Jan 29th Rev. Donald Lugg
Feb 5th Rev. Barbara Heather



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The Area Dean's Letter

Dear Friends

With the rush and excitement of Christmas behind us, we greet a new year. Each of us has a history unique to ourselves which has brought us to the year 2006 and will affect our future. Perhaps it is as well that whilst we plan for the future, we have no idea how it will turn out or what lies ahead for us!

What is certain is that our future is affected by those around us, as we are created to live in community rather than isolation, so the decisions I make in my life will have an effect on the lives of others. That's a responsibility we often neglect and yet is so vital.

The Magi, whose arrival at Bethlehem we celebrate on 6th January, took their history with them when they presented their gifts to the Christ Child, but in so doing they changed their future and ours for ever. In acknowledging the infant Jesus as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, they demonstrated that Christ is for all people.

How will your actions and decisions affect those around you in the coming months?

One thing for certain is that life will be different for Paul & Judy Filmer and the parishes of the Bridge Benefice, as they prepare to move on to a new home and ministry. We are grateful for their leadership of those parishes and for the many ways they have contributed to the life of the deanery these part years, and we wish them every joy and blessing in whatever God has for them.

Please also pray for the Churchwardens and clergy who will continue the life of the parishes during the interregnum, and those responsible for choosing a successor, that God's will for His church may continue to grow and blossom.

Happy New Year!

Rev David Roper

Funeral

14/11	Barham(B)	Margaret Garland
25/11	Bekesbourne	Josephine Reynolds

Paul's Last Sunday
Paul will take his last services with us on Sunday 29th January. In order for the whole church family to be involved we have made the following arrangements.
There will be a Benefice Communion Service at Patrixbourne Church from 10-11am and a Benefice Family Service at Bridge School from 2-3pm. Between these services, everyone is invited to a Bring and Share lunch (contact Pat Dunderdale 830668 for details) at Bridge School at 12 noon.
This will be our official opportunity to say goodbye to Paul, Judy and Kate and we would encourage as many parishioners as possible to take part.

Children's Christmas Workshop
Thank you to ALL the helpers and of course to all the children for coming. It was a FUN time.

Lower Hardres Coffee Morning
We had a lovely time with a mini-Christmas Fair in November. Pip the Clown was fantastic with both the children and adults, especially Canon Duke!! We raised £300 and had a very happy fun time.

A very Happy New Year to you all.
Margaret

Health and Healing

The meeting this month is on Thusday January 5th at 7 Windmill Close at 7.30pm. If by any chance we get severe arctic weather and the meeting will have to be cancelled, there will be a notice put up on the Bridge Church notice board.

The prayer cycle is continuous as regular members know. Prayer is so vital and the feed back this past month has been very uplifting. It is so comforting for those on the prayer list, to know that so many people are praying for them. Please keep sending in your requests, and if you can come in person, you are assured of a very warm welcome.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish News

As ever, the Coffee Pop-In is on the second Wednesday of the month, January 11th from 10am to 11.15am.

This month we also have the Winter Warmer Lunch on Wednesday January 25th in Bridge Village Hall.

A Very Happy New Year.

GARAGE SALE

Where: The Vicarage, 23 High Street, Bridge

When: Saturday 21st January 10am - 3pm

Why: 1. Due to downsizing from the Vicarage when we move to Walderslade we have lots of items we are unable to take with us.

2. All money raised will be given to our daughter and son-in-law (Sam and Matt) who are spending two months next year working at a Mission Hospital in rural Kenya. They will be funding themselves.

Woodpeckers Nursery "Bob the Builder Project: Build It"

We have been working on a topic in conjunction with a competition on a theme of "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" as run by the Bob the Builder "Project: Build It". In the new series of the programme Bob has moved to construct a new ecologically friendly community in a valley called "Sunflower Valley".

We told the story to the children and sent a letter home about the project asking the parents to help the children to create a building for our own "Sunflower Valley" from the contents of their recycling bin. The results were fantastic! It all came together during a "Bob the Builder Week" at the Nursery. The children discussed what we would need in "The Valley" and each day worked together to construct things for it. There were houses, a village duck pond, farmhouses, a school, a wind farm, a play park and a Christmas tree.

The Children and Parents were very interested to watch as each day "The Valley" grew. At the end of the week we took photographs of "Sunflower Valley" and sent them off to enter the competition. We could win an artist in residence for a day workshop, Bob the Builder tool boxes, books, DVDs and toys and even a visit from Bob the Builder himself. So the children are waiting in anticipation for the results in the New Year!

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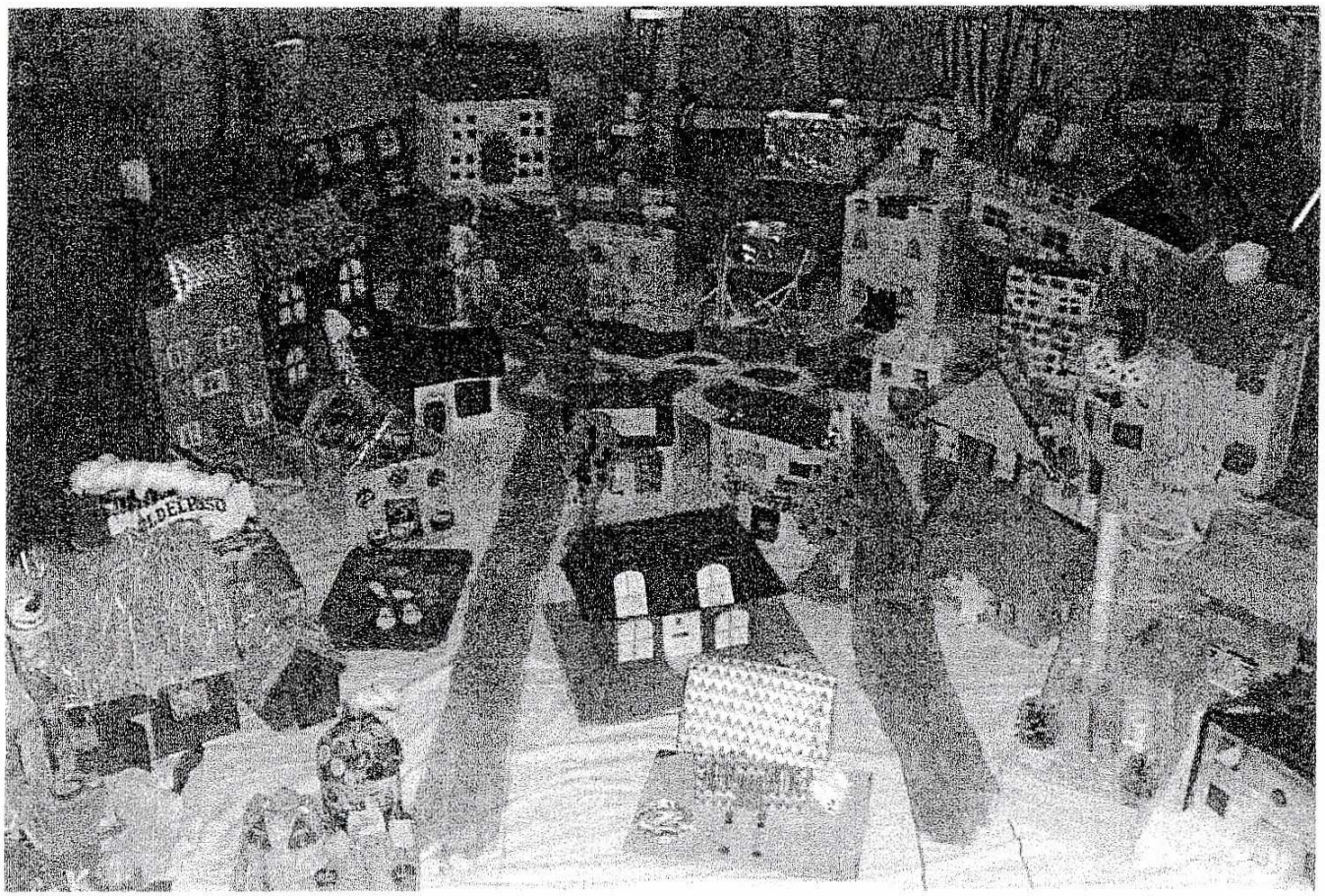

Bridge Shopmobility Scooter

The Bridge Caring and Sharing Group, a group of local women who meet informally during term time, has raised funds to purchase an electric mobility scooter. This is available on short term loan to any resident or visitor to Bridge with a mobility problem. It may be that someone would like to try the scooter before purchasing one. There is no charge but donations towards the upkeep of the scooter would be most appreciated.

For further details please ring Mrs Peggy Pryer on 01227 832058.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Society's AGM will be held on Tuesday 24 January at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. This is of course the time to renew subscriptions, which we agreed to raise last year to £3 for single membership and £5 for a family. The names of those renewing on the night will be entered in the draw for 2 tickets for the Chelsea Flower Show.

The brief business part of the evening will then be followed by a short talk - watch out for more details nearer the time - and refreshments.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

Mr Greenville Harmer returns to Bridge to start off the 2006 programme with a talk entitled "A Walk Around Dover" to be held on Tuesday 17th January at the usual time of 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.

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

Kathy Walder

Poppy Appeal

This year our wonderful collectors have raised another record sum - £1870.24.

As I do every year, may I express my very sincere and grateful thanks to every individual, to every pub and every shop who contributes annually to our cause.

While it may be invidious to mention individuals, I would, nevertheless, like to pay a particular tribute to the staff of Bridgeway Store who regularly return three full tins. This year their total was nearly £200 - a truly magnificent sum, especially when the RBL is only one of several charities they support.

It is a fact that these unmanned static points contribute about half of our annual total.

Thank you so much, everybody who collected or donated - or, indeed, counted the final takings.

The Royal British Legion depends entirely upon these contributions and is extremely grateful.

B Whiting

Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar

There was a real Christmassy atmosphere at the bazaar, with various stalls selling gifts, plants, product and home made cakes.

The brownies served refreshments throughout the morning and had lovely hand made door wreaths, gift tags and Christmas cards for sale.

The first prize in the raffle of a hamper was won by Joy Smith.

Many thanks to everyone who generously donated gifts, helped on the morning or attended the bazaar.

£396 was raised for Church funds.

Carols at the Unicorn

It was a full house at the Unicorn on Wednesday 14th December for an evening of carol singing. The singers were led by David Cutting on the piano and Stuart Field on the violin.

A raffle on the night raised £93 for Church funds.

Many thanks to Cheryl and Clive for a very enjoyable evening.

Bekesbourne Wednesday Walk Group

The sun shone on the Wednesday walk group in December as they made their way from Shalmsford Street to Denne Woods and back via Garlinge Green, Perry court and St. Augustine's Downs.

After the two hour walk the group enjoyed lunch at the Unicorn.

In the New Year, as an experiment, the group will meet to walk on the third Thursday of the month as well at the first Wednesday to enable people who are not available on Wednesday mornings to join in.

The next walks will be Wednesday 4th January and Thursday 19th. Meeting at Bekesbourne Village Hall at 9.45am.

All new walkers welcome. Telephone Joan Atkins for details on 831127.

Bekesbourne Bingo Nights

For over 30 years Bob Freelove has organised bingo nights at the village hall.

The entrance cost is only 50p. These are always fun social evenings with tea and biscuits served in the interval.

They are held alternate weeks and the next bingo night is Thursday 5th January. Just turn up, you will be made welcome.

If you would like more information contact Bob on 01227 456854.

Friends of Bekesbourne Church

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday
28 January 2006

10 am

Bekesbourne Village Hall

Admission 25p

YOGA IS BACK IN BRIDGE!

It's a sad fact and a reflection perhaps on our human weaknesses that despite all our noble intentions at the start of January so many of our firmest resolutions have gone up in smoke (no pun intended) by the end of February - or even earlier if we're honest. Yet we'll probably all make the same mistake again this year - setting goals for ourselves that are simply unachievable.

If this sounds at all familiar then maybe this New Year would be a good time to think about Yoga.

Starting in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday January 11th, from 7- 8.30 pm will be a special beginners class aimed at those new to Yoga. A great opportunity to start 2006 with a program that will keep you supple, relaxed and in good general health, (just ask your GP!) and all for only £5 a week!

The class is taught by Caroline Bindon-Blood, who explained what first attracted her to Yoga. "I began Yoga because I was careering towards the big 40 at a rate of knots and felt that I should be taking more care of myself as I hated any form of exercise. I found that not only did my body respond positively but I found out unexpectedly that it sorted my brain out too! It's never too late to start, age is unimportant. But I wish I'd actually started sooner"

She says that she wanted to teach so that others could reap similar benefits.

Caroline stresses the appeal in the simplicity of Yoga compared to other disciplines. "There's no laying out money for gym memberships and expensive clobber. All you need is a mat (available cheaply at Boots, Argos, TK Maxx etc) and for relaxation any old blanket that you might have knocking around would suffice. That's it!

Caroline is also keen to stress that there is no competitive element to Yoga. As she puts it "You must leave your ego at the door".

She went to explain that Yoga is not a religion. "You don't have to chant all night and burn incense! Although it does have a philosophical side if you want to broaden your own interest. It is basically a holistic approach to health that originated in India thousands of years ago by ancient sages. It was actually introduced into this country by people like Yehudi Menuin and the Beatles in the sixties who bought with them Indian gurus."

"The postures that one associates with Yoga have been modified for the western world and whilst still beneficial, they are more suited to our way of life. And more importantly to our climate."

So why not make a promise to yourself to start Yoga in the New Year, its here in your village and you may not even need to get the car out! That great new beginning might only be walking distance away.

"It's not a miracle" says Caroline "it will take more than a few weeks to notice the change but you will notice the change! And it's a great chance to meet some very lovely people! You needn't take my word for it – everyone from Albert Einstein to Madonna practised Yoga at some point!"

"Because you can and because it will really make a difference - give it a go!"

YOGA at BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL - every Wednesday 7 - 8.30pm

For details contact Caroline Bindon- Blood 01227 720 061

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KMBRC has designed and produced the Kent Wildlife Recording Calendar 2006 (see image) to help you to record in your garden. Uniquely designed with two sets of dates for each month, you can keep one as your every day appointment reminder and use the other to write in the wildlife you see in your garden, which can then be sent back to KMBRC.

Local artist and KMBRC Recorder, Edward Walters, has drawn six illustrations for every month of the calendar from his own garden. Hopefully these will provide inspiration for you to look more closely at the wildlife in your garden and get recording!

Introducing the Kent & Medway Biological Records Centre's Kent Wildlife Recording Calendar 2006...

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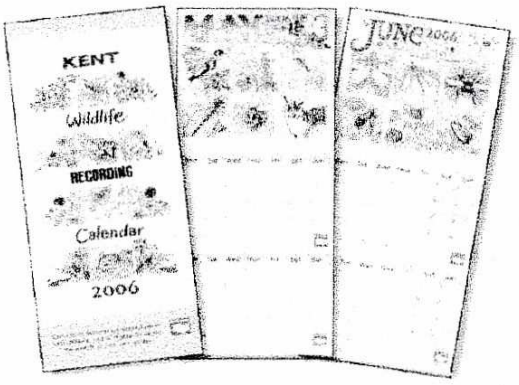

Use the lower set of dates to record the wildlife you have seen each month, then fill in your details on the back and return your records to KMBRC.

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The first concert for 2006 by Canterbury Choral Society will be Monteverdi's Vespers on January 21st in Canterbury Cathedral.

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Born in 1567 in Cremona, Italy, Monteverdi studied with the *maestro di cappella* at the cathedral, his first piece was published when he was fifteen. In 1592 he gained a position at the court of Vincenzo I, Duke of Mantua as a viola player and singer, touring the continent, free to hear the musical trends of the time. His wife died in 1607 and this tragedy caused him to have a nervous breakdown, he was dismissed from the Court and a fire destroyed the manuscripts of twelve of his operas. In 1613 he was appointed head of music at St Mark's in Venice, the most prestigious church appointment outside Rome In 1632 he took Holy Orders, seemingly more content in the service of God than the Venetian court!. The opening of the first opera house in Venice in 1637 inspired him in old age to write five remarkable operas.

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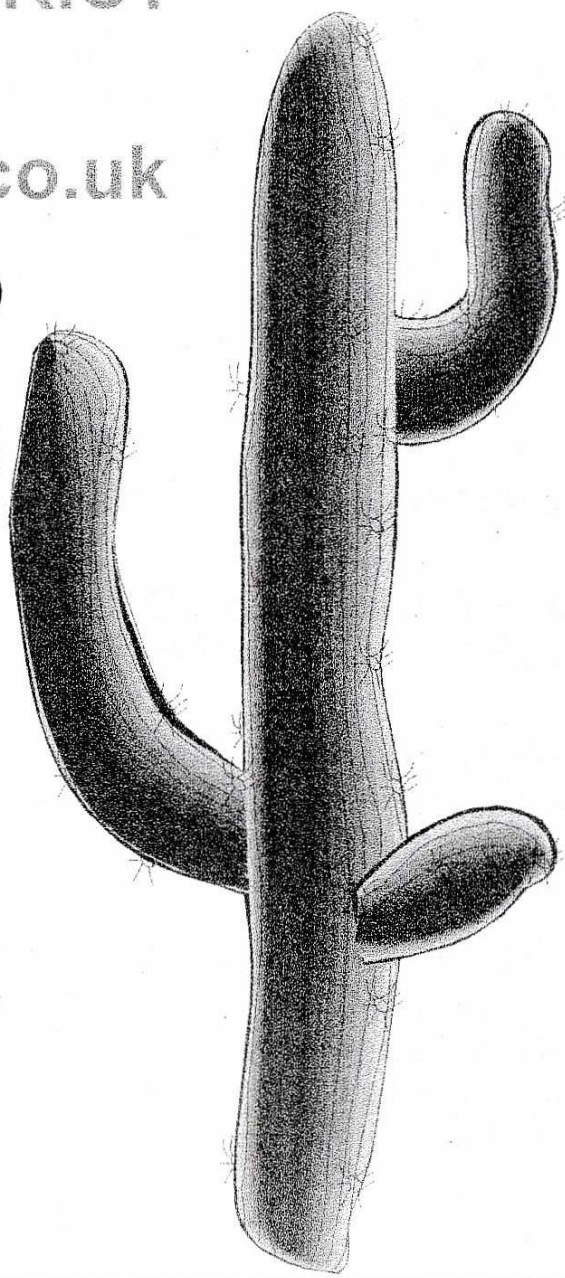

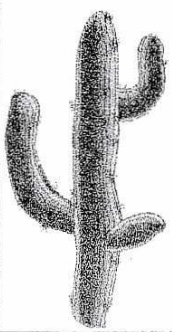

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

14 members were present at the monthly meeting on 13th December with Bernie Guyatt in the Chair.

Our Poppy Appeal Collection now totals just under £3,000 with possibly a small amount still to be added on. Our thanks to all those who helped collect, many of whom were Littlebourne WI ladies. Also the brave people who manned our collection point outside Littlebourne Post Office. This collection, done over two days, raised just over £230. Well done everybody!

We are holding our next Annual Dinner on Friday, 24th February at Canterbury Golf Club. This is a very nice new venue for the Branch and we hope many members and their guests will join us. For details please ring the Branch Secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next 2 meetings will be on Tuesdays, 10th January 2006 and 14th February 2006 - both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

We would like to wish all our members an enjoyable Christmas and a happy and peaceful new year.

Notes from Bridge Parish Council and Planning Meeting - 8th December 2005

Co-option of new parish councillor - Cllr Hill (Chairman of the Parish Council) welcomed Cllr Julie Bennett who has been co-opted onto the parish council.

Christmas trees - Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Esdale and other councillors and helpers for their work in erecting the 56 Christmas trees in the village. It was agreed that the trees would be taken down on Saturday 7th January.

Green bin collections - It was decided not to object to the suspension of green bin collection over the winter period. City Cllr John Anderson explained that it had proved uneconomic to continue with these because so little green refuse was collected over this period and manpower was required for other duties in bad weather.

Bridge Primary school - It was agreed to discuss liaison with the primary school with the headmistress, Ms Renuka Chinnadurai, who has been invited to attend the parish council meeting in January 2006. It was noted that Bridge Primary School has been rated in the best five Kent primary schools in recent government league tables.

Parish Newsletter - The Parish Newsletter will be distributed in January. The Parish Plan will also be ready for distribution in early in the New Year.

Recreation Ground - Moles continue to be a serious problem on the recreation ground, despite regular treatment by a pest control company. It was agreed that further consideration should be given to this on going problem in the New Year.

Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area

Waylands Town Hill

Fell two apple trees- No objection

9 Union Rd, Bridge

Fell large flowering cherry in left hand corner of rear garden- No Objection

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Notes from Bridge Planning Committee Meeting- 8th December 2005

Plans for 14 Riverside Close, Bridge (Ref; CA/05/01011/BRI) will be discussed at the Development Control Committee on 13th December. Cllr Edmonds will oppose the application on behalf of Bridge Parish Council.

CA/05/01477/BRI Erection of three two-storey dwellings with associated works (Revised)

Land on the corner of Dering Rd and Filmer Rd.

Objections were raised to this application by several local residents at the meeting. The main area of concern was over safety because of the restricted access to the proposed development on a narrow road with on street parking. It was agreed that the parking issue would be raised by the Planning Committee and additional assurances sought concerning the height of the roofscape. However, it was decided that the Planning Committee would not object to this revised application.

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PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

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Mr L H Dunderdale, 37 High St, Bridge (830668)
Mr D Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

PCC Secretary

PCC Treasurer Mr L Andrews, 120 New Dover Road, Canterbury (765773)

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Organist (Patrixbourne) Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, KeepersHill, Patrixbourne (830205)

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens Mrs J Gillanders, Cala, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne
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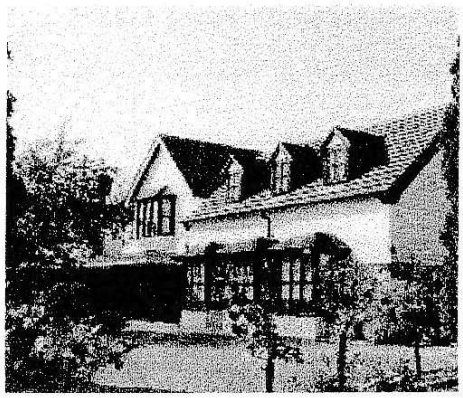

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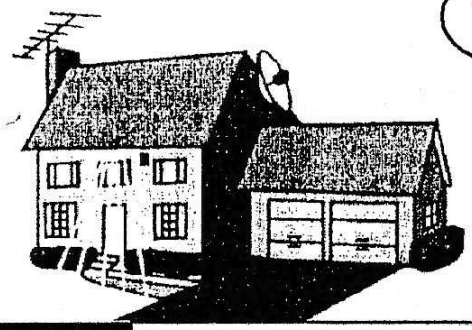

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Sun 5th 4th before Lent	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Canon H Harland	9.30 am Family Communion & Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrock	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 40. 21-end NT: 1 Cor 9. 16-23 G: Mark 1. 29-39
Sun 12th 3rd before Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	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 J Shorrock	OT: 2 Kings 5. 1-14 NT: 1 Cor 9. 24-end G: Mark 1. 40-end
Sun 19th 2nd before Lent	8.00 am BCP Communion	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	Joint Service at Bridge	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon H Harland	OT: Prov 8. 1,22-31 NT: Col 1. 15-20 G: John 1. 1-14
Sun 26th Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev D Roper 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev Dr J Law	Joint Service at Patrixbourne	OT: 2 Kings 2. 1-12 NT: 1 Peter 3. 18-end G: Mark 1. 9-15
Weds 1st March Ash Wednesday			7.00 pm Extended Holy Communion Mrs M Clarke			OT: Joel 2. 1-2,12-17 NT: 2 Cor 5.20b-6.10 G: Mat 6. 1-6, 16-21
Sun 5th March Lent 1	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Family Communion & Upper Room Rev G Greenwood	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev D Roper	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 9. 8-17 NT: 1 Peter 3. 18-end G: Mark 1. 9-15

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for February 2006

1st Bekesbourne PCC Meeting 7.30pm
2nd Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
6th Caring and Sharing, 20 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
14th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
16th Bridge History Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
20th Caring and Sharing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
21st Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute Meeting, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
23rd Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
26th The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
27th Caring and sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge 7.30pm
28th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm

Forthcoming Events - Bridge

25th March Bangers, Beetle and Bingo Evening
25th June Garden Opening Event

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

3rd March Wine and Wisdom 7.30pm
22nd-24th Sept Flower Festival

Bridge Methodist Church

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Doesn't Time Fly?

It only seems like yesterday that I began my ministry here in the Bridge group, but its actually 6 years since I came to Bridge and 9 years since I started work in Lower Hardres and Nackington. In that time a lot has happened and we have come a long way together.

I've made a lot of friends, celebrated marriages, births and baptisms, and shared the grief of saying a final goodbye to those God has taken to himself. I've seen some projects fly high and others sink without trace. Nothing ventured, nothing gained - such is life.

It has been a privilege to share your highs and lows over the years, and to work with the many people who demonstrate their faith through everyday acts of kindness and generosity. In particular I have valued the companionship of Margaret Clarke aka Munchkin as a colleague and friend in what can be (surprisingly) a lonely ministry. I am also grateful to our team of volunteers in front of and behind the scenes who ensure that the church continues to do what it exists for - to declare the gospel of Christ by word and deed to all who will listen in each new generation.

Any minute now (remember that God sees a day as a thousand years) the 5 churches will formally become a benefice under the leadership of a new vicar. I pray and trust that God will guide those involved in the choice of my successor, and wish him/her every joy in their new appointment.

May God bless you all.

PAUL FILMER

Funeral

19/12	Barham(B)	Phyllis Matilda Lewis
30/12	Barham(B)	Rebecca Lam

Interregnum

As you will see from the service grid this month, we're trying to keep things as close to normal practice as possible. Of course this will not always be possible and we would ask for your patience as inevitable alterations or hiccups occur. During the interregnum please contact your local churchwardens in the first instance for any parish matters and our Area Dean, Rev David Roper (01227 831340) if you have an urgent need to talk to a vicar.

Paul

By the time you read this Paul will have held his final services. We do wish him, Judy and Family every blessing and happiness in his new venture and calling to be a University Chaplain. We are grateful for all he has done for us and our prayers go with him.

BIKE RIDE TO SAVE OUR CHURCHES!

Friends of Kent Churches will be holding their annual Sponsored Bike Ride on Saturday September 9th 2006. I am looking for someone in Bridge to take on the post of local organiser for this event.

It's not too time consuming except on the day! - if you think you could help, please will you contact Muriel Cullen (Area Organiser) 24 High Street, Bridge:
Tel. No. 01227 832694.

Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting will be on Thursday February 2nd - Candlemass Day, at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close.

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 is good to share our concerns and to receive God's healing power.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish News

Are you a Fish Scheme volunteer driver? If so, you will know how satisfying it is to be able to help around the villages.

Could you please ask someone else to do the same? You know it doesn't take much time and when you can't help that is completely understood. thank you for making our villages a good place to live.

The next Coffee Pop-in is on Wednesday February 8th between 10am and 11.15am in Bridge Village Hall. Do come.

The Children's Society Fund Raising in Bridge

In 2005		**Raised**
Home and Shop boxes		£543.39
Sundry donations		35.00
Christingle Service collection		445.00
	Total	£1023.39

Gift Aid envelopes will enable more to be claimed by the Charity

Sadly Mrs Pam Francis, a long time supporter of the Children's Society, died on 12th October 2005. Mr Francis kindly forwarded contributions given in lieu of flowers, totalling a wonderful sum of £980, to this Charity, in her memory and to help with its work for needy children.

A sincere thank you to all who made these results possible.

In 2006

In Feb/March boxes will be opened, when convenient to holders. Kathy Eynon (Tel 830466, 19 Bridge down) will be in touch. Please contact her if you have any queries.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

K. Eynon

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCETY

On Thursday 23rd February at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Mrs Janet Curd will be giving a talk and demonstration on 'Flowers for Every Occasion'. It is hoped that members will pick up tips and be inspired to enter the floral art classes at the Society's Spring and Summer Shows.

Mrs Curd will be doing three arrangements for us, which will be raffled afterwards to help to cover the cost of the flowers.

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

BRIDGE WITH PATRIXBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday 21st February there will be an illustrated talk on 'The History of Dreamland' by Mr N Evans.

The competition for the February meeting is for an article beginning with the letter "E".

BRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting is on Thursday 16 February at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. Heather Newton will be speaking to us as the director of Canterbury Cathedral Stonemasons' Yard. She is a practising and skilled stonemason and has a great and infectious enthusiasm for her work. Heather will describe for us the nature and challenges of caring for the stone of this world-renowned heritage site and will doubtless bring with her some of the stones and tools of her trade. She is willing to answer our questions and will prepare us for our visit in March to the Stonemasons' Yard. (The March visit is now fully subscribed but it would be possible to arrange a second visit if this is desirable.)

Meriel Connor (830487)

COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES.

Canterbury City Councillor John Anderson, representing the North Nailbourne Ward, consisting of Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patrixbourne and Bishopsbourne, would like to remind all residents that owing to the low uptake of the regular venues, and for their convenience, that he is now holding surgeries by appointment. Normally these are held on Saturday Mornings between 10am--Noon, but other times and venues can be arranged. Phone on 01227 830260 or by e-mail john.anderson@canterbury.gov.uk to make an appointment.

1st BRIDGE RAINBOWS

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Our Rainbow programme is well balanced providing enjoyment for every girl and the involvement of every girl valued. It is a great environment to develop social skills, friendships and understand the world around us.

If you would like further information, please contact Sarah Wetherall - 830319.

Nailbourne Scouts Christmas Post

Once again the "Scout Mail" was a great success.

The Scouts would like to thank all residents who supported them by using their post service.

A total of £56.06 was received in donations - which go towards Scout funds.

BEKESBOURNE NEWS

Wine and Wisdom

Every year the Friends of Bekesbourne Church hold a wine and wisdom evening in the village hall.

This year's event will be on Friday 3rd March, 7.30 start and £3.50 per person.

Last years winning table have agreed to set and ask the questions.

If you would like to book a table contact Gill Moon Tel 832134.

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Flower Festival

Can you believe it is 10 years this summer since Bekesbourne Church last held a flower festival!

We are planning a flower festival for this year, the dates will be, 22nd 23rd and 24th September 2006.

If you are a keen flower arranger and would like to volunteer to help with the displays we will be pleased to hear from you. We will be planning a meeting for the flower arrangers in March.

Alternatively you can help us nearer the time by donating home made cakes, helping serve teas over the week end or take cuttings from your garden in the spring and growing on plants which can be sold on the plant stall.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact Zan Clifford 830328 or Gill Moon 832134

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The position is part-time working from home for an average of 6 hours a week. Duties include: dealing with parish council correspondence; keeping the parish books; organising the bi-monthly parish council meetings; taking minutes; and following up a wide variety of other matters as instructed by the Council.

The annual salary will rise to £2434 from April 2006.

For more information, contact the Chairman, Cllr John Ash, on 01227 830214 or the current Clerk, Jill Thomas, on 01227 832573.

Jan 2006

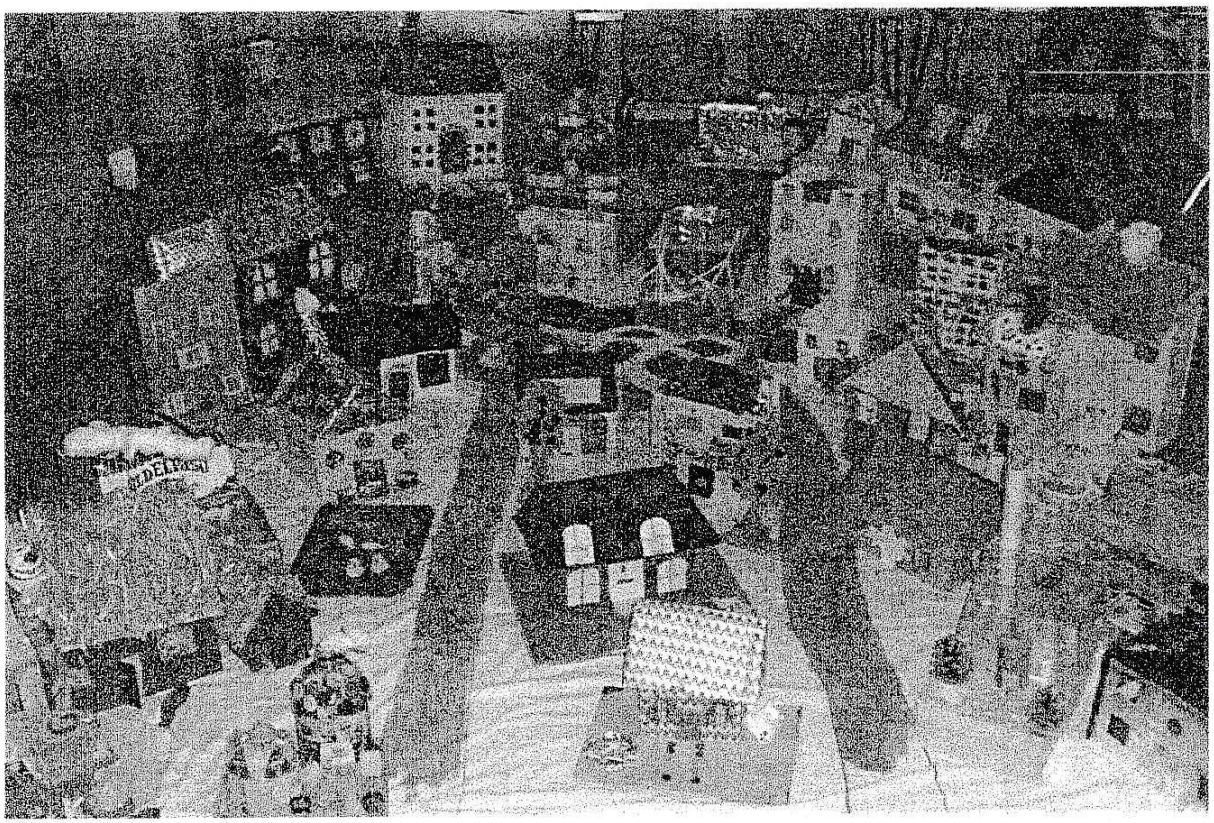
Woodpeckers Nursery "Bob the Builder Project: Build It"

Last months 'On The Nail' featured an article about our 'Bob The Builder Project' entry into a competition.

I am now able to tell you of our great excitement as we have WON!

The Children are now looking forward to a visit by 'Bob The Builder' and an artist in residence workshop. Watch out for a further report.

Angie Sheppard.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH 19 members were present at the monthly meeting on 10th January 2006, Chaired by Bernie Guyatt. He welcomed David Brazier, John Lord and John Marsh from Shepherdswell branch which is now in suspense. Good wishes went to George Mills and John Berry with health problems.

Our Annual Dinner is on 24th February at Canterbury Golf Club. For details please ring the Branch Secretary on 01227 472023. Other events coming up - our Games Night on Tuesday, 21 st March at the Recreation Club, and a Quiz at the Hay Wain (date to be arranged).

2006 is the Branch's 85th Anniversary. We hope to have some kind of celebration later in the year and details of this will be announced.

Can I mention once again that we would be delighted to welcome new members to the Branch. We are a friendly bunch and our meetings are quite informal. Anyone interested can contact the Secretary on the above number for information.

At the end of meetings a member gives a short talk on a subject of their choice. This month Bernie Guyatt talked to us on his hobbies, one of which is carriage restoration.

Our next 2 meetings will be on Tuesdays, 14th February and 14th March - both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

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Saturday 18th March 2006
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Janet Horsley 01227 830923

Open Gardens in Bridge

On 25th June a group of villagers will be opening their gardens to raise money for our local churches. Please can you save a few of your cuttings and plants for our plant stall which will be sited in the Churchyard, we will also be selling refreshments. This is a new venture which we hope will be a success. More details will be given nearer the time but put 25th June in your diary now.

BANGERS, BINGO AND BEETLE EVENING

This event is being organised to coincide with our Japanese visitors from Tenryu. They have a packed itinerary whilst staying with host families in the village. We thought a social event for them to meet other villagers would be a good idea, if you would like to come please contact Evelyn Andrews 830960 or Pat Dunderdale 830668 for tickets or more information.

Saturday 25th March 2006
Bridge School Hall
5.30pm - 7.30pm
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The timing is suited for families of younger children - but all ages welcome!

'FOLK IN THE BARN' JAN-FEB NEWS

Thanks to all of you who have supported Folk in the Barn throughout 2005. The *Autumn' Winter series Of concerts was brought to an end by the amazing* Welshman Martyn Joseph, who gave a powerful and emotional performance at the Clagett Auditorium on Dec 16th. Its is great to see so many more local people coming along and discovering these brilliant but relatively unknown Artistes. Please keep coming in 2006 and we'll keep the music flowing. On that note.....

I'm very pleased to announce that we have **BBC2 Folk Awards 2004 · MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR -Martin Simpson** coming to play at.....
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Martin Simpson is one of the most visible examples of the relationship between the Celtic folk of the UK and American music such as country and me blues, - one of the most technically gifted guitarists alive today.

I know that this will be another wonderful evening in the shadow of the awesome Canterbury Cathedral.

Email or ring me if you want to come along and share it Debs 01227 831493 folkinthebarn@foxinsocks.freeserve.co.uk

MAIDSTONE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra. Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 4th February 2006 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone. The programme consists of three works ~ Mendelssohn - Overture Ruy Blas. ~ Tchaikovsky- Violin Concerto Soloist Omar Guey and Schubert-Symphony No.9 'Great C major'.

MSO introduce Omar Guey, a superb Brazilian violinist out of New York, to play Tchaikovsky's popular concerto. Poisoning and adultery are the themes of Victor Hugo's play 'Ruy Rlas, to which Mendelssohn added inimitable musical elegance in his overture to open the concert. Last up in the evening's programme are the extensive early- romantic glories of Schubert's 9th Symphony, the 'Great C major'. Concert bckets £10, *£15* and £20, seats for children and students with a student card £5, available from Membership Secretaries on 01622 736392, paid for and collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall, or from Mote Hall Box Office 01622 761111 when payment can be made by credit card.

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NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS 12th January 2006

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Ms Renuka Chinnadurai was welcomed by the Parish Council as the new Head teacher at Bridge & Patrixbourne CE School. Ms Chinnadurai said that she hoped the school would become more involved in the community of Bridge.

Mr Chris Lewis – Development Control Manager, Canterbury City Council addressed the meeting. He explained the planning process and the procedures for enforcement and consultation with planning officers. He answered questions from councillors and agreed that planning officers should write to the parish council to explain the reasons for decisions which went against parish council recommendations.

Bridge Parish Plan -Mr Bill Oakey presented the Bridge Parish Plan to the meeting. In accepting the plan on behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Hill congratulated the plan committee for their excellent work over the past two years in producing the plan.

Recreation Ground- It was reported that moles were an increasingly serious problem. The parish council are to seek advice from relevant agencies in an effort to find a more effective method of controlling them.

Sports Pavilion - Cllr Gulvin reported that the sports pavilion had again been the target of vandalism; guttering and windows had been broken and it had been daubed with graffiti. The Bridge Village Sports Trust was arranging for repairs to be carried out and the damaged picnic bench would be repaired at the same time.

Slip Road over the A2 – It was reported that Kent Highways' sub contractors had discovered that the damaged balustrade was sub standard and they would therefore have to replace the full length of the balustrade with a higher specification alternative. The sub contractors would inform the parish clerk when the repairs were to be carried out.

Parish Newsletter – A draft copy of the Parish Newsletter was circulated for comment. It is hoped to distribute the Newsletter round the village by February. Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Corfield for his work in compiling the Newsletter.

Repair of the kissing gate near CB302 – Cllr Hill had made temporary repairs to the gate. It was agreed that a working party of councillors would make a permanent repair on Saturday 21st January.

The precept requirement for 2006/7– There would be a shortfall of approximately £420 on concurrent funding from the city council. This and other commitments would be reflected in the village precept. Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Esdale for his work on the budget.

Redundant Road Signs – It was agreed that Cllrs Esdale and Lewis would walk round the village and identify redundant road signs with a view to having them removed.

Corrall's Fuel Store – Concern had been expressed over safety issues following the Buncefield Depot explosion last year. It was agreed that Cllr Esdale would contact Corralls and the Fire Service to ascertain what emergency plans were in place in view of the fuel store's close proximity to housing. He would also investigate any future plans for the site when Corrall's current lease ends.

Zebra crossing outside Bridge Pharmacy – It was agreed that this crossing was made dangerous because of cars being parked on the zigzag lines, thereby restricting visibility. The parish council had fought hard to have the crossing put there initially and the problem lay not with the crossing but with motorists who persisted in parking illegally. The Parish Council will continue to work to find a solution to the problems of illegal and dangerous parking in the village.

Patrixbourne Rd -It was reported that the pavement on Patrixbourne Rd was very uneven and frequently flooded by large puddles. This was a danger, especially to pedestrians walking to Bridge Health Centre. It was agreed to ask for emergency repairs to be carried out.

Christmas trees – Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Esdale, other councillors and parishioners for their work in taking down the 56 Christmas trees in the village. Many favourable comments on the Christmas trees in the High St. had been received this year.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th February at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are very welcome to attend. Members of the public are invited to address the Council between 7.30 and 7.45pm.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

CA/05/01477/BRI - Erection of three two-storey dwellings with associated works (Revised) - land on the corner of Dering Rd. and Filmer Rd. This application was passed at the Development Control Committee on 10th December 2005 with the conditions that developers carry out an ecological study into the area's wildlife and secure the implementation of a programme of archaeological work prior to any development taking place.

It was also noted that the following planning applications have been granted;

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

Dormer window to rear of dwelling

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

Single-storey extension to side of dwelling

CA/05/01416/BRI 14 Riverside Close, Bridge

Conversion of one dwelling into two dwellings (Revised scheme)

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The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 9th. February 2006 at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

The agendas and minutes of the Parish Council meetings and the Planning Committee are posted each month on the Parish Council notice boards at the White Horse and Bridge Down.

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Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Weds 1st March Ash Wednesday			7.00 pm Holy Communion Can G Manley			OT: Joel 2. 1-2,12-17 NT: 2 Cor 5.20b-6.10 G: Mat 6. 1-6, 16-21
Sun 5th Lent 1	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion and Baptism Rev J Thackray	9.30 am Family Communion & Upper Room Rev G Greenwood	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev D Roper	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 9. 8-17 NT: 1 Peter 3. 18-end G: Mark 1. 9-15
Sun 12th Lent 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev G Greenwood	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service	10.00 am Mattins	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Childs	OT: Gen 17.1-7,15-16 NT: Rom 4. 13-end G: Mark 8. 31-end
Sun 19th Lent 3	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev D Roper	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev A Rose	OT: Ex 20. 1-17 NT: 1 Cor 1. 18-25 G: John 2. 13-22
Sun 26th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	10.00 am Mothering Sunday Service Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Packer 6.00 pm Evensong Chris Maclean	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrock	10.00 am Mothering Sunday Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Num 21. 4-9 NT: Eph 2. 1-10 G: John 3. 14-21
Sun 2nd April Lent 5	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev G Greenwood	9.30 am Family Communion & Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrock	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Jer 31. 31-34 NT: Heb 5. 5-10 G: John 12. 20-33

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for March 2006

2nd Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
3rd Women's World Day of Prayer, Bridge Methodist Church 11am
Friends of Bekesbourne Church Wine & Wisdom, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm
6th Caring and Sharing, 20 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbledown 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
Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC Meeting, Methodist Church 7.30pm
11th League of Friends Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall 10am - 12 noon
13th Caring and Sharing, 22 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
14th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
20th Caring and Sharing, 16 Riverside Close, 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
25th Bangers, Beetle & Bingo, Bridge School 6.00pm
27th Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
28th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
29th Bekesbourne Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events - Bridge

17th June Bridge Village Fete
25th June Garden Opening Event

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

21st May Rogation Sunday Walk
1st July Snowdown Colliery choir concert
15th July Boot fair
22nd-24th Sept Flower Festival

Bridge Methodist Church Services - all at 11am

March 3rd Women's World Day of Prayer, all welcome Bridge Methodist Church 11am
March 5th Michael Baybutt B.Sc DMS C.Eng
March 12th Mr Ron Chadwick M.A. DMS
March 19th Rev. David Marshall
March 26th Mrs Marjorie Beckwith

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People

On the 12th February I took Evensong at Nackington Church. It should have been in Lower Hardres but redecorating is happening! The Gospel Reading was about the leper who begged Jesus to heal him. In Jesus' day lepers were sent out into the wilderness to live alone or with other lepers. Families would throw food and clothing to them. Jesus was incensed because of this treatment and naturally cured this nameless leper. This law was enforced because it was in the Book of Leviticus. It did seem that rules were more important than PEOPLE and to Jesus PEOPLE mattered. All were loved and all are loved by GOD.

YES - PEOPLE MATTER. God said "I will not forget you. See I have engraved you on the palms of my hands".

As I looked around at the congregation I felt very moved because it is those people who make up the Church - they are the Church and there they all were, singing lustily. As I gazed down from the pulpit they all wore different colours. They were of different ages! They had different personalities. They were all unique!

Today, 13th February, Paul and Judy are actually going! The Interregnum has begun! In many ways Paul is stepping into the UNKNOWN and so are we. We know we will have a new Vicar but we don't know when, but we do know he/she - will be different. So until then we will go on loving and caring for each other because that is what God's Kingdom is all about. Then surely we will be ready to greet him/her and accept the changes which doubtless will take place and make no comparison with Paul. We pray that the right choice will be made. So until then God bless and take care.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

Margaret Clarke

Vicarage Garage Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise funds towards Sam and Matt's mission to Kenya. The final total was £170.

Dear Friends

Paul , Judy and Kate have arrived safely in Chatham and are now busy unpacking. We want to say a great big thank you to everyone who took part in our farewell; through cards, messages, the Benefice services and lunch on our last Sunday, the generous gifts and "testimonial" collection.

Although saying good bye was hard, we hope you enjoyed our last Sunday as much as we did and we thank God for this demonstration of all that is good in the Bridge Benefice. May he continue to pour out his blessings so that all that is planted may grow to his glory.

Paul , Judy and Kate Filmer

Your Parish Matters

Funeral

27/01 Barham(LH) Reginald James Hambrook

3/02 Barham(B) Dorothy Ethel Royel

8/02 Barham (B) Albert Edward Backholer

Interregnum

As you will see from the service grid this month, we're trying to keep things as close to normal practice as possible. Of course this will not always be possible and we would ask for your patience as inevitable alterations or hiccups occur. During the interregnum please contact your local churchwardens in the first instance for any parish matters and our Area Dean, Rev David Roper (01227 831340) if you have an urgent need to talk to a vicar.

The New Close

I would like to introduce myself to the local community. I have just joined The New Close residential home as an activities co-ordinator.

Firstly, I must congratulate all the residents and members of staff for winning a prize in the "Christmas Decoration Competition" (our of 22 homes), a tremendous achievement.

Secondly, I would like to thank all the local people who have supported The New Close over the years. Please feel free to pop in and see me with any fund raising ideas or call me on 01227 780070.

Linda Miles

Children's activities in March

The Upper Room

Please come from **9.15** on **March 5th** at the Upper Room at the Plough and Harrow. Wear a coat – we may be out on a trail in the wilderness – whatever the weather!

The Works

SORRY! There will be **NO WORKS** this month – as ***March 26th is Mothering Sunday*** with special services at Bekesbourne and Lower Hardres – hope to see you there instead!

It's the beginning of Lent. *Colour* this picture of Jesus in the wilderness. *Circle* the things that do not belong!

Exciting News at Lower Hardres

March & April are proving to be very exciting months.

On 5th March little Hannah is being baptised at the 11 am FAMILY COMMUNION at Lower Hardres. Children & Adults will participate . The Rev John Thackray will be officiating - do come to welcome Hannah into God's family.

On 19th March our usual FAMILY SERVICE at 10 am.

On 26th March MOTHERING SUNDAY there will be a special Mothering Sunday Service when we thank God for Mother Church, our own Mums and Grandmas (whether they be on earth or in heaven) and ALL who care for us, male or female. Obviously posies of lowers will be given out.

On 9th April PALM SUNDAY our Evensong and palm crosses will be given out at 6pm.

14th April GOOD FRIDAY our Easter Workshop. Details in next month's magazine.

16th April EASTER DAY 10 am. Bishop Stephen is coming to officiate at our FAMILY COMMUNION. This is very exciting and children and adults will again take part. Then, of course, our Easter Egg Hunt. Perhaps the Bishop will hunt also. Please come and make it a very joyful occasion especially after 40 days of Lenten fasting and discipline. You are most welcome at ALL the services.

God Bless Margaret

BIKE RIDE TO SAVE OUR CHURCHES!

Friends of Kent Churches will be holding their annual Sponsored Bike Ride on Saturday September 9th 2006. I am looking for someone in Bridge to take on the post of local organiser for this event.

It's not too time consuming except on the day! - if you think you could help, please will you contact Muriel Cullen (Area Organiser) 24 High Street, Bridge:

Tel. No. 01227 832694.

Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting will be on Thursday 2nd March at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close. Please let me have your requests, either for a sick person or bereavement, or for any other situation. Prayer is so vital and God knows our needs before we ask, but it is good to share our troubles and concerns and to receive God's healing powers. His peace which passes all understanding, is for us to receive, if only we can give ourselves over to Him. God bless you all.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish News

The next Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday March 8th. You are all very welcome.

Church Flags

Hilary and I have often thought it a shame that we no longer see the Union or St. George's flags flying at the mast head outside St. Peter's Church.

It is sad, but inevitable, that the task has really become too much for our revered village patriarchs, so we thought it time to do something about it.

On inspection we find that existing flags have lost their colour and become exceedingly fragile, if not downright tattered around the edges (rather like us, really!)

We have replaced them both at an all-in cost of £88.

Hilary and I would welcome donations to help off-set this expense, so plan to hold two or three coffee mornings in the course of the next few weeks in the hope that we can raise the bulk of this sum

We will publish dates later. We look forward to your support.

H & B Whiting

Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital

A Spring Coffee Morning is to be held on Saturday 11th March, 10am - 12 noon, in Bridge Village Hall. There will be a brief AGM and of course the usual Raffle, Cake stall and Bring and Buy. Please do come and support this very worthwhile cause.

Surplus to Requirements!

Paul and Judy have moved out of the Vicarage to their new home in Walderslade.

In modern terms they have been "down sizing". There are some items of furniture - sofa bed, bunk beds, units, a bicycle, cycle helmets, dogs baskets and various "odds and ends" that they did not need any more, but may be of use to others.

If anyone is interested in viewing/taking any of these (never to be repeated) bargains, please contact Laurence Dunderdale (830668) to arrange a time to visit the Vicarage. Anything left at the end of March will be disposed of.

This is for Everyone!
24/7 Prayer in the Deanery.

We have a special opportunity this month to be part of something happening in the diocese, country and across the world!
Leading up to the Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage to the Cathedral, each Deanery has been invited to 'take on the 24/7 prayer' for a designated few days in Lent.
This is for all ages from the youngest to the oldest of us!
This begins for our deanery in Bridge with a launch service in St Peter's at **11:00am on Sunday March 12th.**

It is wonderful that our church is *already* open every day for anyone to go in and pray.

During this time, in church we hope to create
special focus areas for prayer
including opportunities for quiet, creative art, bible meditation, lighting candles and other activities.
From midday onwards on Sunday 12th the church will be open as usual, and heated for a period of time - we're not sure how long yet!
Please look out for more details and take this opportunity to
pop in for half an hour -you may end up staying longer!

If you are not able to get to church but would like to know more to be able to join in with 24/7 prayer at home that would be wonderful!
Please contact Ruth and Tony Washington, tel: Bridge 831156.

Open Gardens in Bridge

On 25th June a group of villagers will be opening their gardens to raise money for our local churches. Please can you save a few of your cuttings and plants for our plant stall which will be sited in the Churchyard, we will also be selling refreshments. This is a new venture which we hope will be a success. More details will be given nearer the time but put 25th June in your diary now.

WELCOME HOME.....

By the time you receive this edition of 'On the Nail' both the organ and bells at Bekesbourne Church will have been fully restored and in working order with the bells safely re-hung in the tower. Work on the organ was completed in January and Dr. David Flood was very pleased with its restoration when he visited the church on 9th February.

The bells were returned on 2nd February, ferried up Church Bank from the road to the edge of the churchyard with a forklift and trundled back across the grass to the tower where they remained for the weekend. The church was opened between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 4th February and a steady stream of people took the opportunity to come and see the bells at ground level with their smart new headstocks and shining brass plates. Each plate was inscribed as follows:-

Bell No. 1	'This bell was restored with the help of The Friends of Bekesbourne' 2005
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Bell No 2,4,5	'This bell was restored with the help of The Heritage Lottery Fund' 2005

To celebrate the successful completion of a project which has been a marvellous achievement, an Open Day and Service of Thanksgiving has been arranged for the last weekend in April. More details will follow in the next issue of 'On the Nail'.

FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Jumble Sale

There were plenty of bargains to be snapped up at the Friends of Bekesbourne church annual jumble sale. Our thanks go to every one that donated such good quality "jumble" which enabled us to raise £356. The unsold clothes were donated to the British Humanitarian Aid for the Ukraine and the Pilgrims hospice shop. Thanks also to the many helpers on the day and to everyone for coming and supporting the event.

Flower Festival

We are still in need of volunteers to help with the flower festival we are planning for the 22nd 23rd and 24th September. There will be a meeting at the end of March. Contact Zan 830328 or Gill 832134 for more details.

A heart-felt 'thank you'!

During the Bekesboume Church open day for the bells in February, Mrs Emmy Watts from Seaton contrived to lodge her car on one of the tree stumps by the ford..... She has written to thank 'Joan Atkins, Bob and his lady and the hero in the landrover' who eventually pulled her off! She asked if we would put something in our magazine to say what "truly wonderful people/neighbours" came to her aid, in her hour of need.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society's Annual Spring Show will be held on Tuesday 4 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 we come.

For those of you who received daffodil bulbs for the Chairman's Challenge class way back in the autumn, please remember to bring along your best bloom for entry in the Show.

As last year, we shall be taking names at the Spring Show of those members who want to take part in the "Chairman's Challenge' at the Summer Show. Our Chairman Roger Austin, will then distribute a young plant in a pot for members to grow on themselves and then enter at the Summer Show. Please give your name to one of the Committee members at the Show or as soon as possible afterwards.

A reminder that you need to be a member to exhibit at the shows, but you can actually join on the day. Membership this year costs £3 for a single person and £5 for a family.

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

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

The March meeting on the 21st in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm will be a talk by Mr G Allen on "Upstairs Downstairs New Bond Street and Cartier's". Mr Allen will also bring along to show us actual articles which he describes in his talk.

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

BANGERS BEETLE AND BINGO EVENING
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6.00pm start
£5.00 for a family ticket or
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This event is being organised to coincide with our visitors from Tenryu who will be staying with host families in Bridge from 22nd - 27th March. A full few days of activities have been organised and this Saturday evening event is for those villagers who wish to join us and spend time playing games and, of course, eating supper with them. This is an ideal family evening, please contact Roz Beeching on 831027 or Sue Briant on 832084 for more details

When Peter met Paul

It must have been the summer of 19999, when the reverend Paul Filmer met Dr. Peter J Johnson, in the porch of Hastingleigh Church, after morning service. They were on the same wavelength straightaway as Peter shared with Paul his lecturing in Theology in Kenya, East Africa. Peter was lecturing in New Testament Greek, among other specialities, and Paul had always wanted to learn NT Greek was hoping for some lessons and disappointed when Peter told him he was soon back to Kenya. Peter's Theological lecturing continues: he is in constant contact with the students and so aware of their needs. Just now he is teaching, among others, two young lady students from Ethiopia, one for an M.A. and the other a B.A. for July 2006. A friend in England was from last May providing for their needs but she had sadly had to curtail her help: now Elizabet and Etyanne are in need to pay their rent (£25.00 each) and for their food (£25.00 each) roughly £100.00 per month. (They are refugees from Ethiopia, currently at war I understand) and so have no likelihood of any support from their Government.

If anyone reading this feels they would like to contribute to their needs and/or those of other students, please contact Peter's sister Barbara Austen on 01227 700191 or write to her c/o Old Pastures, Waltham, Canterbury, CT4 5RY, where for some years we were privileged to have Paul as our Vicar too. Thank you in anticipation.

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After the resounding success of its first venture - the performance of the children's play, TOM THUMB - The Hundred Shows is pleased to announce its next event.

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Come and listen, tap your feet, or get up and dance. There's something for everyone in this lively event. Join the March of the Penguins!

8 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 at Petham Village Hall. A bar will be open.

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The evening will also feature the premier performance of a work written especially for this event by Anita Memmott of the Maridadi Singers.

Central to all this will be elements of worship following the structure of the 'Missa Luba'.

You can book a place (s) online at: www.canterbury.anglican.orgimissaluba

For further details and tickets please contact Fiona Taylor 01227 595667
Fiona@meteors.deomon.co.uk

What was your funniest thing you saw in 2005?

Mine was definitely the bizarre, two-man version of "Importance of Being Ernest" which was part of the Canterbury Festival. If you missed it can you even imagine how two male actors can perform a play with a cast of nine who are often together on stage? It was so ridiculous that the whole audience were rocking with laughter.

And my most sublimely beautiful was the candlelit performance by Tenebrae in the Cathedral. This was also part of the Festival programme. The most poignant was Michael Morpurgo's short play with one excellent actor recounting his life story including his act of defiance in the trenches, which led to his execution to which he marched off as the audience dried their eyes. The festival programme in 2005 had such a rich mixture of theatre, music, humour and dance that it was the most successful for years. I even missed the walks and exhibitions.

Are you sure of having a seat before they go on public sale? Will you have the best seats in 2006? You must already be a friend of the Festival, as I am. If not join by emailing svlviane@canterburyfestival.co.uk or writing to Canterbury Festival, Christ Church Gate, The Precincts, Canterbury, Kent. CT1 2EE or phoning on 01227452853.

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NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9th.February 2006

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Bridge Youth Group - Neither of the current volunteer helpers is willing to continue with the youth group. The group's last session under the current arrangements will be on 28th March 2006. It was therefore agreed to seek new volunteers willing to assist the City Council youth workers on youth group evenings. (At least two per session are required) It was also agreed to seek volunteers willing to act as members of the committee. A deadline has been set of 27th February and an open meeting will take place on that date in the Village Hall for potential volunteers to come forward. If there is an insufficient response, the council will abandon the youth project. If sufficient volunteers are found, it was agreed to suspend youth group meetings possibly until September, or until such time as the necessary police checks etc. have been completed.

Affordable Housing - Members of the Affordable Housing Committee met with Jennifer Shaw of ACRK and Craig Savage, Senior Planning Officer, Canterbury City Council last month and considered fourteen possible locations within the village for an affordable housing development of up to eight houses. It was agreed that the Brickfields site in Mill Lane most closely met the requirements of an exception site and was the most appropriate for a local needs housing scheme. The council therefore agreed to ask Canterbury City Council to release a portion of Brickfields for this purpose. Consideration of the criteria on which the affordable housing would be allocated was deferred until a later date. Meanwhile the council will try to ascertain how many applicants with close connections to Bridge are currently on the Canterbury City Council housing waiting list.

Parking on Dering Rd -The parish council agreed not to support a proposal from Canterbury City Council to put double yellow lines on Dering Rd. It was felt that this would exacerbate parking problems in other areas of the village. It was also pointed out that emergency vehicles could now gain access via Aunt Betsy's Hill as overhanging vegetation had been cut back.

Patrixbourne Rd Flyover Noise - Inter Route have agreed to investigate the excessive noise from the A2 over-bridge at Patrixbourne Rd. but any remedial action will not be taken until the next financial year.

Recreation ground The continuing infestation of moles was discussed and councillors had carried out research into possible solutions. Expert opinion is that the situation should improve by April. It was agreed to continue to use Bounty Pest Control to treat the recreation ground regularly. It is the responsibility of individual sports clubs to decide whether it is safe to play matches on the sports pitches.

Redundant street signs - Several street signs requiring replacement or removal have been identified by Cllrs Esdale and Lewis. It was agreed to write to Canterbury City Council to ask for damaged signs to be replaced.

Wild flowers on the recreation ground - The parish council agreed that the recreation ground should be developed as an environmentally sensitive area. It was resolved to consult environmental experts to seek advice on planting suitable areas with appropriate plants and installing bat boxes and nesting boxes.

Kent Village of the Year Competition - It was decided not to enter the competition this year. Instead the council will strive to improve the village using the Parish Plan and competition criteria with a view to submitting strong entries in all categories in 2007 or 2008.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th March at 7.30. All parishioners are very welcome to attend.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Applications Received;

The Planning Committee had no objection to the following applications;

CAA06/00003/BRI Externally Illuminated Hanging Sign
26 High St Bridge
Provided that the illuminated sign is switched off each evening at 11p.m.

CA/06/00130/BRI Single storey extension to rear of dwelling
20 Union Rd, Bridge

It was noted that the following planning application has been granted;

CA/05/01477/BRI Erection of three two-storey dwellings with associated works (Revised)
Land on corner of Dering Rd and Filmer Rd, Bridge

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 9th. March 2006 at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Priest-in-Charge:
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-Powell, 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, KeepersHill, Patrixbourne (830205)

BEKESBOURNE

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

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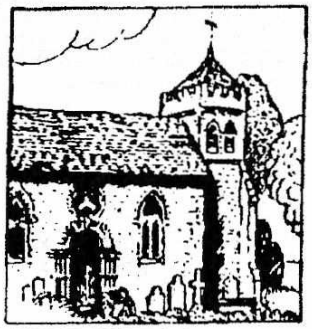

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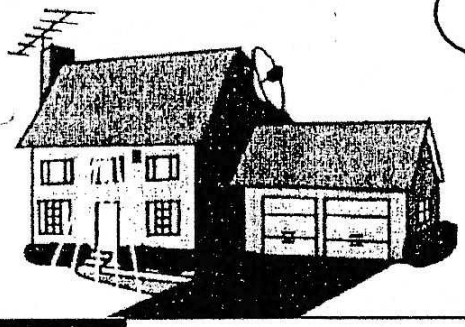

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Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 2nd April Lent 5	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev G Greenwood	9.30 am Family Communion & Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrock	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Jer 31. 31-34 NT: Heb 5. 5-10 G: John 12. 20-33
Sun 9th Palm Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev D Griscome	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service	10.00 am Mattins	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev D Roper	OT: Is 50. 4-9a NT: Phil 2. 5-11 G: Mark 11. 1-11
HOLY WEEK Good Friday 14th		9.30 am Childrens Workshop @ JBW Hall	Noon	WALK OF WITNESS 11.00 am	10.00 am	
Sun 16th Easter Day	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon R Diss	10.00 am Family Communion Rt Rev S Venner	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Holy Communion Canon A Duke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrock	OT: Acts 10. 34-43 NT: 1 Cor 15. 1-11 G: John 20. 1-18
Sun 23rd Easter 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00 pm Evensong Canon A Duke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Griscome	Joint Service at Patrixbourne	OT: Acts 4. 32-35 NT: 1 John 1. 1-2.2 G: John 20. 19-end
Sun 30th Easter 3	10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Rev J Thackray				3.30 pm Festal Evensong Rev J Shorrock Rt Rev M Turnbull	OT: Acts 3. 12-19 NT: 1 John 3. 1-7 G: Luke 24. 36b-48
Sun 7th May Easter 4	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev J Shorrock	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev D Griscome	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Acts 4. 5-12 NT: 1 John 3. 16-end G: John 10. 11-18

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for April 2006

4th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
Horticultural Society Spring Show, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
6th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
7th Lower Hardres & Nackington A.P.C.M. John Baker White Hall 7.30pm
11th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
12th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
17th Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage, Dane John Gardens 10.30am - Cathedral 11am
18th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
Bridge History Society, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane 8pm
19th 'Flag Fund' Coffee Morning, 20 Conyngham Lane, Bridge 10am-12noon
22nd Coffee Morning, The Deanery, Cathedral Precincts 11am - 1pm
Bekesbourne Churchyard Working Party 10am
23rd The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
24th Caring and Sharing, 8 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
25th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
26th Bridge & Patrixbourne P.C.C. Meeting followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Bridge School, P.C.C. at 7pm, A.P.C.M. at 7.30pm
29th Bridge Vicarage Working Party 9am
Bekesbourne Church Open Day 10.30am-4.30pm

Forthcoming Events - Bridge

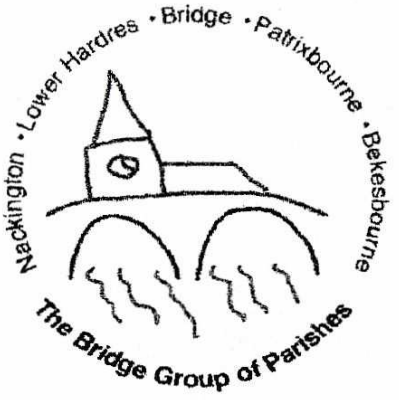
17th June Bridge Village Fete
25th June Garden Open Event

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

21st May Rogation Sunday Walk
1st July Snowdown Colliety Choir Concert
15th July Boot fair
22nd-24th Sept Flower Festival

Bridge Methodist Church Services - all at 11am

April 2nd Rev. David Marshall
April 9th Rev. Barbara Heather
April 16th Rev. Donald Lugg (Easter Day - Holy Communion)
April 23rd Rev. Barbara Heather
April 30th Rev. Barbara Heather
May 7th Rev. Donald Lugg



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We are well into the season of Lent now. Did you promise to give up something? I am always faced with a dilemma at this point. What can I give up? The obvious choices are not available; smoking, alcohol, swearing, chocolates, tea/coffee. So what about giving up use of the car? Not feasible when there is little or no public transport? I suppose I could choose TV! Um.....

The more I think about it, the more I reflect on why we feel we have to give something up. How do you feel when you fail to keep your promise – weak, a failure? How do you feel when you achieve it – self righteous, superior?

I like to make it a more positive experience. To me Lent is about facing personal challenges as Jesus did when alone in the wilderness. Perhaps we need to use the contemplative time of Lent to reflect on our lives and make a positive change, one that will take us forward in our Christian lives. It may only be a small step- reaching out to a neighbour, offer time to a charity or community activity, put aside a grudge and build personal bridges.

There is still time this Lent to make a change. What will yours be?

Pat Kusel

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

05/03	Lower Hardres	Hannah Rose Oayson

Funeral

22/02	Barham(B)	George Edward Brasier
23/02	Barham(B)	Albert Victor Stevens

Interregnum

During the interregnum please contact your local churchwardens in the first instance for any parish matters and our Area Dean Rev David Roper (01227 831340) if you have an urgent need to talk to a vicar.

Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage

The Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage takes place on April 17th. The theme this year is 'Passion, Prayer, Pilgrimage' and features input from the fast-growing, worldwide youth prayer movement known as '24-7 Prayer'. The Procession from Dane John Gardens in Canterbury leaves at 10.30 am, led by the Archbishop. The Welcome Event begins at the Cathedral at 11.00. A contingent of intrepid souls from this benefice will be walking into Canterbury - the quick ones can go to Dane John, the more sedate will go straight to the Cathedral. Please be at Patrixbourne Church at 9 am. on the day with suitable clothing for walking and weather. You will need to bring a packed lunch. Refreshments are available at the Cathedral. All are welcome."

Children's' Easter Workshop

On Good Friday, April 14th, when joyful shouts turned to shouts of 'Crucify' we shall be holding our Easters ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOP at the John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres from 9.15am to approx 11.30am. Then those children who are able will take the 'Results' and products to Bridge Church, where we will join all those from the WALK OF WITNESS for a short Benefice Service. Please book your PLACES NOW by phoning Julie Cox (788316) or Margaret Clarke (765598). Parents if your child is pre school age please stay with them - you will enjoy it! Also it would be appreciated if you would donate £1 per child towards the cost of materials and of course the Hall. Please come!

Easter Day - Lower Hardres

Our Family Service will be a Family Communion Service at 10.00am. Bishop Stephen is coming to officiate. This is very exciting! After the service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt. At this service Bishop Stephen will bless our stewardship envelopes (offerings). Do come and celebrate CHRIST'S RISING from the dead.

A very Happy and blessed Easter to you all. God Bless.

Margaret

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14 - 20 MAY 2006

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 £1250 was raised and half of that sum was "gift aided", so the total sum raised was nearly £1500 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!

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Chris Barnett 832447

Easter Lillies

St Peter's Church, Bridge

It is time to think about Easter and the decoration for St. Peter's, Bridge. Anyone wishing to donate money towards Easter Lillies is asked to contact Viv Brasier. The cost is about £3 per stem.

All help welcome to arrange flowers on Saturday 15th April at 10am.

St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne

Any contributions towards the cost of the Easter Lillies at St. Mary's Partrixbourne can be sent to the Churchwardens, any time between now and Easter. Lillies donated in remembrance of loved ones help to ensure that the Church is beautifully decorated on Easter Day.

Thank you in anticipation of your kindness once again at this time.

The Churchwardens

Bridge Vicarage and Garden 'Tidying' Weekend 29th/30th April

We need to present the vicarage and garden "at its best" for prospective priests to view (early May).

A working party is being organised for Saturday 29th April (and maybe Sunday 30th), mainly for the garden but also a little "spring cleaning" inside the house.

All welcome to help - as little or as much time as you feel you can spare. Please phone me if you can help and we can talk times, tools etc.

Laurence Dunderdale, Churchwarden, 830668

(Bridge & Patrixbourne PCC members note this is a revised date from that announced at PCC meeting).

Health & Healing Concerns

The next meeting is on Thursday 6th April at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close. It was good to see so many people at last month's meeting. Please keep your requests coming, whether for illness, bereavement, anxiety or any other circumstance. No one need feel alone in their trouble and you know you are very welcome to join us and find out for yourself, the loving, caring and spiritual support to be found there.

Kath Pierce, 830844

Fish News

If you are a gardener make a note of the Fish Scheme Fund Raising Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th May from 10am. We are famous for the quality and quantity of our plants. So please bring some from your own garden and go home with something different - and a cake as well.

The Cornelia Slavin Outing will be a little later this year on June 7th.

The monthly Coffee Pop-in is on 12th April.

The Children's Society Fund Raising in Bridge - Home and Shop Boxes

The contents of 30 boxes emptied through February and March, yielded the excellent sum of £1,536.61, (mostly small change) for this Charity.

Many thanks to all Box Holders for your support and generosity.

Should anyone else like to have a box please contact Kathy Eynon (19 Bridge Down, Tel 830466)

P.S. It has been a pleasure to help this worthwhile cause by being the Hon. Local Secretary for Bridge Parish for over 15 years, but anno domini is taking its toll! Is there a more youthful person in the village willing to take over? Please contact me, Kathy Eynon or Laurence Dunderdale for information. Thank you.

Flying the Flag

The Union Flag has had its inaugural hoisting on Commonwealth Day, (March 13th) and Barry would like to thank those people who kindly sent in donations and favourable comments!

There will be a 'Flag Fund' Coffee Morning at 20 Conyngham Lane on Wednesday, April 19th. Come along any time between 10.00 and 12.00 and see the Union and St. George's flags, to which you will be donating. Any surplus till go to St. Peter's P.C.C.

H.J.W.

Happy Easter from Bridge Pharmacy

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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A reminder that the Spring Show will be held on Tuesday 4 April in Bridge Village Hall. The hall will be open from 6.00 pm onwards to allow members to stage their exhibits prior to Judging, with the prize giving at 7.30 pm. There will be refreshments available during the course of the evening and to help boost society funds, there will as always be a raffle and hopefully 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 as well as to some splendid entries in the floral art classes inspired by the evening talk on flower arranging in February. Remember, too, to bring along your best bloom for the Chairman's Challenge class.

One final reminder that you need to be a member to exhibit, but you can join on the day. Membership is £3 for a single person and £5 for a family.

Show schedules for both the Spring and Summer Shows are available now from Committee members.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

On Tuesday 18 April at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall Mrs Webster from UNICEF will give a talk on "Street Children" in which she will detail the work done by the organisation to help these children. This month the competition is for an article beginning with the letter "U".

Bridge History Society

Heather Newton, the Head of Conservation at Canterbury Cathedral Stonemasons' Yard, came to talk to our February meeting, and her knowledge and enthusiasm kept us fascinated. Heather described how this large, industrial workplace, 'snuggled between the sewage works and the council tip', receives the stone straight from the quarry in France (there being no natural freestone in Kent). For the initial cutting of the stone, the yard has all the most technically advanced equipment necessary. The fine work is all hand tooled. Heather demonstrated the damage done by water and pollution. She described the cleaning process - including the necessity of moving 'tons' of pigeon muck and moss from the surfaces of the walls and tracery. She recounted in fascinating detail how the stone is repaired and replaced. How the 'loose' work of the Romanesque period is copied, working by eye as the original masons would have done, to avoid a mechanical appearance in the finished work. How a lime wash is used at the finish, providing a protective coat, but painted on by hand, and coloured to have the appearance of stone. Finally, Heather told us something of the difficulty of acquiring the best possible stone from France. Caen stone is far superior to any English stone, but the best Caen stone the French (understandably, I suppose) keep for themselves! This talk was followed up in March by a visit to the Stonemasons' Yard to see the actual process of cutting and carving, and the skill of the masons at work. This visit was oversubscribed, and a further visit is planned - so let us know if you would like to be included. Our next meeting is a Members' Evening, to be held at the Plough and Harrow in Bridge at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 18 April. For details, 'phone John Bishop (832596).

Meriel Connor

Wine and Wisdom

The annual Friends of Bekesbourne church wine and wisdom was a well supported and enjoyable evening raising £436 for the funds. The committee thank the winning team from last year who did a splendid job of presenting the quiz. Congratulations to this years winning team who have taken up the challenge of organizing the quiz next year.

Churchyard Working Party

The first of the seasons working party's will be 10 o'clock Saturday 22nd April. If you can only spare an hour that will be appreciated. Bring your own tools, strimmers are especially needed for tidying around the head stones. Refreshments will be provided.

Annual Village Meeting

Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne Parish Council will hold its annual Village Meeting on 10th April at 7.30pm in Bekesbourne Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

In addition to the Chairman's report and reports from local groups, there will be the opportunity to meet with local people including the Community Warden, Julie Cronin. The council also expects to have appointed a new Clerk in time to meet him/her at this meeting.

Do come and take this annual opportunity to learn about matters that the parish council has dealt with during the year and to have your say about the future of the parish.

It's a time of change in Bekesbourne-with-Patrixbourne and your opinion counts

Recreation Ground AGM

Bekesbourne Recreation Ground Management Committee will hold its AGM at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 5th, April in the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground. Now that the formal lease with Bekesbourne Sports Club has been agreed, the Committee will be working with the Sports Club to improve and upgrade the facilities at the Rec. and this meeting is an opportunity to find out more about the plans to install a basketball net and bouncing surface this summer.

Mike Lee, Secretary 01227 831422

Community Warden

Julie Cronin, the Community Warden for Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne, is starting a monthly social morning in Bekesbourne Village Hall on the first Friday of each month from 10.30am to noon.

The first meeting is on Friday, 7, April and villagers of all ages are invited to attend including village children. As this first meeting is just before Easter, there will be the opportunity to paint an Easter Egg and to model an Easter Bunny from plasticine or marzipan.

Contact Julie on 07969 583916 for more information or speak to Joan Atkins on 01227 831127.

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

OPEN DAY

Saturday 29th April 2006
10.30am to 4.30pm
Refreshments available

Please come and join us to celebrate the successful completion of the project to restore the church's six bells and historic Bevington Organ. The organ will be played at intervals during the day and you are very welcome to 'have a go' whilst on your visit to the church. The bells will also be rung for your enjoyment by local and visiting ringers. If any of you have rung bells before we would be pleased to welcome you to our tower. Perhaps you would like to return to bellringing? Pick up a leaflet in church with details of the bells and when they are rung on practice nights and at services. For further information please contact the Captain of the ringers, Mrs. Gill Moon on 01227 832134.

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FESTAL EVENSONG

Sunday 30th April 2006 at 3.30pm

Everyone is very welcome to this service of thanksgiving to re-dedicate the bells and organ. The preacher will be Bishop Michael Turnbull, formerly Bishop of Durham and Rochester.

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The Scout Troop consists of approximately 30 scouts aged 10-13 who meet on Thursday evenings in Bridge. Most of the Scouts have come up through Beavers and Cubs and are mainly' from the villages of Bridge, Barham, Adisham and Kingston.

You may have been a Scout in your youth and feel able to put something back into the organisation to lead a troop, or perhaps you are or want to be involved with voluntary youth work, or maybe you are parent who wants to ensure that this successful troop carries on after the present leader moves on. Whatever your background or experience we would love to hear from you.

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NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9th.March 2006

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Recreation Ground Councillors Beinder & Corfield had visited the recreation ground with a wildlife expert to consider how it could be developed as an environmentally sensitive area. It was agreed that the project should be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April.

Annual Parish Meeting It was reported that Ms Chinnadurai, Headmistress of Bridge Primary School, had agreed to be the main speaker and that Councillor Michael Northey and Mr Bill Oakey had accepted invitations to give reports at the Annual Parish Meeting next month.

Anglo –Saxon Burial Site Representations were made by parishioners who were concerned about the excavations of an Anglo Saxon burial site currently taking place at Star Hill .It was agreed that the parish council would write to English Heritage requesting that the whole site be scheduled as a matter of urgency. A copy of the letter would be sent to the land-owner.

Restoration of old house & street names It was agreed that Bridge History Society, together with Councillor Beinder would be asked to mark old street and house names on a map of the village. Councillor Gulvin agreed to provide a suitable map for this purpose.

Rural Street Runner Councillor Esdale reported that, following a meeting last month, ten volunteers had come forward to help with the running of the youth group and to serve on the committee. The Street Runner will therefore continue, with four teams of two volunteers per session. Police checks are currently in progress and the group will be affiliated to Kent Youth.

Dog fouling Dog fouling warning stickers were distributed to councillors to be placed on lamp posts around the village.

Footbridges over the water meadows It was agreed that a working party would take place on 1st April at 10.00am to put wire netting on the new footbridges in the water meadows in Brewery Lane as the surfaces had become slippery

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th April at 7.30 in the Village Hall. All parishioners are very welcome to attend.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Applications Received;

The Planning Committee had no objection to the following applications;

CAL06/00010/BRI 12 The Close, Union Rd, Bridge CT4 5NJ
CA/06/00148/BRI 12 The Close, Union Rd, Bridge CT4 5NJ
Single-storey extension to rear and replace door with window to front and rear of dwelling
No objection provided the alterations are in keeping with The Close, which is a conservation area.

CA/06/00251/BRI Meadow Cottage, Meadow Close, Bridge CT4 5AT
Extension and alterations to dwelling and replacement double garage

CA/06/00267/BRI Granary House, Renville, Bridge, CT4 5AD
Erection of greenhouse

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 13th. April 2006 at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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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-Powell, 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, KeepersHill, 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)

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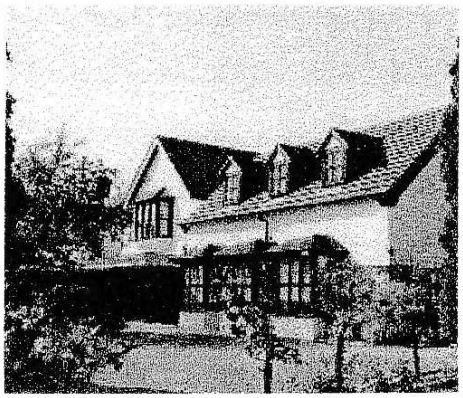

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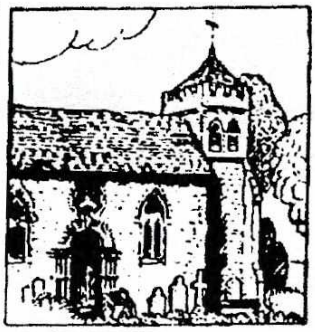

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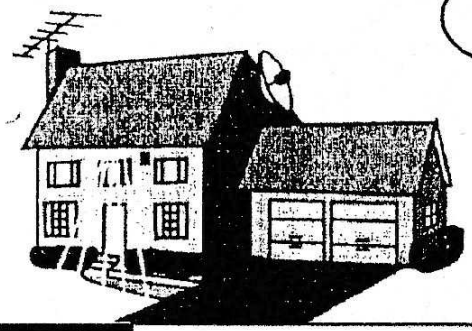

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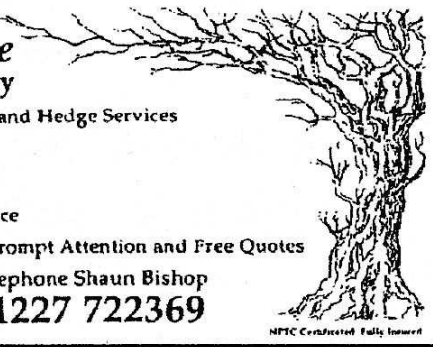

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Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 7th May Easter 4	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev J Shorrock	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev D Griscome	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Acts 4. 5-12 NT: 1 John 3. 16-end G: John 10. 11-18
Sun 14th Easter 5	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Childs	OT: Acts 8. 26-end NT: 1 John 4. 7-end G: John 15. 1-8
Sun 21st Easter 6	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon A Duke	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrock	OT: Acts 10. 44-end NT: 1 John 5. 1-6 G: John 15. 9-17
Thurs 25th Ascension Day			7.00pm Holy Communion Rev J Shorrock			OT: Acts 1. 1-11 NT: Eph 1. 15-end G: Luke 24. 44-end
Sun 28th Easter 7	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 D Griscome	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrock	Joint Service at Patrixbourne	OT:Acts 1.15-17, 21-end NT: 1 John 5. 9-13 G: John 17. 6-19
Sun 4th June Pentecost	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Thackray	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrock	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Acts 2. 1-21 NT: Rom 8. 22-27 G: John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-15

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for May 2006

2nd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
4th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
8th Caring and Sharing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
9th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
10th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
13th Fish Scheme Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall 10am-12 noon
14th Christian Aid Week (until 20th)
15th Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
16th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
21st Bekesbourne Rogation Sunday Walk, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10.30am
22nd Caring and Sharing, 20 Lanfranc Fardens, Harbledown 7.30pm
23rd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
28th The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am

Forthcoming Events - Bridge

17th June Bridge Village Fete
25th June Garden Open Event

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

1st July Snowdown Colliery Male Voice Choir Concert
15th July Boot Fair
22nd-24th Sept Flower Festival

Methodist Church - all at 11am

May 7th Rev. Donald Lugg
May 14th Rev. David Marshall
May 21st Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc. DMS. C.Eng.
May 28th Mr Ron Chadwick M.A. DMS.

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That's it. Easter is now behind us. Most of the excitement has passed. From the last Sunday after Trinity until the Sunday after Easter the church calendar seems like a whirlwind. The preparation for the birth of Christ. The preparation for the death of Christ.

The preparation for the resurrection of Christ.

In each of these periods we are asked to do something. In Advent, each week, we light a candle and reflect on a topic. In Lent we try to reflect on Christ's own fasting and prayer. On Good Friday we despair at Christ's death and on Easter morning we are overjoyed at his resurrection. Alleluia!

That's the plan anyway.

Lent was a bit of a disaster for me. My resolution, to cut back on the amount of alcohol I consume (an occupational hazard) fell very early. Well actually on the first day. Having decided a cut back was appropriate I discovered I had organised a rather boisterous lunch on Ash Wednesday. So then I quickly re-negotiated my resolution. Cut back on all days except when I attended church. Within days I had re-constructed my resolution to allow me to do everything I did before Lent started. On Good Friday I realised that whilst I had intended better things I had, in fact, done nothing.

Who was deceived? God wasn't. Could I possibly think I could be that clever? The only one deceived was myself.

There is a wonderful exhortation in the Book of Common Prayer; "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us". The truth was not in me in Lent and I deceived myself.

Someone in the village once explained to me the process of worship. She said you needed to do three things. You needed to say "please", "sorry" and "thank you". Sometimes one outweighs the others. But if I am earnest in my desire to say "sorry" then it is never long before I can say "thank you". And that is one of the reasons Easter is so special to me. On Good Friday I feel sorrow. The bleakness and despair. But there is the joy on Easter morning when I can say "Thank you"!

Chris Maclean

Funeral

20/03	Barham (B)	Frank Maynard
24/03	Barham (B)	Elizabeth Merry Muir
28/03	Barham (B)	Violet Riley
29/03	Nackington	Philip Michael Kirk

Interregnum

During the interregnum please contact your local churchwardens in the first instance for any parish matters and our Area Dean, Rev David Roper (01227 831340) if you have an urgent need to talk to a vicar.

Good Friday Workshop

We had a busy workshop at the JBW Hall in Lower Hardres. Over 40 children came and we had a great time, as well as having Hot Cross Buns! Sincere thanks to all the helpers who worked so hard, Brenda's cups of tea and coffee were wonderful! Thank you children for coming - your were great. We then went to Bridge church for a short service with those who had been on the Benefice 'Walk of Witness'. Thank you all once again.

Easter Day at Lower Hardres

At 10 o'clock on this wonderful day we had an unforgettable FAMILY COMMUNION celebrated by Bishp Stephen. The service was joyful, meaningful and full of hope. It was a real joy to have Bishop Stephen and his family, even his grandchildren , and to welcome Canon Alan Duke his Chaplain, who is well known at Lower Hardres. Thank you to all who participated, children and grown ups alike. It made it all even more lovely. Afterwards the children scurried round the churchyard in the sunshine searching for eggs! There were PLENTY, due to the generosity of so many people - Thank you.

Our next FAMILY SERVICE at Lower Hardres will be on 21st May at 10 o'clock. Do come! You will be most welcome.

Margaret

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14 - 20 MAY 2006

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 £1250 was raised and half of that sum was "gift aided", so the total sum raised was nearly £1500 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!

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Chris Barnett 832447

Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting will be on Thursday 4th May at 7.30pm at 7 windmill Close.

Please let me know your requests, either for a sick person, or bereavement, or for 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. You know you are very welcome to come in person.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish News

CALLING ALL VILLAGERS

As well as the monthly Coffee Pop-in on Wednesday 10th May please do not forget the annual fund-raising Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th May in Bridge Village Hall. We need great quantities of plants, cakes and bric-a-brac. Please bring and buy. We need your support.

The Cornelia Slavin Summer Outing will go ahead on June 7th and booking forms are available at the Coffee Pop-in.

We were very saddened to learn of the death of Betty Muir, Kathy Walder's mother. Only a few weeks before she gave the Address to the Haggis at the Fish Burn's Lunch and did it with great charm. We will miss her greatly.

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Re: THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY FUND RAISING IN BRIDGE

Our 30 box holders are very good at turning pence into pounds.

However, a misprint in April's On The Nail added an extra £1,000! The correct sum raised was £536.61, still a very good result.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

K. Eynon

BEKESBOURNE

Rogation Sunday Walk

All are welcome to come and enjoy a walk around some of the footpaths of Bekesbourne on Sunday 21st May for the Annual Rogation Sunday walk.
Meeting at the village hall at 10.30am we will have a short walk before joining others after the morning service at Church.
We will then set off for the final leg of the walk which will end at the Unicorn, if you intend to eat there make sure and book in advance.

Bell and Organ Restoration Copies in either DVD or VCR format are available of the Bekesbourne Church bell and organ restoration project. This was a once in a lifetime project, if you would like a copy to keep as a historical memory, ring Gill Moon 832134 to place an order.

Annual Church Meeting at Bekesbourne

The annual church meeting of Bekesbourne Parochial Church Council (PCC) was held this year on 29 March. Jonathan Cowans and Jill Gillanders were re-elected as churchwardens for the coming year and the PCC remains almost unchanged, with Pat Kusel as Lay Chair, Zan Clifford, Treasurer and Jane Millyard, Secretary. Hugh Pearson is the PCC representative on the committee of the Friends of Bekesbourne Church. The other members of the PCC are Amanda Barker, David Millyard and Jenny Skinner. There are now 36 members on the Electoral Roll of St Peter's, six of whom live outside the parish boundary.

Christine Ash is moving to Bridge and retired from the PCC after serving the church for over 30 years. She was thanked for all the help she has given over the years, most especially with the church flowers and 'behind the scenes' support. In the days when we had a choir, she laundered the robes weekly! Her move from Parsonage Farm means that a new home has been found for the church key. See below.

A vote of thanks was given to John and Jane Shorrock, who are also moving from the village, for all they have done for St Peter's and the Friends of the Church during their time here.

Key for Bekesbourne Church

St Peter's is kept locked when unattended and the key for visitors, flower arrangers, etc. has now been moved from Parsonage Farm to *Essentially Hops* at Chalkpit Farm. It is available during opening hours: currently 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

At other times, ring Jonathan Cowans on 01227 831029.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

15 members were present at the April monthly meeting Chaired by Bernie Guyatt.

Our Games Night was a good evening and Chartham proved the victors at snooker! Our next leg is crib at Chartham on 12th June.

We are busy thinking of ways to celebrate our 85th anniversary. A Coffee Morning is booked for 16th September in Littlebourne Hall Lounge and we hope to have a publicity tent outside plus other things happening that day too. We also hope to have another Beef Pudding Supper at the Unicorn? Bekesbourne in October. Details of both later on.

Anyone wishing to contact the branch or who is thinking of joining can ring the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next 2 meetings will be on Tuesdays, 19th May and 13th June - both at the Recreation Club Littlebourne at 8pm.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thanks to a few days of milder weather in the run up to the Spring Show, there was a splendid display of daffodils in the village hall on 4 April.

The cup for the best bloom in the show went to Ann Edmonds who also won the Chairman's Challenge. The best pot plant was entered by John and Jane Shorrock

A big thank you to all who entered and to all who came along to support the event and make it a success.

The next event on the programme will be an evening visit to Hadlow College Horticultural Unit at Spring Lane in Canterbury on Thursday 15 June. More details will follow nearer the time.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

The May meeting on Tuesday 16th in Bridge Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30 pm will be the Resolutions Meeting. The competition this month will be for an article beginning with the letter "S".

Bridge in Bloom

In view of the water shortage the Parish Council discussed whether 'Bridge in Bloom' should go ahead this year.

It was felt that because of the beautiful show villagers have staged over the last few years it would be a shame to discourage them.

Therefore, the competition will go ahead with extra points allocated for the use of drought resistant plants.

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HEALTH FOR ALL

About ten years ago a group of doctors, nurses and other staff of the Bridge and Littlebourne Surgeries started this project. Their aim was to help an isolated, rural group of villages in Bihar, perhaps the most disadvantaged state of India. There was no health provision with the results that leprosy was untreated, there was no immunisation against polio, there was a high infant mortality rate and a lack of public hygiene measures. Such problems and the grinding poverty denied these people the chance of building a better future.

Many people and some of our schools have supported this local project, both financially and in other ways. This and the dedicated work of the Surgery staff involved, have led to some quite remarkable achievements in terms of saving lives, bringing better health and hope for the future. The emphasis is on a practical, low-budget approach and encouraging self-help rather than reliance on charity.

A small group of supporters are organising an informal evening event at which we have invited Dr. Mark Jones, the founding Trustee, to give an illustrated talk on what has been achieved and what are the future objectives. This will be held on:

Wednesday, May 10th at 7.30 pm

Lower Hardres Village Hall

All readers are warmly invited to attend and to bring their friends. There will first be a glass of wine and a nibble or two.

Please note that the objective of the evening is not to raise funds. Should you want any further information please phone 01227 830441.

Barham Bowls Club. Open Day Sunday 7th May 2006. 10.30am - 4.00pm

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Try your hand at the sport on the green by Barham Village Hall; refreshments available.

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

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Sandling Park is situated 1½ miles north-west of Hythe, entrance off A20 only. From M20 Junction 11 turn east onto the A20 and the entrance is in ¼ mile.

The gardens consist of 25-acre of woodland with an extensive collection of trees and shrubs including rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias and other interesting plants that also relish acid soil.

Sandling Park already opens for charity under the National Gardens Scheme and will be open this year on Sunday 14 May (see the Yellow Book for details).

However I will also be open on additional days as follows:

Sunday 7th & 21st May 10am - 5pm
Wednesday 10th & 17th May 1pm - 4pm

HAND MADE OPERA

Can't make it to Glyndebourne this year? Were tickets to the Royal Opera House too expensive? Not to worry. Quality opera is being delivered to your own doorstep this month at attractive prices.

Hand Made Opera, a touring company that specializes in bringing opera to small or unusual venues, is coming to Petham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m on Saturday, May 20th.

This small-scale group has a huge reputation at home and abroad. As well as performing on stage, television and on CD recordings, it runs courses for aspiring singers in the U.K. and in Italy. Its mission is to take grand opera to places that other companies do not reach.

Soloists are Jane Streeton (soprano), Ian Hackett (tenor), Colin Baldy (bass-baritone) and piano accompaniment is by Cameron Burns.

Come and enjoy excerpts from Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro,* Rossini's *The Barber of Seville,* and Puccini's *La Boheme* and *Turandot.*

Book early for a thrilling night at the opera. This is an exciting opportunity to hear professional singers in a programme of operatic favourites.

Petham Village Hall will be showing off its new stage and lighting rig, courtesy of biffawards. In supporting Petham, the Arts Council is making its first ever grant to a village hall. We are delighted that Hand Made Opera will be the first company to take advantage of our new and improved facilities.

Tickets - £10 Under sixteen - £8

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Bar and terrace open for outdoor picnics from 6 p.m.

MAIDSTONE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

"Maidstone Symphony Orchestra. Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 20th May 2006 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone.

The programme consists of three works ~ Walton - Partita. ~ Schumann - Cello Concerto Soloist Adrian Brendel and Elgar - Symphony No.1.

During the 94th season cellist Adrian Brendel wooed MSO's audience with the Dvorak Cello Concerto. He returns, prior to performances in Vienna's Musikverein, to bring Schumann's refined and Iyrical concerto.

Surrounding are English masterworks: Sir William Walton's Partita is a fun filled orchestral showpiece, while Sir Edward Elgar's 1st Symphony brings our season to a noble, heart-warming, close.

Concert tickets £10, £15 and £20 seats for children and students with a student card £5, available from Membership Secretary's 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 is a Geoffrey Armitage Memorial Concert."

North Nailbourne Ward Councillor's Surgeries.

For those who missed the article in the Vi11age column of the Kentish Gazette of November 2005.

I would like to confirm that the information, concerning the City Councillor's Surgery recommendation, in the Bridge Parish Plan, the penultimate paragraph of page 31 is now obsolete for the following reasons. After a trial period and in consultation with the Parish Clerks, it was decided that the amount of time wasted far outweighed the benefit derived from the exercise for the following reasons. The scheme had been introduced by the previous Councillor who, owing to personal circumstances was not always readily available by phone. It also appeared that the open surgery deterred a number of parishioners from attending as they did not wish to be seen by anyone else in the area, and with a two month gap between surgeries, urgent problems could not be readily resolved. In my circumstances as the village correspondent for the Kentish Gazette, my address, phone number and Email are readily available from the head of my column so communication is not a problem. I hold regular surgeries on Saturday mornings between 10am and 12pm by appointment, however, other times and venues can be arranged, as can the attendance of a Parish Councillor if required. Naturally, I shall have a chaperone with me as it is now a requirement.

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee had no objection to the following applications;

CA/06/00393/BRI Coppice, Bridge Hill, Bridge CT4 5AX

Replacement 2.44 metre high boundary wall to side of dwelling.

CA/06/00349/BRI Oast Cottage, Great Pett Farm, Pett Hill, Bridge CT4 5AN

Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling

Application approved but the committee would have preferred to see more brick rather than weather boarding incorporated into the design as being more in keeping with the existing building.

CA/06/00429/BRI Old Renville Farmhouse, Renville Farm Rd, Bridge CT4 5DH

Extension to rear of garage

CA/06/00446/BRI Old Renville Farm Cottages, Renville Farm Rd, Bridge CT4 5DH

Erection of stables on land to rear.

The Planning Committee noted the following applications had been granted;

CAA06/00003/BRI Equestrian Elite, 26, High St, Bridge

Non- illuminated hanging sign

CA/06/00130/BRI 20 Union Rd, Bridge CT4 5LN

Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling

CA/06/00309/BRI 15 Green Court, Bridge

Replacement garage

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be on Thursday 11th May 2006 at 7.15pm in the village hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Parish Council Meeting

Recreation ground

Cllr Beinder will put together a proposal for making the Recreation Ground into an environmentally sensitive area to present to the June Parish Council meeting.

Low cost housing – It was agreed to contact other local parishes to ascertain what had been their experiences in setting up affordable housing schemes. Cllr Edmonds would contact a former councillor from Bekesbourne and the Clerk would contact the Parish Clerks in Littlebourne and Adisham. It was agreed that the criteria for the allocation of housing would be discussed at the June Parish Council meeting.

Water meadow bridges – Cllr Hill thanked Cllrs Gulvin, Beesty and Esdale who helped Cllr Hill to lay netting over the water meadow bridges. It was pointed out that the bridge over the Nailbourne ford in Mill Lane is the responsibility of Kent Highways. Kent Highways had been informed of the slippery surface in February. No remedial action had yet been taken but the council thanked Mrs Bryce for bringing the matter to its attention.

Annual Parish Meeting – As Ms Chinnadurai was not now able to address the meeting, it was hoped to get a representative of Southern Water to speak. If this were not possible, the meeting would go ahead this year without an outside speaker.

A2 slip road balustrade – Inter Route had reported that, as the replacement balustrade was a new specification, they must obtain permission from the Highways Dept for each component part. This was still awaited but it was expected that the work would be carried out in June at the latest.

Youth Shelter; Cllr Beesty had researched the possibility of setting up a youth shelter. The Council felt that this would be a good thing for the village. It was agreed that the community policeman and community support officer would be contacted for their views and to identify a suitable site. Amanda Sparkes would also be asked if other local parishes had successfully introduced youth shelters. It was envisaged that a small working party would be set up to take the plan forward.

Bridge Parish Plan- Action Plan; The Parish Council reviewed the items of the Action Plan which related to the council's responsibilities. While most of the proposals were already in hand or had been completed, it was agreed that action would be taken on the following;

i)Bus services - A representative of Stage Coach Bus Company would be asked to attend a parish council meeting to discuss fare increases and timetabling issues.

ii)Speed indicator - Bridge Hill - Highways Dept would be asked for an early decision on the siting of a speed indicator for Bridge Hill.

iii)Cycle Route to Canterbury - Canterbury City Council would be asked to discuss the provision of a safe cycle route from Bridge to Canterbury.

iv)Welcome Pack for New Residents - A welcome pack consisting of Bridge Village Plan, a list of village organisations, details of refuse collections and information about the village web site would be compiled and given to new residents to the village. Cllr Esdale agreed to compile a sample pack.

Draft Statement of Community Involvement - Cllr Esdale pointed out that the draft statement proposes that pre -application discussions on major proposals likely to cause controversy should no longer be notified to parish councils or to the press. It was agreed that this would be an undesirable development, which would reduce rather than extend community involvement. It was agreed that Cllr Esdale would respond to the draft on behalf of the parish council.

Vandalism at re-cycling point - Following persistent incidents of vandalism at the re-cycling point, it was agreed that Cllr Hill would contact the charities which had collection bins at the point and ask whether they would be willing to contribute to the cost of setting up a cctv camera to monitor the area

30 years of the by pass celebrations - The Parish Council had been asked by the Bridge Festival Committee to take over the organisation of the celebrations marking 30 years of the by-pass. In view of the short notice, it was agreed that the parish council would mount an exhibition of photographs during the weekend of the village fete 17th / 18th. June.

Bridge in Bloom - There was some discussion as to whether the 'Bridge in Bloom' competition should go ahead in view of the water shortage. It was agreed that the competition would take place as usual but with extra points awarded for planting and displays that encouraged water conservation.

Equestrian Elite sign - Several complaints had been received from parishioners that the village hall clock was no longer visible from the bus stop because of the erection of a new shop sign at Equestrian Elite. It was reported that the Planning Dept had refused the original application for an illuminated sign, which the parish council planning committee had supported. It was pointed out that there were several illuminated signs in the High St. It was therefore agreed that the parish council would apply for planning permission for an illuminated shop sign, which would be switched on during hours of business, on behalf of Equestrian Elite. Should this application be granted, the owners of the shop would then replace the sign at a level that would not block sight of the village clock.

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Thursday 11th May 2006 at 7.30 pm in the village hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Priest-in-Charge:
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-Powell, 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, KeepersHill, 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)
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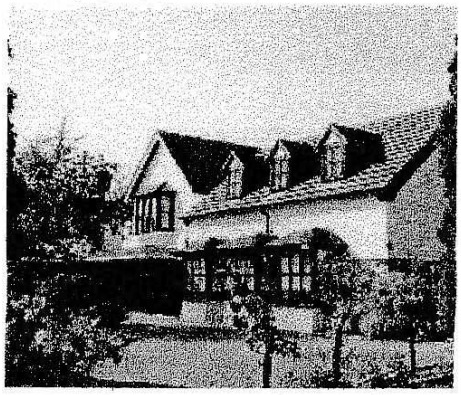

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Services for the month of June 2006

Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 4th June Pentecost	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Canon A Duke	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrock	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Acts 2. 1-21 NT: Rom 8. 22-27 G: John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-15
Sun 11th Trinity Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrock	OT: Is 6. 1-8 NT: Rom 8. 12-17 G: John 3. 1-17
Sun 18th Trinity 1	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise	10.00 am Holy Communion & Baptism Canon H Harland	OT: 1 Sam 15.34-16.13 NT: 2 Cor 5. 6-10,14-17 G: Mark 4. 26-34
Sun 25th Trinity 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00 pm Evensong Canon G Greenwood	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrock	Joint Service at Patrixbourne	OT: 1 Sam17. 32-49 NT: 2 Cor 6. 1-13 G: Mark 4. 35-end
Sun 2nd July Trinity 3	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev J Thackray	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Childs	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: 2 Sam 5.1-5,9-10 NT: 2 Cor 8. 7-end G: Mark 5. 21-end

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for June 2006

1st Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
5th Caring and Sharing, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
6th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, **7 Windmill Close, Bridge**, 8pm
7th Fish Scheme Cornelia Slavin Outing
12th Caring and Sharing, 37 High Street, 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
15th Horticultural Society Visit to Hadlow College, Spring Lane, Cant 7pm
17th Bridge Village Fete, School Grounds, 12 noon - 4.00pm
19th Caring and Sharing, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
20th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, **7 Windmill Close, Bridge**, 8pm
24th MOBY Camp, Kingston 5pm
25th The Works, Quiet View, 146 The Street, Kingston 10-11.30am
Bridge Open Gardens 2pm - 5pm
26th Caring and Sharing, Elham Valley Vineyard, 7.30pm
27th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
1st July Snowdown Male Voice Choir Concert, Bekesbourne Church 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events Bekesbourne

15th July	Boot Fair
22nd-24th Sept	Flower Festival

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When my daughter, Mary, went to University she met a lovely girl called Emma and they became great friends. Sadly she had cystic fibrosis but she was full of life and love. She had a deep faith and became a deacon in the church. However, she had to finally go to Papworth and have a transplant - heart and lungs. My whole family visited her and during the conversation, I asked if she was sleeping. "Oh No" she replied, "I'm too excited - I'm alive". I am convinced that when she went to Our Lord, one year later. She would still be saying, "I am alive".

Wonderful words! "I am alive". Those surely are the words Jesus spoke to his disciples when he came back to LIFE when God raised him from the dead after his hideous and sadistic death. "Feel me", he said, "I am truly alive - I have life". As the little boy excitedly said, "It's all right - Jesus didn't stay dead!" BUT Jesus also said, "I have come that you might have Life and that you might have it more abundantly - that you may have it to the full".

What did He really mean? He didn't mean just the breath we breathe. Surely he was telling us that materialism is a temporary satisfaction - there is more to life. Jesus is telling us to listen to Him and find in Him alone the life which is overflowing. Life in all its fulness, a life which gives fulfilment. Jesus' love of life was overwhelming. His chief concern was and is, us, and so His Gift of LIFE is free and we need to allow His life to come into us and change us. If He is the centre and source of our lives, his life will influence our whole being and then our lives, too, will be strong, vital, full of love and exciting. On Whit Sunday, Pentecost, Jesus sent His Holy Spirit, Himself, into his disciples, into the world to strengthen and sustain them and us now.

You know Easter goes on for ever. We are EASTER People. Jesus is alive with us NOW. He departed in death, but returned as the Risen Lord for ever. On Easter Day He said "I AM ALIVE". We too can say that and really, really mean it - not just now, but in the world to come.

Alleluia. He is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia.
God Bless.

Margaret Clarke

Your Parish Matters

Marriage

22/4	Bridge	Simon Farnham and Claire Brasier
29/4	Lower Hardres	Simon Green and Sarah Mummery

Funeral

7/5	Bridge	Royce Henry Payne

Interregnum
During the interregnum please contact your local churchwardens in the first instance for any parish matters and our Area Dean, Rev David Roper (01227 831340) if you have an urgent need to talk to a vicar.

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON FAMILY B.B.Q.

Saturday 2nd July 2006
12 noon
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THANK YOU 'AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Many thanks to everyone who supported the coffee morning for Amnesty International back in March? We raised £242.12! A special thanks also to everyone who helped on the day, to those who made cakes, and to Traidcraft and Phoenix Cards for their contribution.

Thank you,

Kaz Russell-Graham

HEALTH AND HEALING

The meeting with month will be on Thursday 1st June at 7 Windmill Close at 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 feel alone when you share your troubles and anxieties.

Look forward to seeing you in person on the 1st June.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish News

Many thanks to all who supported the Annual Plant and Cake Coffee Morning on May 13th. A very useful £480 was raised.

In June we look forward to the Cornelia Slavin Outing on Wednesday 7th and to the monthly Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall from 10 - 11.15am on Wednesday 14th. Do come.

Flag Fund

Hilary and Barry Whiting express their thanks to the twenty six friends of the Church who so kindly supported our Flag Fund either through attending the coffee morning or via independent donations.

As a consequence we collected the unexpected sum of £171 - sufficient to purchase more than two banners, if thought worthwhile.

In addition, our thanks must go to Mr Robert Ludlow for his gift of a Kent Invicta Flag which we hope to fly on non-celebratory days.

M O B Y

MOBY CAMP

Saturday 24th June

At The Quiet View
(146 The Street, Kingston)
from 5pm

M O B Y

[MOBY : Members Of Bridge Youth is our Benefice Youth group open to all young people of secondary school age – new members very welcome.
Contact Ruth and Tony Washington tel:831156]

The Works

Sunday 25th June

From 10-11:30am
At the Quiet View

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Contact Ruth Washington tel:831156.

Bridge History Society - On the Nail - June 2006

On 13th May, some of our members attended the annual Kent History Federation Conference at Darent Valley, listening to talks in the morning and participating in a guided tour during the afternoon. This was of particular interest to the Committee this year, as in May next year we will be hosting the annual conference in Bridge. On Saturday 20 May, members enjoyed a day-visit to the Museum of Kent Life at Cobtree, combined with a cruise on the River Medway in the afternoon. Just one event remains for this season. On Saturday 24 June, Jenny and Martin Vye will lead a midsummer evening country walk around parts of the parish boundary of Bridge, visiting local beauty spots and finishing at a local hostelry. The walk will be a maximum of five miles and will last no more than two hours. Walkers should meet at the Bridge Recreation Ground Car Park at 5 pm. All are welcome and the event is free, so do come along and join in.

Meriel Connor

Art in Bridge

Autumn Exhibition

21st & 22nd October 2006

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

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WEEKEND OF CELEBRATIONS

It was a busy weekend at St. **Peter's Church, Bekesbourne** for those involved with the bells and organ restoration project. In celebration of the successful completion of the project an Open Day was held on Saturday 29th April and a re-dedication service on Sunday 30th April.

On Saturday rain showers threatened during the morning while a bell simulator (known as a 'womble') was being erected near the church's North door. However by the time a visiting band of ringers arrived to start proceedings, the sun broke through and it wasn't long before the 'womble' was being tried by many visitors of all ages. It was a great success and our thanks go to Peter Dale from Dover for bringing and supervising this unique piece of equipment.

Inside the church display boards showed the different stages of organ and bell restoration with written information, pictures and photographs. Leaflets were available to take home on the history of the Bevington organ and another on Bell Ringing. A delightful booklet was produced for the occasion entitled 'Bells and Bell Ringing' from St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne (a few copies are still available from the church) The organ was played by several visitors who were complimentary on its refurbishment. Some visitors came to listen to the organ and bells which could be heard throughout the day and at the same time enjoyed a welcome cup of tea or coffee.

The weather held again on Sunday afternoon for the Festal Evensong at 3.30pm. The service was led by Rev. John Shorrock and the preacher was the Right Rev Michael Turnbull, former bishop of Rochester who welcomed everyone to the church on a beautiful spring afternoon. The church was full, many visitors had come by invitation and some had come quite a distance to celebrate a special achievement. All those who had contributed in one way or another were thanked by Bishop Michael who then congratulated the small community of Bekesbourne on a successful project of which we should feel justly proud.

Delicious homemade cakes, tea and coffee were served after the service.

Romany Cowans

Bridge Village Fete

In aid of Bridge Primary School
St Peter's and St Mary's Churches

Saturday 17th June 2006
12 noon - 4.00pm

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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We have been fortunate in arranging an evening visit to the Horticultural Unit of Hadlow College in Spring Lane, Canterbury. This will take place on Thursday 15th June, meeting at the college at 7.00 pm prompt. If anyone requires help with transport please call Kathy Walder on 830057 (evenings).

The Unit was not tended for a short period of time and only over the last year has it started to be brought back into shape. It will therefore be interesting to see what has been done and then perhaps return for another visit to see the further progress that has been made.

Hopefully we shall have a warm summer's evening to walk round and enjoy the grounds and greenhouses, with refreshments provided, and perhaps even the chance to buy some plants, at the end of our visit.

I should also like to remind members that the Summer Show will be held this year on Saturday 29 July at Bridge School. If you have not already got a show schedule, these are available from any of the committee members. We hope to see more exhibitors and more exhibits than ever this year.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

On Tuesday 20 June at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, the WI will be holding its Birthday Party. Guests have been invited and entertainment will be provided by "Wings of Song". Members should remember to bring the items they promised for the supper. There will be no competition this month.

THE NEW CLOSE

This year The New Close will be having a stall at the Village Fete to be held on 17th June. This opportunity has given both the staff and residents something to work towards. They are really looking forward to the day and will be selling plants and other items that the residents have made.

From approx 2pm - 4pm Mr B. Betts will be available to answer any questions you may be having with your garden plants regarding pests and diseases and bugs in general - a new idea for the fete so find him on their stall and ask him a few questions.

We all hope the day will be a great success for everyone and look forward to making new friends.

Linda Miles

EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE ELHAM VALLEY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The weekend after Easter the first visit from EVTA's new twinning partners in the Southern Beaujolais region of France took place.

This is a community linking six villages in a wine producing area. They have called their association Elham en Beaujolais.

31 French guests, including a number of children, were hosted by families in Elham, Barham, Kingston and Bekesbourne. After a short visit by coach to London from Ashford International, the weekend's programme proceeded with a choice of local visits to Canterbury, Dover Castle and the coast, first impressions being enhanced by the sunny weather and the spring flowers. The day was rounded off by an English meal and a barn dance in Elham Village Hall, where hosts and guests entered into the spirit of things and "entente cordiale" abounded!

The French expressed interest in meeting people with common interests in our area: such as tennis, golf, brass band playing, singing, gardening, language learning, and in particular forging contacts between school age children. To facilitate these links members on both sides have already started to learn each other's languages with great enthusiasm.

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The gardens in Womenswold will be open again under the National Gardens Scheme.

We hope the weather will be kind - there will be an interesting exhibition by Roger Bone entitled 'Tablets of Stone - Stories behind St Margaret's Memorials'.

There will be the usual plants for sale and the home made cakes for the teas.

The proceeds from the plants and teas will go towards the maintenance of St. Margaret's Church with the proceeds from the entrance to the National Garden Scheme charities.

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Maggie McKenzie
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You really need to keep the second half of October (12th to 27th) clear in your diary. But to ensure that you get tickets to your chosen events, **become a Friend of the Festival** now and you will be sent the programme in July, two weeks before public booking begins. You can order tickets with some discount and guarantee that you get the best of seats even to those events that sell out.

Contact: Sylviane Martell
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Next on 14th July is a concert at the **Kingston Barn** with Devon singer/songwriter **Paul Downes**. Paul's sensitive and yet fun approach to his live performances put him among the most respected artists on the British acoustic music scene today. He has been introduced (much to his embarrassment) as one of the greatest acoustic guitarists in the world. He is certainly one of the most able and talented yet underrated guitarists on the folk/roots scene and a mesmerising performer, don't miss him. He played for many years with Phil Beer as 'Downes & Beer' and made a guest appearance with Show of Hands at their 2001 sell-out Royal Albert Hall concert. Paul will be supported by local talented singer/songwriter Sarah Reed from Canterbury who grabbed my attention recently at the Rochester Sweeps Festival 'Folk Factor' competition.

Sarah plays guitar and sings her own beautiful songs with a magical, soulful quality; her voice has been described as having the clarity of Dido's and soul of Eva Cassidy's, high praise indeed and I couldn't disagree.

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Notes from Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 11th May 2006 -Bridge Village Hall

Planning Committee

Planning Applications Received;

The Planning Committee had no objection to the following applications;

CA/06/00491/BRI 30 High St Bridge CT4 5JZ

CAL/06/00037/BRI 30 High St. Bridge CT4 5JZ

Replacement conservatory and single and two storey extensions to rear of dwelling.

CA/06/00528/BRI 26 Bridge Down, Bridge CT4 5AZ

Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling

CA/06/00520/BRI 7 High St. Bridge, Ct4 5JY

Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling

The Planning Committee objected to the following application;

CA/06/00545/BRI 8 Brewery Lane, Bridge, CT4 5LD

Conversion of garage into two dwellings

It was felt that this was an over development of the site. There was a lack of outside space and inadequate parking provision. The committee also objected to the change of use from commercial premises.

The Planning Committee noted the following applications had been granted;

CA/06/00251/BRI Meadow Cottage, Meadow Close CT4 5AT

Extension & alteration to dwelling & replacement garage.

CA/06/00267/BRI Granary House, Renville, Bridge CT4 5AD

Erection of greenhouse

CA/06/00349/BRI Oast Cottage, Great Pett Farm, Pett Hill, Bridge CT4 5AN

Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling

CA/06/00429/BRI Old Renville Farmhouse, Renville Farm Rd, Bridge CT4 5DH

Extension to rear of garage

CA/06/00393/BRI Coppice, Bridge Hill, Bridge CT4 5AX

Replacement 2.44 metre high boundary wall to side of dwelling

The Planning Committee noted, without objection, the modification to the following application;

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

Single storey extension to side of dwelling.

Parish Council

Election of the Chairman for 2006-7

Councillor Ann Edmonds was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Gulvin, seconded by Cllr Lewis and elected unanimously.

Election of Vice Chairman for 2006-7

Cllr John Hill was proposed as Vice- Chairman by Cllr Esdale, seconded by Cllr Beesty and elected unanimously

Appointment of Members of the Planning Committee

The following were appointed as members of the Planning Committee;

Cllrs John Hill (Chairman), Beinder and Lewis

A full list of councillors appointed to outside bodies and advisory committees is on the village website and notice boards.

Neil Anstrall, Operations Director, Stagecoach in East Kent, answered questions on the local bus service put to him by councillors and parishioners. A leaflet explaining the new bus travel concessions for pensioners will be put on the village website and is available from the Clerk.

Youth Shelter Project It was agreed that Amanda Sparkes and Sue Radcliffe (Police Community Support Officer) would be invited to the June Parish Council meeting to discuss the proposal for a Youth Shelter

Flood Map –Cllr Gulvin has now drawn up a map of the village showing which properties were flooded in 2001 and indicating the Environment Agency's zone of flooding. Cllr Gulvin's map gives a more accurate indication of properties at risk of flooding. It is available for inspection in Cllr Gulvin's office in the High St. It is planned to draft a letter to all householders within the zone of flooding explaining their true position for insurance purposes etc.

Recycling point Following continued acts of vandalism, both the Salvation Army and the Sunshine Club have removed their clothing bins from the village re-cycling point. The Parish Council expressed its dismay at the anti-social element whose actions have resulted in these charities having to remove their collection points. An item explaining the reasons for their withdrawal will be put in the next parish newsletter. A decision on installing a cctv camera was deferred to a future date so that the situation could be monitored. It was agreed to ask Serco to provide an additional bin for plastic bags etc at the recycling point.

Double Yellow Lines on Dering Rd. A Deposit Document has been received from Canterbury City Council advising that it is proposed to put double yellow lines on Dering Rd and asking for comments before 19th May. It was agreed that the parish council would write to Canterbury City Council Highways Department again expressing its opposition to the lines.

Bollards for Western Ave Following concerns expressed by parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting, the possibility of erecting bollards on the pavement of Western Ave opposite Bridgeway Stores was discussed. The aim would be to prevent dangerous parking; an on-going problem. It was agreed to ask KCC Highways for permission and to explore the possibility of the parish council paying for the bollards.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 8th June at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. This will be preceded at 7.15 pm by the Planning Committee meeting. All parishioners are welcome to attend these meetings.

Priest-in-Charge:
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-Powell, 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, KeepersHill, 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)

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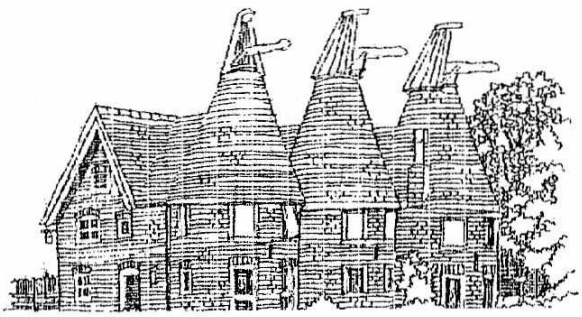

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Sun 2nd July Trinity 3	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev J Thackray	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Childs	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: 2 Sam 1.1,17-end NT: 2 Cor 8. 7-end G: Mark 5. 21-end
Sun 9th	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrock	OT: 2 Sam 5.1-5,9-10 NT: 2 Cor 12. 2-10 G: Mark 6. 1-13
Sun 16th	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev D Griscome	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev Dr J Law	OT:2 Sam 6.1-5,12b-19 NT: Eph 1. 3-14 G: Mark 6. 14-29
Sun 23rd	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev Dr J Law 6.00 pm Evensong Rev D Griscome	10.00 am Holy Communion The Ven P Evans	Joint Service at Patrixbourne	OT: 2 Sam 7. 1-14a NT: Eph 2. 11-end G: Mark 6. 30-34, 53-end
Sun 30th			10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Rev D Griscome			OT: 2 Sam 11. 1-15 NT: Eph 3. 14-end G: John 6. 1-21
Sun 6th August	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Greenwood	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Childs	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Dan 7.9-10,13-14 NT: 2 Peter 1. 16-19 G: Luke 9. 28-36

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for July 2006

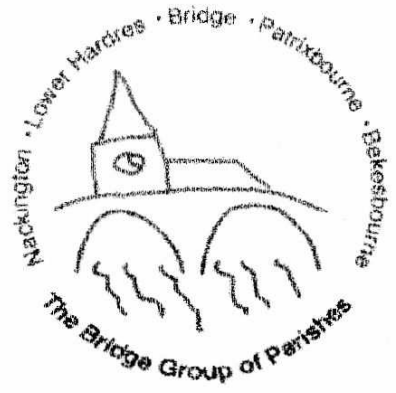
1st Snowdown Male Voice Choir Concert, Bekesbourne Church 7.30pm
2nd Lower Hardres & Nackington Family BBQ, John Baker White Hall, Lwr Hardres 12 noon
Garden Safari, Bekesbourne Aerodrome 2.00 - 4.30pm
3rd Caring and Sharing, 22 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
4th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
6th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
10th Caring and Sharing, 13 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
11th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
12th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
15th Bekesbourne Boot Fair
Items for Aug/Sept 'On The Nail' to Editor
17th Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge 7.30pm
18th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2pm
Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
23rd The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
24th Caring and Sharing, 8A Conyngham Lane, Bridge 7.30pm
25th After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
29th Horticultural Society Annual Summer Show, Bridge School 2pm

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

22nd-24th Sept Flower Festival
6th October Fashion show

Methodist Church Services all at 11am

July 2nd Rev. Barbara Heather
July 9th Rev. Donald Lugg
July 16th Rev. David Marshall Holy Communion
July 23rd Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc. DMS.C.Eng.
July 30th Rev. Barbara Heather
Aug 6th Miss Jean Hall



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As I write this, the World Cup has just begun. When you read this the competition will be reaching its climax. The thing that has struck me is what a unifying force the competition has been. The nation has come together to declare their support for our national team; cultural boundaries, colour etc ignored in a common bond of being English and/or a football supporter. This has been extended beyond our national boundaries. It has been uplifting to watch the scenes of football supporters from opposing nations, socialising, happily co-existing in Germany united in a common bond - football!

I was also aware recently of young children's natural inclination to see likeness not difference. Twin girls joined the Infants at the school where I work. They did not understand or speak any English; they dressed in traditional Muslim dress and were anxious and bewildered having no understanding of our culture. Their classmates instinctively welcomed them. Seeing them as new playmates, not acknowledging any differences.

If only these examples were the 'norm'. Unfortunately we, particularly adults, tend to focus on differences and retreat into 'tribal' groups highlighting these differences. Let us try to take the child's simplistic and positive approach and look for likeness in, or a common bond with, other people. This is so important especially where religious intolerance is to be found. It is vital if mankind has any chance of living on this planet in peace, and co-operating in overcoming the huge problems facing us.

Best wishes and enjoy the summer!

Pat Kusel

Marriage

20/5	Bekesbourne	Benjamin Gay & Nicola Claire Thornby

Funeral

7/4	Bridge	Royce Henry Paune
31/5	Bridge	Winifred May Fowler

Interregnum

During the interregnum please contact your local churchwardens in the first instance for any parish matters and our Area Dean, Rev David Roper (01227 831340) if you have an urgent need to talk to a vicar.

Lower Hardres

On Sunday July 2nd our BBQ at J.B.w. Hall, Lower Hardres from 12 noon - 4ish, DON'T FORGET, PLEASE.

At 11am we will celebrate Holy Communion, as we always do on the 1st sunday in the month

On the 2nd Sunday, July 9th, at 6pm Evensong..

On the 3rd Sunday, July 16th, Family Service at 10am.

Do come! You will be most welcome at all these services - Babies to Grandmas and Grandads.

Have a great holiday but take care and drive carefully.

God Bless, Margaret

Health & Healing

The next prayer group will be on Thursday July 6th at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close.

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 His healing power.

Just a reminder, we will not be meeting in August but the circle of prayer will continue.

Kath Pierce 830844

Fish News

Holiday time is coming up so please note that the July Coffee Pop-in is on Wednesday 12th and the August one will be on Wednesday 9th.

Our thanks to everyone (and to the weather) for making the summer outing such a success.

Nailbourne League of Friends

A summer supper evening, Pimms, Pies and Puddings in the Park. To be held on Friday 14th July 7pm at Charlton Park, Bishopsbourne.

for tickets please call Elizabeth Stewart 830344 or Rosy Green 830204.

Please support your local hospital.

Dorothy De Cent

Mrs Dorothy De Cent passed away peacefully on Saturday 10th June, having been in hospital in Dorset where she had moved to some years before to be near her son Roger.

Dorothy had lived in Bridge since the thirties, coming here from her native Whitstable. She married Harold De Cent and brought up two sons who now both live away.

Not just a name

I am one of a group of local people who are taking part in a WEA project to find out more about men commemorated on the war memorials in some of the local villages. We are working towards an exhibition which will be held in Petham Village Hall on Remembrance Day this November and which will feed into village Remembrance Services.

David Harrison is researching the Nackington memorial. David can be contacted on 01227 458892 or you may spot him mowing the grass around the memorial. Barbara Hunt is researching the Littlebourne memorial - you may have seen her letter in the Gazette a few weeks ago. Barbara can be contacted by e-mail to Barbara.hunt4@btopenworld.com (See also her report on the British Legion Activities on page 00.) I am researching the Bekesbourne memorial and, if time permits, I plan also to look at Patrixbourne. You can contact me on 01227 832573 or by e-mail to cobhamcourt@btinternet.com

We'd be pleased to hear from relatives of the men honoured on these memorials or from anyone else who might have information to share. I would also be pleased to hear from anyone who can tell me the first use of the poignant epitaph on the World War II memorial which reads 'Precious pieces in the mosaic of Victory'. I can trace it back to a tombstone in the Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery, but I feel that it must have come from a literary source such as a speech or a poem as it has been widely used on other memorials throughout the world.

Other villages included in the research are Bossingham, Crundale, Godmersham and Petham and if you know anything about any of the men commemorated on these memorials we can pass it on or put you in touch with the relevant researcher.

The names on the Bekesbourne Memorial for World War I are listed below. They are identified on the memorial only by initials, but I have added in brackets what I believe their Christian names to be.

Private A. (Arthur) Bean, Lance Sgt S. J. (Sydney) Bushell, Private C. E. (Charles) Cage, Private W. (Warwick) Gibbs, Gunner W.T. (William) Goldup, Private H. (Henry) Hoare, Captain W. (William) Howard, Private F.W. (Frederick) Kingsford, Private J. (James) Knight, Private J. (John) Mepstead, Gunner P. (Percy) Moore, Private W. C. V. (Charles William Victor) Newport.

The names on the Bekesbourne World War II Memorial (which is inside the church) are:

Hugh Carey, Walter Hammond (known as Jim), Charles Tiley and James Austen.

Boulles at the Unicorn

Cheryl and Clive are hosting a boulles tournament at The Unicorn Sunday 9th July at midday.

This will not clash with the World cup final which kicks off at 20.00 the same day. This is always a fun event to raise funds for The Friends Of Bekesbourne Church.

There will as usual be delicious local sausage hotdogs and a raffle.

If you intend to eat remember to book in advance.

On The Nail
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The next edition of
On The Nail
will be combined August and September
magazine

Will all contributors please note
that items for August and September
should be submitted to
Laurence Dunderdale by the weekend
of Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th July

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Thank you for your assistance
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Laurence Dunderdale
Churchwarden

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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Horticultural Annual Summer Show will be held on Saturday 29 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 1l .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 27 July at the latest for all classes other than the garden entries which should be in by Friday 21 July. If you volunteered for and have been given a plant to look after, don't forget to enter it in the Chairman's Challenge class. A reminder, as ever, that you have to be a member to exhibit, but it is never too late to join!

For the Show to be a success, we need lots of exhibitors and lots of entries. 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 18 July at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Carolyn Silvester will be giving a talk on ' Atkins Lavender Co" and showing off her products. The competition this month is for an article beginning with the letter "A'.

RNLI House-to-House Collection

This year's village collection topped last years - the result amounting to £542-26. The overall sum collected for Canterbury and district was a grand total of £9,809-52. As you are aware, the RNLI is entirely funded by voluntary contributions. Many thanks to my gallant band of collectors and to everyone who contributed.

Joan Hill

Village Co-ordinator

Kent & Medway

Biological Records Centre

Go Wild in Kent with KMBRC!

The Kent & Medway Biological Records Centre (KMBRC) in partnership with Kent County Council is pleased to announce the second annual Big Recording Weekend on the 5th and 6th August 2006 at Shorne Wood Country Park, just off the A2 near Gravesend.

'Kent goes Wild!' is a free event aiming to engage and inspire adults and children to take pride and *take part* in their local environment.

Over the weekend, the public will have the chance to see, participate in and learn about surveying for a wide range of wildlife species including small mammals, reptiles, moths, dragonflies and bats. Kent county species experts will be present to identify specimens, photos and wildlife artefacts and to chat with the general public.

'Kent Goes Wild!' aims to:

· Increase the public's awareness of wildlife and wildlife recording;

· Promote Kent's biological and geological recording groups;

· Promote Natural Heritage and increase the list of species recorded at Shorne Wood Country Park.

'Kent Goes Wild!' is an eclectic celebration of biological recording at all levels, which helps to protect the county's wildlife and safeguard the countryside in the Garden of England.

For further information go to **www.kmbrc.org.uk/kentgoeswild** or call KMBRC on 01622 685646/780.

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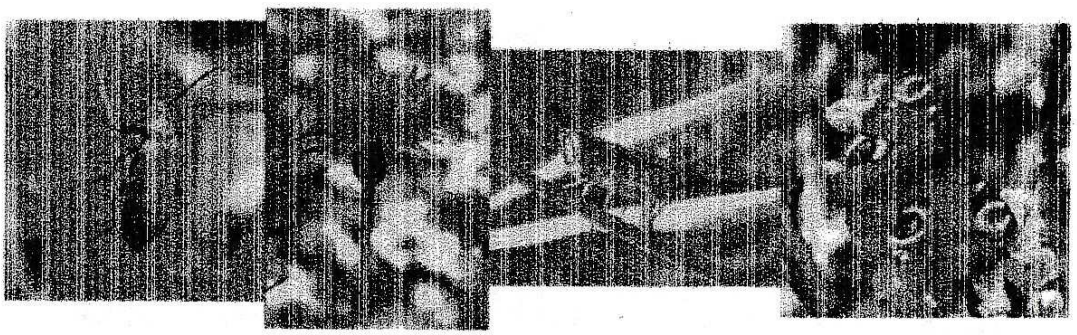

5th and 6th August 2006

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Art in Bridge

Autumn Exhibition

21st & 22nd October 2006

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

THE HAND MADE OPERA COMPANY CHRISTENS PETHAM'S NEW STAGE

There was something for everybody at the first performance on Petham Village Hall's new stage on Saturday, where the Show Committee of the Hundred Association presented the Hand Made Opera Company to an enthusiastic audience of over 100. Where else could you see the compere doing a striptease whilst sitting nonchalantly in a chair onstage and introducing the next number? Certainly a first for Petham!

The Hand Made Opera is a trio of touring operatic singers, accompanied by a talented pianist, who perform a series of excerpts from a string of well-known operas varying from Porgy and Bess to Tannhauser. The striptease was necessitated by the lead baritone, Colin Baldy, having to transmogrify from a Japanese fisherman to an elderly romantic German between two of his numbers, each of which he explained with humorous clarity while the soprano. Jane Streeton, and the tenor, Ian Hackett, were also changing costumes behind the scenes. It should be added that decency was preserved by wearing his elegant German evening wear underneath his baggy Japanese trousers and fishing smock, although he had to remove his shoes to conduct the change, meanwhile talking apace! That done, he sang Wagner's "Star of Eve" with sensitive musical judgement and feeling.

The evening's entertainment took place on the new stage provided by a generous grant jointly given by BIFFAWARD and the Arts Council South-East, who also contributed funding towards the sound and lighting. It was an evening of fine music and great fun.

The Hundred announced two of its autumn shows. A play for 3-7 year olds - "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus" on the afternoon of Saturday October 7th and on December 2nd "In the Bleak Midwinter" a modern version of the great medieval comedy, The Wakefield Shepherds' Play. Ninety percent full houses at its first three events indicates the South of Canterbury villages' response to performances in their midst.

NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8th June 2006

Youth Shelter

Amanda Sparkes of Canterbury City Council and Sue Radcliffe, Police Community Support Officer, discussed the possibility of setting up a youth shelter in the village with the Parish Council. It was agreed that a local consultation would be carried out. Questionnaires for young people and older people will be drafted and be available at the village fete, where there will also be a presentation with promotional literature/catalogues. The village youth group, the scouts and guides will also be consulted. Sue Radcliffe will obtain feed back from other PCSOs with experience of youth shelters in their areas.

Low cost housing - The Low Cost Housing Committee will meet with Jennifer Shaw of ACRK and Sally Richards of the Southern Housing Group on 12th. June, to discuss the next steps with the group that is likely to take on the affordable housing project.

By-pass celebrations - Cllr Esdale will organise the information panels and he and Cllr Hill will provide gazebos at the fete for the exhibit to commemorate 30 years of the by-pass and the youth shelter display.

Western Ave Bollards - Following the parish council's letter, Kent Highways Dept have requested a site meeting with councillors to discuss the possibility of erecting bollards on the corner of the High St and Western Ave. It was agreed that the clerk would set up a meeting.

Restoration of old street and house names - Cllr Beinder has identified three streets whose former names could be incorporated into new street signs. There are also several house and terrace names that could be restored with the owners' permission. It was agreed that Cllr Beinder would write an article for 'On the Nail' asking for residents' views on restoring the old names. It was also reported that the old sign for Bridge Hill has been removed and replaced with a new, modern sign that is not in keeping with the village. It was agreed that the clerk would write to Highways Dept to ask them to restore the old sign and not to remove any more historic signs from the village, which is in a conservation area.

Wild flower area on the recreation ground - Cllr Beinder has put her proposals to the sports clubs using the recreation ground and had received a positive response. She has also approached Bridge Primary School and it might be possible to involve the children in the project. Plans for planting a wild flower meadow at the doctors' surgery have been abandoned. Jo Hesketh of the Stour Valley Project has visited the ground with Cllrs Corfield and Beinder and might be able to suggest sources of funding. She is willing to talk to residents about the plans. It is important that the scheme is of low maintenance and that there is a band of willing local people to assist. It was agreed that Cllr Beinder would set up a meeting, probably in September, to assess the level of support in the village.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th. July 2006 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

8th June 2006

The Planning Committee had no objection to the following applications;

CA/06/00622/BRI 7 High St, Bridge
Pitched roof over existing garage

CA/06/00699/BRI Bourne Lodge, Bridge Hill, Bridge
Installation of wall, railings and gates to front of dwelling

CA/06/00608/BRI 29 Brewery Lane
Land adjoining Brewery Lane change of land use to residential
It was however agreed to point out to the City Council that agreement to the change of use from agricultural land in this case should not be regarded as a precedent.

The Planning Committee noted the following applications had been granted;

CA/06/00446/BRI Land Rear of Old Renville Farm Cottages, Renville Farm Rd. Bridge CT4 5DH
Erection of stables

CA/06/00148/BRI 12 The Close Union Rd, Bridge
Single storey extension to rear and replacement door with window to front and rear of dwelling

CAL/06/00010/BRI 12 The Close , Union Rd, Bridge
Single storey extension to rear and replacement door with window to front and rear of dwelling

CA/06/00520/BRI 7 High St. Bridge, CT4 5JY
Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling

CA/06/00528/BRI 26 Bridge Down, Bridge CT4 5AZ
Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 13th. July 2006 at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Priest-in-Charge:
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-Powell, 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, KeepersHill, 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)

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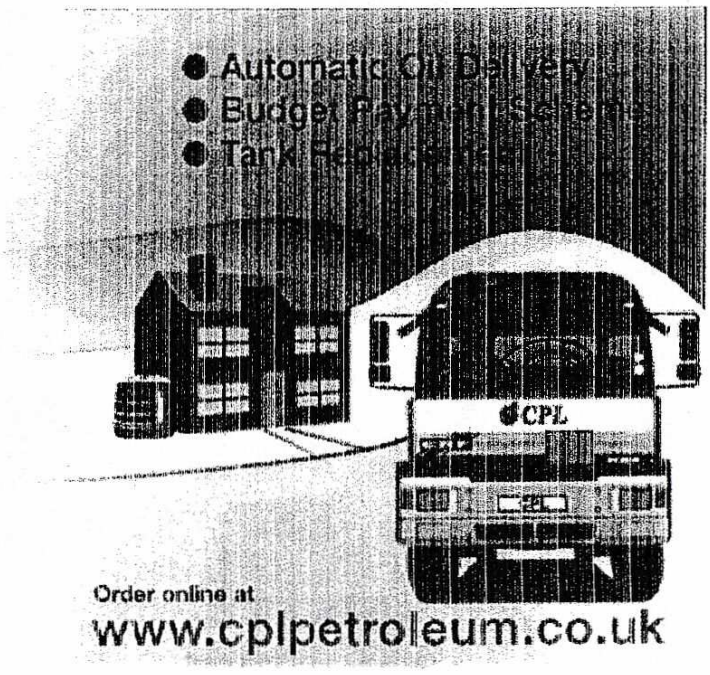

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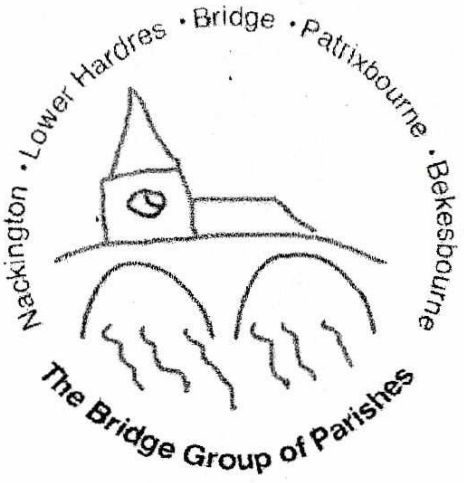

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Opposites

Summer is here and I love it! - but I am very much aware that many people find it too hot. Despite all, it is very lovely to see the sun, to enjoy outside activities and to see people deriving so much pleasure from SUMMER. However, life goes on and I am also aware that these are the sad times, the illnesses, the anxieties, wars, poverty and the crisis in the Far East. Why are people so cruel to each other? Why, we ask ourselves - It's humanity not God.

The combination of Summer and sadness hit me forcibly on Sunday because the Readings for the day were so different. The OT Reading told us of King David leading a wonderful, joyful procession upto the Temple in Jerusalem. They were carrying the Ark of the Covenant; the Ten Commandments, "the presence of God" with music and dancing. The Letter to the Ephesians reminded us that we are dependent on God, we have much to thank Him for and we are ALL part of His glorious love and that EVIL does NOT WIN. Good WILL triumph. We then go to read the Gospel and the fate of John the Baptist, through woman's jealousy and hatred. Herodias, the wife of King Herod Antipas of Galilee, hates John because he stood up for his principles and criticised her. She demanded his head on a platter! Herod, in his drunken stupor gave permission to chop off John's head. It was her hatred and Herod's weakness. It was not God's fault!

Perhaps we need to praise God with love and hope, and to pray for the tragedies, especially in the Far East and to help if we can in some small way. As the Archbishop's wife, Jane Williams, said, "We do need to hold always before us the Knowledge that the world and its fate are in God's hands, and He who has held it in love from its birth is not going to drop it now."

We need to hold the balance between the two, the joys and the sorrows and to remember that whatever happens God IS IN CHARGE. He knows best and He does love us very much.

Margaret Clarke

The Bridge Group :
Services for the month of August 2006

Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 6th August Trinity 8	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Greenwood	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Child	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Dan 7.9-10,13-14 NT: 2 Peter 1. 16-19 G: Luke 9. 28-36
Sun 13th Trinity 9	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Mattins	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon G Greenwood	OT: 2 Sam 18,5-9,15,31-33 NT: Eph 4. 25-5.2 G: John 6. 35, 41-51
Sun 20th Trinity 10	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Child	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev K David	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Griscome	OT: 1 Kings 2.10-12;3.3-14 NT: Eph 5. 15-20 G: John 6. 51-58
Sun 27th Trinity 11	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev D Griscome 6.00 pm Evensong Rev D Griscome	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Greenwood	Joint Service at Patrixbourne	OT: 1 Kings 8. 22-30,41-43 NT: Eph 6. 10-20 G: John 6. 56-69
Sun 3rd September Trinity 12	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Canon G Greenwood	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev D Roper	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Sg of Sol 2.8-13 NT: James 1. 17-end G: Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

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Sun 10th Trinity 13	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service	10.00 am Mattins	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev D Roper	OT: Prov 22.1-2,8-9,22-23 NT: James 2.1-10,14-17 G: Mark 7. 24-end
Sun 17th Trinity 14	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Thackray	OT: Prov 1. 20-33 NT: James 3. 1-12 G: Mark 8. 27-end
Sun 24th Trinity 15	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Thackray	6.00 pm Evensong Rev K Child	OT: Prov 31. 10-end NT: James 3. 13-4.3, 7-8a G:Mark 9. 30-37
Sun 1st October Trinity 16	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Greenwood	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Harvest Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Esther 7.1-6,9-10;9.20-22 NT: James 5. 13-end G: Mark 9. 38-end

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Diary for August 2006

1st Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm

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

15th Women's Institute, Methodist Chapel, Patrixbourne Rd, Bridge 2pm
Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm

22nd Holy Communion, Highfield Care Home, Bekesbourne 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm

Diary for September 2006

3rd The Upper Room, **Bridge Village Hall**, 9.15am

5th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
Moby, Bridge Village Hall, 7-8.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm

7th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC Meeting, Bridge Church 7.30pm

9th Friends of Kent Churches Bike Ride

11th Caring and Sharing, 16 Riverside Close, 7.30pm

12th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm

13th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop In, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am

16th Produce Sale, Bridge Church, 10am - 1pm

18th Caring and Sharing, St Margarets Bay 7.30pm

19th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Moby, Trip, 7pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm

22nd-24th Flower Festival, Bekesbourne Church

24th The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.30am

25th Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm

26th Holy Communion, Highfield Care Home, Bekesbourne 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm

29th World's Biggest Coffee Morning, 20 Conyngham Lane, Bridge 10-12 noon
Lower Hardres and Nackington Harvest Supper, JBW Hall, Lower Hardres 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

6th October Catwalk Connections Fashion Show

25th November Christmas Bazaar

Your Parish Matters

Marriage

24/6	Bekesbourne	Nigel Stuart & Sarah Howland
8/7	Nackington	James Lockhart & Lauren Addis

Blessing

24/6	Nackington	Jean-Felix de Bousies & Susan Creighton
15/7	Lower Hardres	Paul Harrison & Joanna Stone

Funeral

19/6	Barham(Bridge)	Pamela Clark
23/6	Barham(Bridge)	Kenneth Jaggers
4/7	Barham(Bridge)	Isobel Fyvie Lawrence

Interregnum

During the interregnum please contact your local churchwardens in the first instance for any parish matters and our Area Dean, Rev David Roper (01227 831340) if you have an urgent need to talk to a vicar.

The BBQ on 2nd July at JBW . Big thanks to Jo and ALL the helpers who made it such a wonderful day.

Benefice Harvest Lunch on 8th October at Bridge CEP School. All very welcome.

Following the success of the All Souls Memorial Service last year, The Benefice Service at Bekesbourne on Sunday 29th October will be designated as an All Souls Memorial Service. If you intend to be at the service and would like someone's name read out in memory, please give details to a churchwarden or the Parish Office (830250) by 24th October.

Lower Hardres

On August 20th there will be our Family Service at 10am. As always you will all be most welcome. It is a joy to worship Our Lord in a lovely village church when our villages are held up to God in prayer.

In September, apart from the Bike Ride on 9th September, Harry is organising a Parish Bike Ride. Look out for the date/time/venue. It will be great, so do come!

The Harvest Supper will be held at JBW on 29th September.

Margaret

Now Even More Yoga In Bridge!

From September yoga will be available to you not only once but twice a week.

For all the hard working Mums and anyone who finds evenings difficult there will be an afternoon class on Tuesdays, 1 pm -2.30pm so it finishes before the school run!

The popular evening class will continue on Wednesdays, 7pm -8.30.

Beginners are always more than welcome.

For details ring Caroline 01227 720 061

Kenneth Jaggers

The family and I would like to thank everyone for the numerous cards we received - far too many to thank individually - after the loss of Ken, a dearly loved husband, dad, father-in-law and grandad, who will be sadly missed by us all.

Mildred Jaggers

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2006

Very many thanks for the support given to our house to house collection for Bridge Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne when £ 1,299.52 was banked as a result of your generosity and the efforts of the collectors. Over £800 of the total sum was gift--aided.., 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

HARVEST SUPPER

Lower Hardres & Nackington

Friday 29th September 2006 7.30pm

John Baker White Hall

Tickets £7.00

For tickets contact

Margaret 01227 765598

Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting seems a long way off, on September 7th, but do not despair. The circle of prayer continues so it is vital that whatever concerns you have, the prayer group is there for you. I will phone round the group with your requests so that your concerns will be prayerfully raised to God throughout August until we meet again as a group.

So feel free to phone me with your requests during the month of August on Bridge 830844.

Just a reminder, the next meeting is on Thursday 7th September at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close.

Kath Pierce

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Appeal by the Salvation Army

After a very interesting talk by Major Sands at the Caring and Sharing Group, it has been decided by the group that we would like to support the appeal he made for towels, duvets, blankets, jeans, T-shirts and toiletries which they distribute to the homeless etc. We hope that you might be able to support this worthy cause. Please bring any items to Bridge Church on the weekend of 16/17 September and we will forward them to Major Sands. Please contact Pat Dunderdale (830668) if you need any more information.

Thank you for your help.

The Caring and Sharing Group

Children's and Youth Dates in September

MOBY

Tues 5th Sept 7:00 – 8:30pm
Bridge Village Hall. Games Night.
Tues 17th Sept TRIP to Planet Laser.

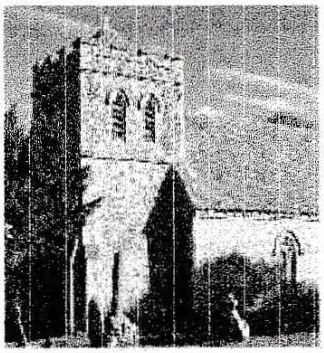
[MOBY : Members Of Bridge Youth is our Benefice Youth group open to all young people of secondary school age – new members very welcome. Contact Ruth and Tony Washington tel:831156]

The Upper Room

Sunday School has changed venue:
Sunday 3rd September
Bridge Village Hall
9:15 onwards, joining families at church for the end of the communion service.

The Works

Sunday 24th September
Bridge Village Hall
10:00 -11:30am
Stories, songs, games and craft activities for children of Primary School age. Younger siblings welcome accompanied by parents.
Any questions? Please Call Ruth Washington 831156.



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Sunday 24 September 6 pm

Preacher: Ven. Patrick Evans
Archdeacon of Canterbury

Farewell and Good Luck

It only seems like yesterday when Chris and Melanie McLean first arrived at the Plough and Harrow with their four small children to start a new life in Bridge, in the summer of 1991.

It didn't take them long to become part of the village, embracing the community spirit that has been key to the impact they have had, initially through parental involvement at Bridge School and associated activities.

Within two years of coming to Bridge, Chris and Father John Thackray hit the local headlines when the Bridge Scout Group was born, and then again in 1995 when they acquired the Bridge Scout Hut (The Mill Centre).

Chris and Melanie have made it possible and encouraged many societies and organisations to meet at the Plough and Harrow, using it as an 'alternative Community Centre', such as: The Young Farmers, The Chess Club, The Pigeon Club, Darts, Billiards, Pub Quiz, Bridge, German conversation class, Art Group, Pub is the Hub, Beers and Ears with Rev. Paul Filmer, The Twinning Association, The Mummers and Morris Dancers and many more, too numerous to mention.

Melanie had kept the pub looking great with her fantastic floral displays which have earned her the Winner of Bridge Business Premise in Bloom three times.

Chris and Melanie also played a key role in the VE Day celebrations at the Mill Centre.

Apart from their passion for community involvement, Chris and Melanie have taken great pride in the pub winning Pub of the Year 1995 & 2005, Cellar Master 1995 & 1997, Community Pub of the Year 2005 and many more awards.

I am sure many of you will recall the Millennium Calendar they produced in conjunction with Trish and Alfie Jarvis Photographers, depicting members of the staff and associated characters in their Birthday suits, and in particular, one customer who subsequently appeared as advertising on the side of a Lynx Taxi's black cab. If I mention pickled eggs, this may jog a few memories!!

In most recent years Chris and Melanie have been coping with their own personal challenges, with Chris finding strength and support through the church, becoming a very active congregation member, and later pursuing his aspirations as a lay preacher. He has used this in turn to share with fellow parishioners.

I couldn't finish without one final piece of recognition for Chris as a particularly memorable Am Dram Dame in several of The Kingsbourne Player's pantomimes!

Chris, Melanie and family - I wish you all well in your new pursuits on behalf of your many friends and customers, and will personally miss the many evenings spent in your company.

Julie Bennett

Your friend, customer, and Parish Councillor

CONCERT IN BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Saturday 1st July was a perfect evening for a concert given by the Snowdown Male Voice Choir at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. The church was comfortably full and once seated ticket holders were entertained by a rich and varied programme including classical pieces, spirituals, hymns and sounds of the 60s. The choir was founded in 1929 and over the years have sung in France, Belgium and Holland. They have also appeared several times on television. It was a pleasure to hear them sing for us in Bekesbourne. During the interval people wandered outside to enjoy a glass of wine and 'nibbles' on a beautiful summers evening. The event was organised by the Friends of Bekesbourne Church whose funds were bolstered by the proceeds.

BEKESBOURNE BOOT FARE

The annual boot fare which has become a highlight on the Bekesbourne social calendar was again a great success.

Lindy Lou's snack van provided welcome refreshment on a sunny but blustery morning.

Some 40 pitches selling all manner of curious items helped to raise £475 for church funds.

Thanks go to the Barkers for the use of the field, Essentially Hops for sponsoring the advertising and all who were there to contribute to a very enjoyable morning.

FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH
CATWALK CONNECTIONS
FASHION SHOW

Friday 6th October 2006
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doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
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major high street stores clothing
Tickets £5 including a glass of wine and nibbles

To book in advance telephone 01227 831897

Bridge Open Gardens

The sun shone and the people came, (in excess of 170) to visit the gardens that had been opened, in aid of church funds. It was a most successful day with plenty of compliments about the gardens. I am sure people went away inspired and eager to attend to their own gardens. We raised in excess of £600 and are very grateful to all those who participated to make this new venture such a success.

Perhaps you might consider opening your garden next year. If you are interested please let me know. We hope to have the gardens open about the same time of year, towards the end of June.

Pat Dunderdale (830668)

Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC

Produce Sale

Bridge Church
Saturday 16th September
10 am-1 pm

Come and join us for coffee 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

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

IN AID OF MACMILLAN NURSES

Please come and along and support us, this is our second "go" at raising funds for this most worthy cause

Friday 29th September 10am - 12 noon

at 20 Conyngham Lane, Bridge

Hope to see you there ***Hilary Whiting***

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

With the Summer Show now behind us, the next event on the programme is not until Thursday 5 October when Michael Walter of the RSPB who is the site manager of Blean Woods National Nature Reserve will give an illustrated talk on this interesting reserve.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIXBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The August meeting on Tuesday 15th will be an afternoon meeting starting at 2.00 pm in the Methodist Church in Patrixbourne Road to which members are invited to bring along a guest. Included in the afternoon's entertainment is a talk and chance to see the Enigma Machine by Miss A Wind.

Please note that there is no competition this month.

Then on Tuesday 19 September, returning to the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Mrs A Page will satisfy members' curiosity with a talk entitled "Peep Behind the Doors", giving us the opportunity to peep into other people's houses.

The competition for September is for an article beginning with the letter "L".

A reminder that on Thursday 5 October at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Michael Walter of the RSPB, who is the site manager of Blean Woods National Nature Reserve, will give an illustrated talk on this interesting reserve. We will be delighted to welcome both members and non members to our meeting. There is a nominal charge to cover refreshments.

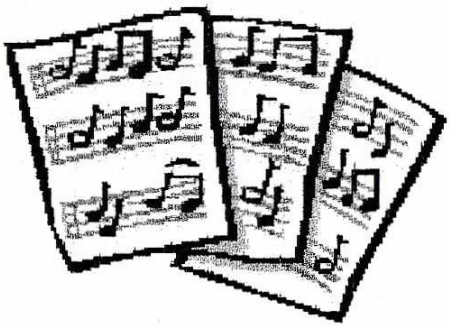
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Although Christmas might seem a long way off while we are enjoying warm summer weather, it is not too early to start planning.

This year, instead of sending cards to your friends and family in the parish, why not consider sending your season's greetings via "On the Nail"? As a new feature this year, we will be happy to publish short personal Christmas messages (maximum 20 words) for a modest charge of £10*. The proceeds will be split equally between the Church and the Nailbourne Scout Group. Messages will be published in the December issue of the magazine and your wording, which will be subject to approval, and payment (cash or cheque made payable to 'Bridge with Patrixbourne PCC') should be sent to the editor, Laurence Dunderdale, by no later than 15 November. A contact name and telephone number (which will not be published) must be included in the event of any queries.

Please note that this is in addition the the 'Scouts Christmas Card Delivery' which will be organised as usual.

**This £10 will also include an entry on the village website if you so wish.*



AN EVENING
OF
MOZART
WITH
BETTINA AND FRIENDS
At
St. Peter's Church Bridge
On
Saturday 28th October 2006 At 7.30pm
Featuring
BETTINA FARLEY Soprano
DERRY MARTIN Tenor
TONY ELDRIDGE Bass

Girlguiding

1st BRIDGE GUIDES

The girls and parents of 1st Bridge Guides would like to thank Gill Perks, Joan Masterson, Louise Coleman and Lynn Risbridger for their years of dedication and hard work, during their time as Unit Leader, Unit Helpers and Unit Treasurer.

Without these ladies giving up their valuable free time on an entirely voluntary basis, the girls of the 1st Bridge Guide Unit would not have been able to enjoy camping, outdoor cooking, skiing, roller skating, abseiling, horse riding, swimming and many other enjoyable activities.

THANK YOU SO VERY VERY MUCH !!!!

Ladies Fitness Classes at Bridge Village Hall

Fitness for All *(with optional weigh in)*: Mondays 6.30-7.30pm

Fun, easy to follow aerobic workouts combined with general body toning and stretching. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Fitness for over 50s: Thursdays 1.45 - 2.45pm

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For further details contact Tania on 01227 831631/ 07969 436239 or shapeshifters@tiscali.co.uk.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

21 members were present at the July monthly meeting. In the Silence those present remembered Joe Dickinson who, though not a member, had served in the tank regiment.

Several members enjoyed a trip to Etaples War Cemetery recently and also a trip to Woolwich Barracks. We were hoping to announce the date of our proposed visit to the Imperial War Museum by now but we will do this now in the next report. Any enquiries ring 01227 472023.

Can I mention once again our 85th Anniversary celebrations on Saturday,16th September with the Coffee Morning and publicity tent.

If anyone sees that our notice board is missing - it has not been stolen, Bernie Guyatt has taken it away for refurbishment.

Our next 2 meetings will be on Tuesdays, 8th August and 12th September - both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

I am carrying out research into the names of the serviceman on Littlebourne War Memorial.

I feel that many people walk past the Memorial but not many actually know anything about the people listed on it, especially the World War I names. I think it is important to ensure that people know who they were and the contribution they made.

If anyone is related to somebody on the memorial or knew their family, or has any photos, memorabilia or any information at all which you think might be of interest in my research I would be glad to hear from you.

Barbara Hunt
01227 472023 barbara.hunt4@btopenworld.com

HOW YOU CAN HELP TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND BRIDGE GROUP OF CHURCHES.....

Hi, my name is Emma Haynes (nee Young) I am sure many of you will know me as I have lived in the village for 26 years!

Many of you will also know that I sell Greetings cards for the 'award-winning' company Phoenix Trading, you may have seen my stall at Bridge fete.

Phoenix Trading produce beautiful greetings cards, gift wrap, stationary and gifts all year round.

Each year the Christmas cards are sold in aid of Cancer Research UK. Last year alone we were able to donate more than £100,000 to this very worthwhile cause.

This year I have decided as well as supporting Cancer Research, I would like to support Bridge group of churches.

The NEW autumn/winter catalogue featuring the Christmas range of cards will be available, from mid August. I will be donating 10% of the total of all orders I receive from mid-August up until Christmas day to the Bridge group of churches. (Please quote REF: Bridge Church)

If you would like to receive a catalogue featuring this years Christmas range, and would like to help us raise some money for this local cause and for Cancer Research, please give me a ring, and I will deliver a catalogue to you as soon as they become available.

Many Thanks
Emma
01227 830558

PET PASSPORTS

Have you ever considered taking your pets with you when you holiday abroad? With the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) this is now possible and more and more people are enjoying taking their dogs and cats on holiday with them. Since the scheme started over 30,000 pets have travelled abroad. A current list of all participating countries is available on the Department of Environment, Fisheries and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) website www.defra.gov.uk. or via their helpline 0870 241 1710.

Under the PETS scheme you can even take your ferret on holiday! The main thing to bear in mind if this is something that interests you is that the whole process takes a while to set up and you need to start organising 8 months before you want to go abroad. It'll be too late to take your pets this year but now is the time to start sorting the paperwork so your pet can travel with you next year.

The actual process is relatively simple. Your pet needs to be micro-chipped and have a course of two rabies injections two weeks apart. These procedures are similar to your pet's annual vaccines and involve injections in the back of the neck. 30 days after the second rabies injection a small blood test is taken and sent to a specialist laboratory for analysis. The laboratory measures your pet's response to the vaccine (antibodies), to ensure adequate protection against rabies. If the antibody levels are acceptable a pet passport can be issued but your pet cannot re-enter the UK for 6 months from the date of the blood test.

An annual rabies booster is required and the passport is updated accordingly.

When coming back into the UK you must ensure that all dogs and cats have been treated for tapeworm and ticks. This will need to be done abroad 24-48 hours before your return and be certified by a vet.

Only Vets who are LVI registered can issue the passports so ring and check with your Vet. Rob is a registered LVI and would be happy to answer any of your questions at Bourne Veterinary Practice 01227 832322.

Bridge House/Street Names

I'm hoping to enthuse people with the idea that it would be an interesting venture to restore some of the old street and house names in the village (Bridge). Having spoken to many residents, who have given me lots of information, I'm now in the process of compiling lists of house/street names. Anyone who has a view on this proposed restoration project I would like to hear from you.

Many thanks - Barbara Beinder - 830514

Wild flower areas on the Recreation Ground

Many people use the Recreation Ground for walking, sporting activities or just sitting and enjoying the view. I'd like to enhance the area with the planting of wild flowers and natural hedges. Do you, as a resident of Bridge, like the plan and would you be willing to help with the project?

I have spoken to a number of people and have received positive responses. In September I would like to arrange an open meeting to discuss the issues.

I'm in touch with the "Kentish Stour Countryside Project" who would be willing to explain what options are viable and whether funding is available.

No date yet confirmed for a meeting but watch the village notice boards and do come along, please! We need lots of ideas and help from everyone.

Thank you
Barbara Beinder
Parish Councillor

Bridge Methodist Church Services for August 2006

August 6th	Miss Jean Hall
August 13th	Mrs Margorie Beckwith
August 20th	Rev. Donald Lugg
August 27th	Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc.DMS.C.Eng.

NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13th. July 2006

Youth Shelter - Amanda Sparkes of Canterbury City Council gave a presentation of her analysis of the questionnaires completed by adults and young people in local youth groups and at the fete. 84% of the adults and 64% of the young people who responded were in favour of the youth shelter. The recreation ground was the location favoured by most people. Fears of vandalism and the 'wrong people' using the shelter were cited as the main problems. The parish council felt the evidence was strong enough to progress to the next stage of a public consultation event. It was agreed that Cllr Beesty would arrange this and would also work towards setting up a working group of adults and young people. Cllr Edmonds thanked councillors and the clerk for their help with the consultation process at the fete.

Low cost housing - It was agreed to adopt the Southern Housing Group as the parish council's partner in the proposed affordable housing scheme. .

Western Ave Bollards – It was agreed that the parish council would purchase bollards for Western Avenue, at the costs set out in Kent Highway's Department letter. However, the councillors felt strongly that this action was being taken reluctantly as a last resort. It was pointed out that bollards had been installed in the High Street within the last few months without reference to the parish council. Western Avenue had been a higher priority and the parish council was disappointed that no consultation had taken place. The council also objected to the Kent Highway's proposal that the parish council be responsible for their repair/ replacement. It was felt that this was a safety issue.

200m running track on the recreation ground The council listened to a request from Bridge School for permission to mark out a 200 metre running track on the recreation ground. It was argued that this was needed because of the lack of space in the school grounds, some of which would be taken up by a proposed new kitchen block. In addition the continued expansion of the school had meant that there was pressure on the existing field area. It was agreed that the council would support the request in principle. The matter was referred to the Bridge Village Sports Trust for discussion at its next meeting and its report on the practicalities would be presented to the September meeting of the parish council.

Wild flower area on the recreation ground –Cllr Beinder had received suggested planting plans for the recreation ground from the Kentish Stour Countryside Project. It was agreed that Cllr Beinder would arrange a public meeting in the village hall in September to discuss the plans for wild flower planting on the recreation ground with villagers

Open Day at the Allotments It was agreed to write to Bridge Allotment Society to request an open day so that villagers would have the opportunity to see what was being done at the allotments

Cycle Routes from Bridge Kent Highways had responded to the parish council's request for a safe cycle route to Canterbury by saying that there were two routes proposed for the area; the Elham Valley Line and New Dover Rd. However, neither is programmed for construction, no consultation has yet been carried out and they remain ' medium term projects'.

New larger litter bin for re-cycling point- As the present new bin is frequently found to be overflowing, it was agreed to ask Serco to replace the small bin with a larger lidded bin of the type already in use further up the re-cycling lay by.

Patrixbourne Rd light The city council had replied to the request advising that they had no immediate funding available but would investigate the need for the additional light in due course and add it to the waiting list of such proposals.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th. September 2006 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Priest-in-Charge:
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-Powell, 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, KeepersHill, 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 preceeding month.

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The Bridge Group :
Services for the month of October 2006

Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 1st October Trinity 16	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion *Canon G Greenwood*	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Harvest Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Esther 7.1-6, 9-10;9.20-22 NT: James 5. 13-end G: Mark 9. 38-end
Sun 8th Trinity 17	9.30 am Holy Communion *Canon G Manley*	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Harvest Festival Family Service	10.00 am Mattins	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	OT: Job 1.;2.1-10 NT: Heb 1.1-4;2.5-12 G: Mark 10. 2-16
Sun 15th Trinity 18	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Harvest Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion *Canon G Manley*	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise	10.00 am Holy Communion *Canon H Harland*	OT: Job 23.1-9,16-end NT: Heb 4. 12-end G: Mark 10. 17-31
Sun 22nd Trinity 19	9.30 am Holy Communion *Canon R Diss*	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev Dr J Law 6.00 pm Evensong Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Holy Communion *tbc*	Joint Service at Patrixbourne	OT: Job 38. 1-7 NT: Heb 5. 1-10 G: Mark 10. 35-45
Sun 29th Last Sunday after Trinity					10.00 am Benefice All Souls Memorial *Canon G Manley* 6.00 pm Deanery Evensong Rev D Roper	OT: Job 42.1-6,10-end NT: Heb 7. 23-end G: Mark 10. 46-end
Sun 5th November 4th before Advent	Parish Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev J Thackray	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Deut 6. 1-9 NT: Heb 9. 11-14 G: Mark 12. 28-34

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for October 2006

2nd Caring and Sharing, 22 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
3rd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
Cathedral Open Evening 5.30pm - 9.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
5th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
6th Friends of Bekesbourne Fashion show, Giles Lane, Canterbury 7.30pm
7th Saxon Lodge, Bridge, Open Day 10am-4pm
8th Harvest Lunch, Bridge School 12.30pm
9th Caring and Sharing, 37 High Street, Bridge 7.30pm
10th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
11th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
16th Caring and Sharing, 24 Western Avenue, Bridge 7.30pm
17th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
21st/22nd Art in Bridge Exhibition, Bridge Village Hall 11am-5pm
24th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
28th An Evening of Mozart, St Peter's Church, Bridge 7.30pm
30th Caring and sharing, 31 The Street, Kingston 7.30pm
31st Light Celebration, 6pm Village Hall

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

25th Nov Christmas Bazaar

The Parish Office
23 High Street
Bridge
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New Beginnings

The Churchwardens of the Bridge Benefice are pleased to announce that The Reverend Simon Rowlands has been appointed as our Vicar.

Simon will take up his duties in January 2007 when the Bishop of Dover will install him as Vicar of the Bridge Benefice.

Simon is currently a Chaplain at Christ Church University Canterbury. Prior to this he was curate at St Peter's Church, Broadstairs from 1999 to 2003.

He is married to Gail and they have a teenage son, Joshua. Simon is a Territorial Army Chaplain and his hobbies include military history and model engineering.

He is very much looking forward to being our Benefice Priest.

The family have visited the Vicarage a number of times and have ideas of how they can make the house and garden their home, for what we hope will be many happy years to come.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Clergy who have been, and still are, helping us in conducting all the services across the Benefice.

Please pray for Simon, Gail and Joshua as they prepare for their move to Bridge and Simon's Ministry amongst us as we all go forward together as a new beginning.

Bridge Benefice Churchwardens

Your Parish Matters

Marriage

22/7	Bekesbourne	Daniel Sheppard & Alice Draper
	Bridge	John Hergest & Sheryl Rayfield
05/8	Nackington	Mark Kennard & Sara Wilkinson
26/8	Bridge	Ben Colleypriest & Sarah Johnson
02/9	Bridge	Hugh Larkins & Elizabeth Walder

Funeral

20/7	Barham(Bridge)	Kathleen (Kitty) Ridgewell
18/8	Barham(Bridge)	Isobel (Bunty) Robertson
31/8	Barham(Bridge)	Edward Taplin
7/9	Barham(Bridge)	Charles Edward Burton
8/9	Barham(LH)	Joan Pearson
12/9	Barham(LH)	Edith Amelia Busby
15/9	Bekesbourne	Jason Toby Dutfield

Interregnum

During the interregnum please contact your local churchwardens in the first instance for any parish matters and our Area Dean, Rev David Roper (01227 831340) if you have an urgent need to talk to a vicar.

Benefice Harvest Lunch on 8th October at Bridge CEP School. All very welcome.

Following the success of the All Souls Memorial Service last year, The **Benefice Service** at Bekesbourne on Sunday 29th October will be designated as an **All Souls Memorial Service**. If you intend to be at the service and would like someone's name read out in memory, please give details to a churchwarden or the Parish Office (830250) by 24th October.

Children's Harvest Celebrations at Lower Hardres

Our next Family Service is our **Harvest Thanksgiving on October 15th**, when lots of things are happening. Do come and bring a little GIFT FOR AGE CONCERN, please! Last year all the gifts were greatly appreciated. On Saturday morning the children (with help!) will decorate the church! Any offers of greenery, flowers, fruit and vegetables are very welcome.

Choir Practice will be at 10.15am on Saturday 14th but during the morning I hope many children will enter our **Harvest Competition** between 9.30-11.00am. There will be 2 categories.

1 An Animal made from vegetables

2 Artwork - picture, collage or photograph

50p per entry - name and age please.

Age - between 2 - 8, and over 8 - and on, and on!

This will be a VERY BUSY morning!!

God Bless Margaret

Farewell from John and Jane Shorrock

"How sad we are to be leaving you all, after 14 very happy years in the parishes of Bekesbourne and Patrixbourne with Bridge. But we will never forget the love and friendship shown by so many, and so warmly expressed at the splendid tea party in Bekesbourne Village Hall on the 25th August. We will always treasure the beautiful carriage clock you so kindly gave us. We have so much enjoyed our time amongst you and the opportunity to be involved in so many church and village activities, and for John the ability to exercise his ministry among you all.

We leave you now to live near our daughter and her family on the south coast of Hampshire, where any visitors to that part of the world will always be welcome; our address is 55 Brook Gardens, EMSWORTH, Hants. PO10 7JY, phone 01243 389 430.

God Bless you all, John and Jane Shorrock."

St Peter's Bridge - Produce Sale

A successful Produce Sale was held in the Churchyard on 16th September. The weather was fine which tempted lots of people to visit.

Thanks go to everyone who contributed produce, cakes, chutneys, gifts etc and to all those who supported the event.

The morning raised £150 towards general funds of Patrixbourne and Bridge churches.

Pat Dunderdale

L'ARCHE CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

Enjoy them yourselves or give them as presents. The Ultimate Plum Pudding Company makes delicious gold medal winning Christmas puddings for sale in aid of L'Arche homes for the disabled both in this country and in Africa. Please consider buying some this year at £5 for the 1lb size which serves 3 to 4 people and £9 for the 2lb size. Order them now from Anne Rooke on 830298 for home delivery. Thank you.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIXBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday 17 October at the usual time of 7.30 m in Bridge Village Hall Mrs M Burns will be giving a talk on "The Four Bs of Faversham" (Buildings, Barges, Brewing and Bangs!).

HEALTH AND HEALING

The prayer group will meet on Thursday October 5th at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close. The prayer group has been, and still is, a vital part of God's ministry an so many people have been grateful for our prayers and support in times of need. So please let us have your requests, ring me on 830844.

Better still, why not come in person? You know you will get a warm welcome.

Kath Peirce

FISH NEWS

Do you need to get out and about but have difficulty using public transport?

Kent Karrier is a fully wheel chair accessible dial-a-ride service that takes its members from their door to Canterbury shopping areas and K & C Hospital. Our villages are served on Wednesdays and Fridays. The first pick-up is at 10.00am and the last return pick up is 1.00pm. For an application form telephone 01227 862436.

The next Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall is on Wednesday October 11th when there will be a helper from the Hi-Kent Hearing Aid Scheme in attendance.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

As from October 1st we are holding services fortnightly only - the 1st and 3rd each month. No service where there is the odd fifth Sunday in the month.

Oct 1st Rev. Barbara Heather (Harvest Festival)
Oct 15th Mrs Margorie Beckwith
Nov 5th MrRon Chadwick M.A. DMS.
Nov 19th Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc.DMS.C.Eng.

Harvest Lunch

Sunday 8th October
12.30 pm
Bridge School Hall

Tickets £5 adult; £12 Family

Please book your seat in advance by Contacting Pat Dunderdale (830668) or Andrea Nicholson (830947) by the 3rd October

Please bring own plate, pudding bowl, glasses, and drinks

TRAIDCRAFT STALL

This event is organised by Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC on behalf of the Bridge Group of Parishes

The Annual Bike Ride took place on 9th September. The weather was good and many cyclists visited the churches within our Benefice.

The respective organisers would like to thank all those who took part by cycling, those who sponsored the cyclists and the helpers who were at the churches to greet the cyclists.

The final amount raised is not yet known as monies are still being collected. It is hoped to publish the total funds in a future edition.

Editors note I would like to apologise to the local organisers that not all the relevant information appeared in the August/September of "On the Nail" relating to this event.

Laurence Dunderdale
Editor/Churchwarden

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL
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8.40pm	Concert by the Choristers
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Come and Sing Carols

at St Peter's, Bridge
on Sunday, December 17th

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 *O Little One Sweet* (arr. Bach), *The Cherry Tree Carol* (arr. Shaw), *Gaudete!* (arr. Lee), *Mary's Boy Child* (arr. Miles), *On This Day* (Stewart) and *Bethlehem Down* (Warlock).

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 14th 7-8.30 p.m.
Friday, December 15th 7-8.30 p.m.
Sunday, December 17th 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

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

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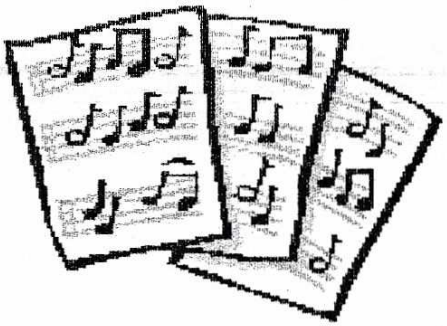

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OF

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WITH

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at
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on
Saturday 28th October 2006 at 7.30pm
featuring

BETTINA FARLEY Soprano
DERRY MARTIN Tenor
TONY ELDRIDGE Bass
MARY MACLEOD Clarinet
PETER CAMERON Piano

Wine and fruit juice during interval

There is no admission charge to the Concert but there will be a retiring collection in aid of the Church Building Fund for the re-ordering project

RESTORATION OF OLD STREET AND HOUSE NAMES

Thank you to everyone who has supplied information about the old street and house names.

I now have an interesting list of house names for Bridge. The street names are still being investigated.

Any enquiries please ring me on 830514.

Barbara Beinder

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Anyone living or working in or near Bridge is invited to submit up to three exhibits. All abilities are welcomed. Children and young persons are especially encouraged to exhibit

Exhibits to the Hall on Friday 20th October

Exhibitors must complete an Entry Form

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Further information on the web site or
from John Corfield 01227 830976

Girlguiding

1st Bridge Guides

Six years ago Louise Cockle, Guide Guider was valiantly supporting 1st Bridge Guides whilst running her own unit in Canterbury. This thriving and happy unit in great need of many resources was passed on to me and an amazing team of already busy working mums. With a constant supply of eager, lovely Guides 1st Bridge is now stronger than ever and continues to support our community.

Acknowledging their support and guidance over the years I would like to thank senior (in experience!) Guide Leaders Maggie Field, Wendy Dyer, Teresa Philpot, Muriel Ritchie, Alison Dean, Helen Millard, Diane Belsey and Amanda Duckett.

I would like to thank my leadership team Louise Coleman, Joan Masterson, Lynn Risbridger, Ann Nicholls, Father John Thackeray, Pam Doyle and Stephanie Farrow for all their support, creativity, fun and sheer hard work in developing the unit we see today.

Rooted deeply in Guiding traditions with a modern approach we have all enjoyed watching girls develop new skills, overcome fears, shine and grow within a culture of acceptance, trust and friendship. We've done camping, cooking, abseiling, singing, horse riding, cheerleading, skiing, canoeing, line dancing and much more. Thank you to all the Guides we have known, you have all been wonderful and it has been a privilege to share those times with you.

I would also like to thank all of our husbands Simon, Gerry, John & Terry who have supported the unit both on and behind the scenes. A rapid response to "quick I've forgotten the wobbly eyes" or similar, has often saved the day. Back breaking work fetching and carrying, pitching and striking our marquee in all weathers, we've done so much and we couldn't have done it without you.

I'm delighted to be handing over the unit to yet another team of amazing busy mums (and their husbands) Carole Mounce, Gena Skinner, Catherine Ashdown and Carol Walker. Building on the existing strengths of the unit 1st Bridge will thrive and grow maintaining a strong Guiding tradition in Bridge.

So it is with great hopes for your future and wonderful memories I now say goodbye. Using the words from a traditional Guiding song, to 1st Bridge Guides

"Go well and safely, the Lord be ever with you"

Gill Perks

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Now that i have decided to step down after almost 30 years in the trade it is time for me to bid you all a fond farewell and send you all my very best wishes.

I am delighted that Joe has decided to take over from me as she has been with me since she was 15 years old. I would like to wish her all the very best of luck and hope you will give her the loyalty and friendship which I have enjoyed so much.

Thank you all again!

Kindest regards

Nick James

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

15 members were present at the August monthly meeting.

The stall we had at Bramling Fete raised almost £100 for the Poppy Appeal and we had a nice dry afternoon which was a relief. Our darts team played well at the recent Group 4 games night, and although we did not win, we did not disgrace ourselves!

We have a Beef Pudding Supper booked for Tuesday, 24th October at the Unicorn, Bekesbourne. £7.50 per head, time - 7.15 pm for 7.45 pm. We have a few places left so anyone interested should ring 01227 721237 to book.

Our Remembrance Service (yes, it comes around very quickly) will be held at Wickhambreaux Church on Sunday, 12th November. While we are talking about Remembrance - anyone who can spare a little time to collect for the Poppy Appeal will be welcomed. Ring 01227 472023.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, 10th October at 8pm. Our November monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 14th November and will be preceded on the same night by the Branch AGM. We will therefore be starting at 7.30pm that night. Both these events will be at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

Nonington Vicarage Vacations
(just for the day)
Taster Day - Saturday 7th October 2006

Not sure about Complementary therapy???

Have you questions you would like to ask in a relaxed environment??

The Vicarage Vacations team invite you to come to a "Easter Day'.

You can just dip into part of the programme or stay for the day (please bring your own Lunch)

There will be talks on some of the therapies that we offer:-

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and a chance to ask lots of questions.

There will also be the opportunity to experience a therapy for yourself with a treatment from a Christian Therapist.

Darryn Payne from Meadows Oils will be with us for the day to chat about his products and to offer them for sale.

The Vicarage has a Labyrinth and a Sensory room and there will be time to explore both of these areas.

General information

There is no charge for the day.

Vacationers will be free to try out the various therapies that appeal/interest them.

Individual treatments will be available at a charge of £5.00 per treatment.

If you are going to be around at lunchtime, please bring something to eat. Coffee and tea will be provided throughout the day. If you would like to walk the Labyrinth during the day please bring suitable shoes.

For further information and to book a '**Taster Treatment**' please contact Helen on :-

telephone: 01304 840271

email: helen.therev@virgin.net

Nonington Vicarage & Church - Directions

From the junction with the A2 & the B2046 to Aylesham and Wingham. (If you are travelling on the A2 from Canterbury this exit is also signposted Channel Tunnel.

Take the B2046 towards Aylesham.

Take the first right signposted Womenswold, Snowdown & Nonington.

Follow road to a 'T' junction and turn left.

Follow road through fields, past Snowdown Colliery and into Nonington.

Drive through Nonington - where you will see playground on the right, a pub and very soon appear on the left (The Royal Oak).

Take the left turn immediately after the pub - signposted 'To the Church'.

Drive past about 6 bungalows. The Vicarage is the big house on the right - there is a Vicarage sign on the open gate.

If you get as for as St. Mary's Close you have gone too far!!

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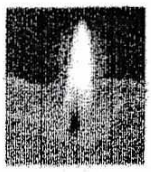
Family Event
Celebration of Light
Tuesday
31st October

St Peter's Church
meet at 6:00pm at
Bridge Village Hall



bring contributions for shared tea
and dress brightly!
(prize for the most dazzling outfit!)

Similar to last year's 'All Saint's trail' - we will go out in groups around the village. This year we have added a **worship celebration** at church before returning for **tea at the Village Hall.** 8:00pm finish.

Help needed - please let me know if you would be happy for us to call at your house or if you would like to help with refreshments. **Contact** Ruth Washington for more info: 831156

NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
14th. September 2006

Teen/Youth Shelter - Cllr Beesty reported on the meeting to carry this forward held on 7th. September. The six most popular shelter designs have been chosen and an action plan drawn up. A site meeting will be held at the recreation ground on 17th September to identify possible sites. There will be a public consultation on Saturday morning 14th October outside Bridgeway Stores. Residents of Bridge will be asked to choose their favourite design and also choose one from 3 sites identified for the shelter. A proposal will then be put to the parish council for its approval. Leaflets about the meeting will be distributed the week before the meeting. All residents are urged to make their views known.

Restoration of old street and house names - Cllr Beinder circulated details of her on-going research into old street and house names. It was agreed that she would investigate the possibility and cost of having street signs made up giving some of the old street names. The parish council cannot fund name plates for individuals who wish to restore the old names to their houses.

Wild Flower Meadow - There will be a public meeting on 28th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Manager of the Kentish Stour Countryside Project will give a presentation and there will be discussion as to how to take forward plans to develop wild flower areas on the recreation ground. All parishioners are welcome to attend and put forward their ideas.

Bridge Parish Plan - It was decided to ask Canterbury City Council to formally adopt the Bridge Parish Plan. Once the plan has been adopted it will become supplementary planning guidance. It was hoped that this will prevent further applications being approved by Canterbury City Council's Planning Department that contravene the recommendations set out in Bridge Parish Plan.

45 High St - It was reported by City Councillor John Anderson that in his opinion the building is dangerous. The matter has now been referred to the Environment Agency. It was therefore agreed to write to Cllr Anderson asking for a progress report.

Bridge in Bloom - Cllr Edmonds reported on this year's competition. Cllr Bennett will take over responsibility for next year's competition

Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC - It was agreed to donate £500 to the appeal for funding for the provision of water and toilet facilities at St Peter's Church Bridge.

Bus shelter - It was agreed to obtain quotations for the repair of the roof of the bus shelter in the High Street.

2005/6 Audit The audited parish accounts for 2005-6 were agreed and signed.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th. October 2006 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 14th September 2006

The Planning Committee noted the following applications approved during August;

CAL/06/00077/BRI 41 High St, Bridge Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling

CA/06/00960/BRI 4 Riverside Mews, Bridge, CT4 5TW
Single storey extension to front of dwelling

The Planning Committee had no objection to the following applications;

CA/06/01084/BRI The Burrden, 2 Conyngham Lane, Bridge, CT4 5JU
Two-storey and single storey extension to dwelling

Cllr Lewis objected to the use of cladding in the design for this extension.

CA/06/01164/BEK Waylands, Town Hill, Bridge , Bekesbourne
Replacement shed with greenhouse and erection of new detached shed

CA/06/01177/BRI Oast Cottage, Great Pett Farm, Pett Hill, Bridge CT4 5AN
Erection of shed

The Planning Committee noted the following applications had been granted;

CA/06/00699/BRI Bourne Lodge, Bridge Hill, Bridge
Installation of wall, railings and gates to front of dwelling

CA/06/00740/BRI Old School House, Patrixbourne Rd, Bridge
Conversion of existing dwelling into two dwellings

CA/06/00847/BRI - 20 Conyngham Lane, Bridge
Installation of solar panels to roof of dwelling

CA/06/00545/BRI 8 Brewery Lane, Bridge, CT4 5LD
Conversion of garage into two dwellings

The committee expressed its disappointment at the lack of support from Bridge's City Councillor in its objections to this development, which has resulted in a further loss of commercial premises in the village.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 13th.October 2006 at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are very welcome to attend.

Priest-in-Charge:
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-Powell, 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, KeepersHill, 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)

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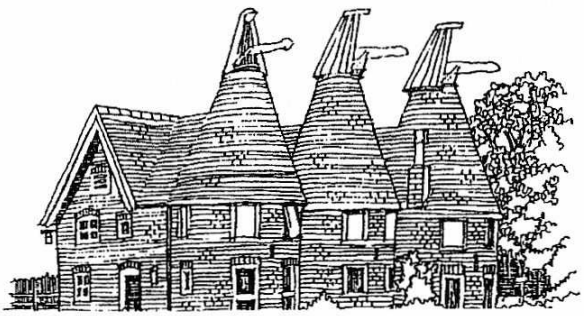

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The Bridge Group :
Services for the month of November 2006

Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 5th November 4th before Advent	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev J Thackray	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Deut 6. 1-9 NT: Heb 9. 11-14 G: Mark 12. 28-34
Sat 11th Remembrance Day					10.50 am Act of Remembrance	
Sun 12th Remembrance Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	10.50 am Act of Remembrance 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	10.50 am Act of Remembrance and Family Service	10.50 am Remembrance Service Rev D Makepeace	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Child	OT: Jon 3. 1-5, 10 NT: Heb 9. 24 to end G: Mark 1. 14-20
Sun 19th 2nd 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 Manley	Joint Service at Bridge	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Thackray	OT: Dan 12. 1-3 NT: Heb 10.11-14, 19-25 G: Mark 13. 1-8
Sun 26th Sun before Advent	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev Dr J Law 6.00 pm Evensong Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon H Harland	Joint Service at Patrixbourne	OT: Dan 7.9-10,13-14 NT: Rev 1. 4b-8 G: John 18. 33-37
Sun 3rd December Advent 1	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Canon R Humphriss	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Child	10.00 am Advent Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Jer 33. 14-16 NT: 1 Thes 3. 9-end G: Luke 21. 25-36

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for November 2006

1st Bekesbourne PCC Meeting 7.30pm
2nd Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
6th Caring and Sharing, 22 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
7th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
8th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in and AGM, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
13th Caring and Sharing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
14th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm

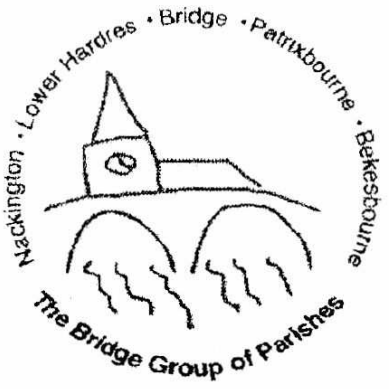
20th Caring and Sharing, 13 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
21st Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
Women's Institute AGM, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
23rd Bridge History Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
25th Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am
Lower Hardres and Nackington Christmas Fair, JBW Hall 10am-12noon
26th The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
27th Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge 7.30pm
28th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

15th Dec Carols at The Unicorn
27th Jan Jumble Sale

Methodist Church Services

5th Nov Mr Ron Chadwick M.A. D.M.S.
19th Nov Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc. D.M.S. C.Eng



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On the news and in the media at the moment is all the hype surrounding Jack Straw's comments about Muslim women and the wearing of the veil. This has led to quite a lot of discussion within my family about how we value the individual in our society. It is a much broader discussion than religious differences and to what extent we allow people to follow their faith. Jack Straw was objecting to not seeing people's faces. This is a basic human response because as human beings we express so much through our facial expressions. Should he therefore have said that 'hoodies' and sunglasses set up barriers, too? Is it to do with our security and the feeling of being threatened because we cannot relate to the 'masked' person and worry about what is being hidden?

We live in a multi-cultural society where difference should be celebrated. In schools we aim to value difference and develop tolerance and acceptance, whether the difference is culture, skin colour, disability or intellectual ability. Small children, although they may be aware of differences, do not see differences as a problem and are very accepting of everyone. Unfortunately this attitude disappears all too quickly as they learn from the society around them. We are all different; we are all individuals. In education the push is for individualised learning but this should not isolate people, as it is to take place within a group, a society-school or college. More and more we are developing a society that lacks tolerance and understanding of others. As Christians this sets us a challenge to spread the message that we are all made in God's image and should love our neighbour.

God bless us ALL

Pat Kusel

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

8/10	Lower Hardres	Hannah Louise Williams

Funeral

20/9	Barham(Bridge)	John Marshall Davis
5/10	Bridge	Elizabeth Joan Goff

Interregnum

During the interregnum please contact your local churchwardens in the first instance for any parish matters and our Area Dean, Rev David Roper (01227 831340) if you have an urgent need to talk to a vicar.

Benefice Harvest Lunch

70 parishioners from across the benefice joined together on Sunday 8th October for a lovely lunch.

Lower Hardres Harvest

Thank you so much for all the gifts that were donated at this lovely service, Age Concern were very appreciative. The children did so well and the choir sang beautifully. A big THANK YOU! to all. The competition for animals and artwork were fantastic.

Lower Hardres Family Service is on November 19th at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

Lower Hardres Christmas Fair

November 25th at JBW Hall from 10 till 12. Do come there will be lots of exciting things for children and adults.

Remembrance Day

As well as a number of events on Remembrance Sunday 12th November (see November Service Grid) we will this year in addition have a short Act of Remembrance on Saturday 11th November at 10.50am at St Peter's Bekesbourne. (If transport is required please contact Margaret Clarke on 01227 765598, in good time).

Christmas Workshop at Lower Hardres

On Tuesday 19th 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.

Installation of Rev Simon Rowlands

The installation of the Rev Simon Rowlands as Vicar of the Bridge Benefice will take place at Bridge Church on Wednesday 3rd January 2007 at 6.00pm. Congregation by invitation only.

On Sunday 7th January 2007 the normal pattern of services will be replaced by a Benefice Service to welcome Simon, Gail and Joshua. The service will be at Patrixbourne Church at 10am.

This will be followed at 12.30pm by a bring and share lunch at Bridge School. All welcome but please tell your Churchwardens by no later than 31st December 2006 if you will be attending so that catering arrangements can be finalised. (We regret that we will not be able to accept notification after 31st December 2006).

Royal British Legion Littlebourne and District Branch

19 members were present at the October monthly meeting. We are sorry to learn that Ernest Smith is having ongoing health problems and we send him our good wishes.
Our coffee morning went very well and raised £286.21 for the Poppy Appeal.
The Group trip to the Imperial War Museum is to be on Sunday 26th November - ring 01227 472023.
As mentioned last month, our Remembrance Service will be held at Wickham-breaux Church on Sunday, 12th November.
Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 14th November and will be preceded on the same night by the Branch AGM. We will therefore be starting at 7.30pm that night. Both these events will be at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

Health and Healing

The prayer group will meet on Thursday 2nd November - All Soul's Day - at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close. So many people have been grateful for the support received from the prayer group this past month. So please keep sending in your requests, for sickness, bereavement, depression or any other situation. Better still, do 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) Scheme

The next Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday, November 8th in Bridge Village Hall, and will include the AGM of the scheme.

Bridge and Patrixbourne C.E.P. School

Salvation Army Carol Concert

Our annual Carol Concert with the Salvation Army Band will be held this year on Monday 4th December, 7.30pm in Bridge School Hall. Refreshments will be served. Entrance £2.00 - pay at the door. Transport can be arranged if necessary, please telephone Bridge School on 01227 830276 to arrange it.

This is a lovely way to start the Christmas festivities so please come along.

Senior Citizens Afternoon of Entertainment

The Staff and Pupils of the school invite you to an afternoon to watch, listen and join in with the children singing. Please come along on Tuesday 12th December, 1.30pm - 3.00pm. We serve a delicious tea and transport can be arranged. Please telephone Bridge School on 01227 830276 if you wish to come and also if you require transport.

THE HUNDRED

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Saturday, November 4 at 7.30p.m.

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This is a must-see event for any music-lover and an opportunity to hear about the reconstructed Requiem that will receive its performance in Canterbury Cathedral on December 5.

NICHOLAS CLEOBURY, formerly of Petham, has conducted major orchestras, choirs and operas all over the world. He broadcasts regularly on the BBC and Classic FM and has a wide discography from Mozart to Maxwell Davies. Founder of the Britten Sinfonia, he is also Artistic Director of the Oxford Bach Choir and a Professor at the Royal Academy of Music.

Nick was Director of the highly successful Sounds New 2006.

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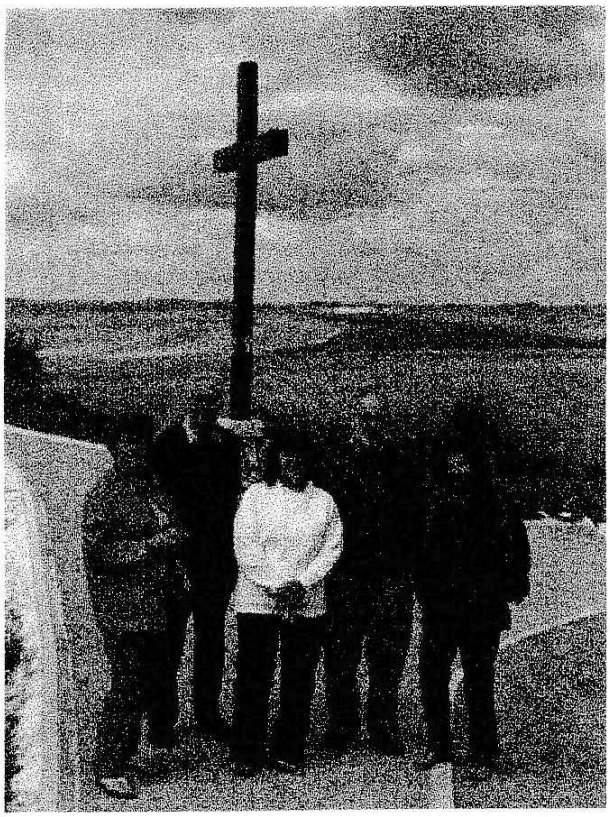


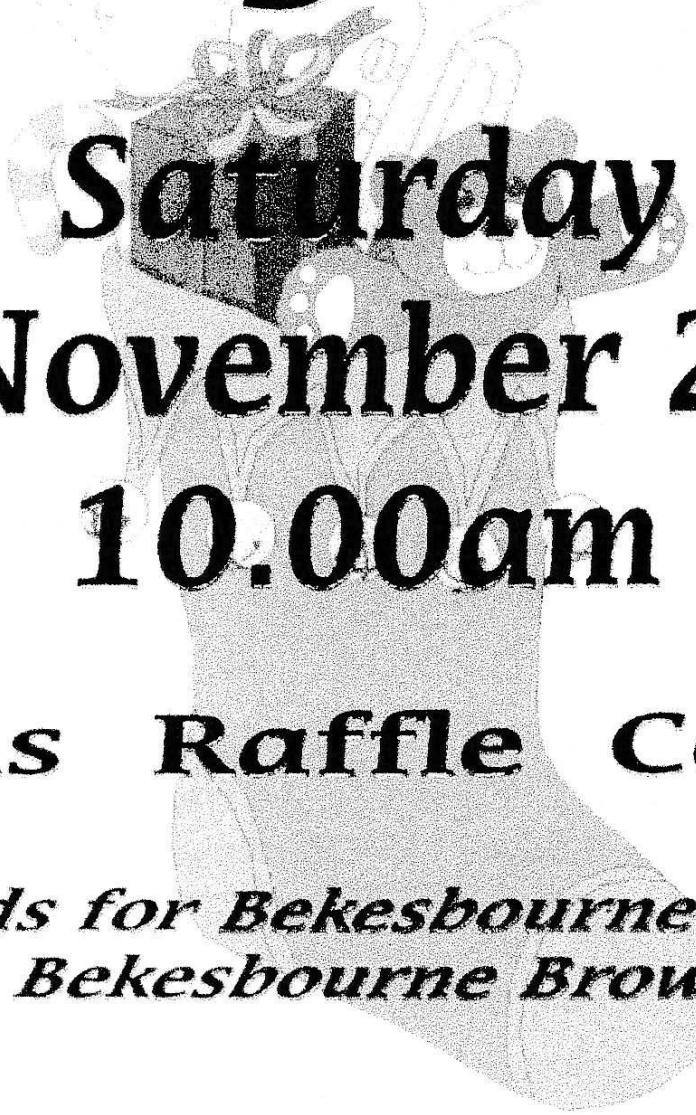
"Not just a name"

Saturday, 11th November, 10am to 4pm
Petham Village Hall

An exhibition on Remembrance Day of the findings to date from the ongoing WEA course in Petham Village Hall. With the aid of an "Awards for All" grant, participants have been researching some local village war memorials, including those of Petham, Littlebourne, Bekesbourne, Bossingham and Nackington. This has involved perusal of the archives and visits to cemeteries in northern France and Belgium. Come and learn something of the personal stories of those men who left our villages to fight in two World Wars and whose names are carved in stone - ***"lest we forget"***.

Christmas Bazaar

Bekesbourne Village Hall



Saturday
25 November 2006
10.00am

Stalls Raffle Coffee

Proceeds for Bekesbourne Church and Bekesbourne Brownies

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SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

Bridge Derek Prior reports that Bridge riders raised the magnificent total of £193, particularly bearing in mind the young people who cycled. Special mention to Chris Barnett, who divided her sponsorship equally between Bridge and Patrixbourne Churches, the Cramer family, the Briant's and the Leggatt's.

Patrixbourne Riders raised £328.76 in sponsorship, thanks to Chris Barnett, Josh Relf, Jack Hillier and Pauline Pritchard.

BekesbourneOnce 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 £320.50 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. (Many thanks to 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

Catwalk Connections

The Catwalk Conections Fashion show held on 6th October 2006 was a great success and raised the sum of £503.00 for The Friends of Bekesbourne Church, who would like to thank all those who supported this event.

Many thanks.

Pat Nicholls

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Nailbourne Horticultural Society is on Tuesday 5 December when there will be a talk entitled "Gardens Great and Small" by well known local speaker Dick Bolton. More details to follow.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIXBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Annual General Meeting of the WI will be held on Tuesday 21 November at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

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

Seasons Greetings

A reminder of the new feature offered this year of sending your season's greetings to friends and family in the parish via "On the Nail". Short personal Christmas messages (maximum 20 words) will be published for a modest charge of £10, the proceeds to be split equally between the Church and the Nailbourne Scout Group. Messages will be published in the December issue of the magazine and your wording, which will be subject to approval, and payment (cash or cheque made payable to Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC.) should be sent to the editor, Laurence Dunderdale, by no later than 15 November. A contact name and telephone number (which will not be published) must be included in the event of any queries. Greetings received will also be posted on the Parish website.

Please note that this is in addition to the Christmas card delivery service offered by the Scout Group.

BRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting is on Thursday 23rd November. Harold Trill, a collector of old films, will be showing a selection of short, rarely seen films of local interest, including among others Witch Charms found in Charing and the History of Bat and Trap!

The meeting is at the Village Hall, Bridge at 7.30pm. Members £2.00; non-members £3.00.

Meriel Connor

NAILBOURNE GROUP OF THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITAL

Thank you to all who supported our Pimms, Pies and Pudding Evening at Charlton Park in July, £695 was raised.

These funds and further monies raised will be going to the new Skin Cancer Care Centre at Canterbury which is to be called The Friends Dermatology Centre headed by Catriona Irvine.

Our next event will be an Advent Lunch on 1st December at Lower Hardres Village Hall. Please call Elizabeth Stewart on 830344 for more details.

Thank you for your support.

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Hilary and Barry Whiting would like to thank all those people who came along for coffee, and those who gave a donation, in support of the MacMillan Nurses. Their unstinting generosity raised £128.00, which we think was pretty amazing!

It is remarkable how generous folk are in this village, when you think that there is some charity "do" almost every week, and it may well be the same people who turn out or put something in envelopes for the street collections.

On behalf of the MacMillan Fund-raiser for East Kent - many thanks again to everyone!

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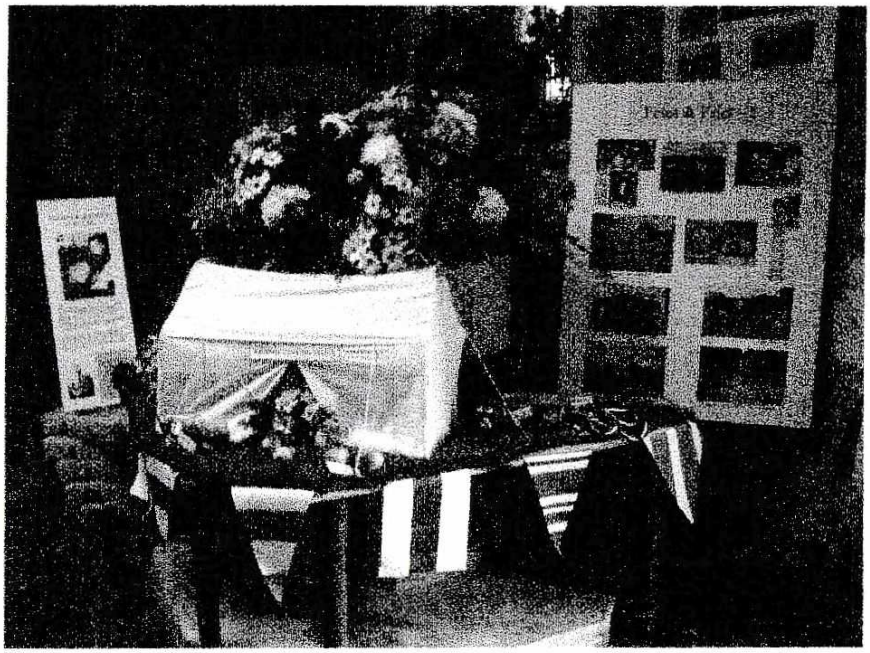

Flower festival

The combination of flowers, old photographs and good weather drew hundreds of visitors to the flower festival held at St Peter's, Bekesbourne. The innovative floral displays ranged from a full scale reproduction of the old village shop and post office to a miniature representation of a 1950s flower show and fete marquee. A school room was recreated in the vestry complete with original chalk slates from the Bekesbourne school (closed 1972) and photographs of pupils and teachers dating from 1901. More than one local person commented on how well the display reflected the village schoolroom of their childhood right down to the way the light streamed in through the high windows.

Colour was used to great effect in all the displays and visitors admired the magnificent twin altar arrangements of blue gentians, agapanthus and delphiniums intended to reflect the blue costumes of the Bekesbourne choristers of yesteryear. The intricate arrangement of a gipsy pedlar's tray of cottons, ribbons and dried flowers was taken to be displayed at the East Kent Ploughing Match. Other exhibits told the village stories of milling, baking, blacksmithing, dairy farming, hunting, the Women's Institute, home births, charcoal burning and lime working - all activities which are largely part of Bekesbourne's relatively recent rural past. There was a display of hop growing (which fortunately continues in the village although now as garlands for home decoration rather than for brewing) and another on the activities of the Flying Club which used the Aerodrome between the two Wars.

A huge team of Bekesbourne people and their friends in neighbouring villages took part in the event and although it was hard work, planned over several months, all those who took part throughly enjoyed making their contribution. The sunshine and the home-made cakes ensured that the tea tents on the lawn in front of the church were a place to linger to chat and enjoy meeting friends.

The event ran for three days and concluded on the Sunday with Festal Evensong. Evensong was announced by the Bekesbourne Bell Ringers and lead by the Venerable Patrick Evans, Archdeacon of Canterbury, assisted by our lovely, Margaret Clark and the evanescent Reverend Ken Giles. The Bekesbourne parishioners were especially glad to welcome the Bridge Benefice Choir. The photograph below shows the Choir rehearsing in the brief gap between closing the flower festival and preparing the church for worship. In the background is the display for the Flying Club.

Priest-in-Charge:
Lay Reader: Mrs. Margaret Clarke. (Tel 765598)

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

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Organist (Patrixbourne) Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, KeepersHill, Patrixbourne (830205)

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens Mrs J Gillanders, Cala, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne
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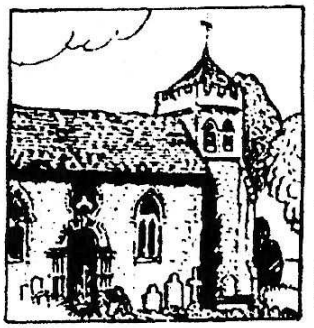

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Christmas Cards are on sale in the Chikdren's Society Charity shop at 6 Palace Street, Canterbury.

Christingle Services are being held at
St Peter's Church, Bridge on 24th December at 4pm
at Canterbury Cathedral on 28th December at 3pm
collections in aid of The Children's Society

Carol Singing at the Unicorn

Monica and Mike will be hosting the annual carol singing evening Friday 15th December at The Unicorn to raise funds for Bekesbourne church.

Singing will be led by Stuart Field on the fiddle and David Cutting on the piano. Monica and Mike wish to inform people that all tables are already fully booked with diners, but please come along there is plenty of standing room.

Eastbridge Hospital, High Street, Canterbury

SECURITY OFFICER (PART TIME)

A vacancy has arisen for a Security Officer at this ancient hospital which includes almshouse accommodation. Duties include welcoming visitors, administering admission charges and generally looking after those areas open to the public, together with contact with the Indwellers of the almshouse.

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CAN YOU SPARE JUST AN HOUR A MONTH?

St. Peter's Church, Bridge is a beautiful building, but like our own homes it needs a regular clean! Could you spare just an hour or so once a month to hoover and dust to keep our Church looking as special at it is? At the moment we have a team of four dedicated ladies but we would love some extra help. If you can help then please contact Carole Mounce on 831963

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

21 members were present at the Branch AGM. A number of members were absent through illness and we wish them well. It was reported that Jim Mount is happily settled at Maurice House at Broadstairs. Branch President, Hugh Wheeler, in his address thanked all those present for their work during the year and welcomed new members who had recently joined us especially the former members of Shepherdswell Branch. Branch Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: President: Hugh Wheeler;

Chairman: Bemie Guyatt; Vice Presidents: Oswin Kent, Fred Bennett and Doug Fenn; Vice Chairman: Fred Bennett; Hon Secretary: Barbara Hunt; Hon Treasurer: John Hewett; Service Committee Officer: Doug Fenn; Standard Bearer: Ray Tupper; Deputy Bearer: John Marsh. A full list of officers and officials will be placed in the Branch notice board. Immediately after the AGM, the Branch monthly meeting was held with the newly elected officers in situ. It was felt that the Poppy Appeal had gone well, especially the stand outside Littleboume Post Office on the 11th Following the meeting refreshments were served and a raffle was held in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

The church was packed for the Branch Remembrance Service held on Sunday 1211' Nov at Wickhambreaux, conducted by Rev A J Allan. The congregation assembled at the War Memorial when Hugh Wheeler laid a wreath, followed by the silence. The last post and reveille was sounded by bugler Kevin Costello. Several Branch members also attended Remembrance services at Preston and Stodmarsh churches during the day. The Branch had also held a short service at Wickhambreaux memorial on Friday 10th October with the children from Wickhambreaux school who laid a wreath and remembrance crosses.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesday, 12th December 2006 and 9th January 2007 both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littleboume.

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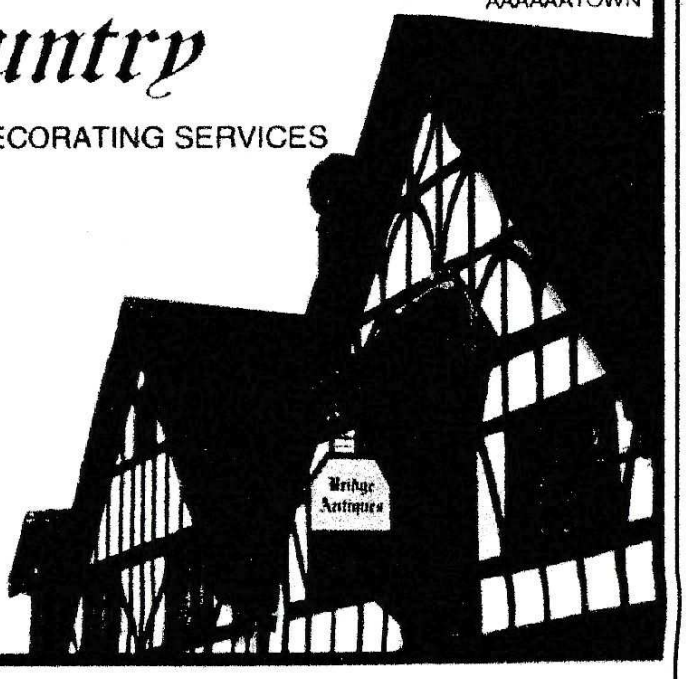

Bridge History Society

In October, Mary Dixon gave us a fascinating insight into life in Dover's Old Town Gaol in the 19th century - how the prison system worked and the role of the new police force. Our November evening was a showing of rarely seen films of local interest. On 19 December we have our Christmas Evening. Geoff Doel and Mick Lynn, a brilliant musician and mummer, will give us a talk with slides, accompanied by folk songs illustrating the traditional 'Christmas in Kent'. A hot and cold buffet will be served . It should be fun and just right to put you in the mood for Christmas. This event will take place on Tuesday 19 December in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £7.50 for members and £10 for non-members, which includes the buffet. To get your ticket, please telephone Jenny Vye on 830983 or 831820 (answerphone).

NAILBOURNE HORTICUL TURAL SOCIETY

A reminder that on Tuesday the 5th December at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall,local well known speaker Dick Bolton will be giving a talk illustrated with slides on "Gardens Great and Small". There will be an admission charge of £3 to include Christmas refreshments and we will also be running a raffle. As always, we will be delighted to welcome non-members to our evening.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

By way of a change, the December meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, Tuesday 12 December, at the usual time of 7.30pm but in the Methodist Chapel in Bridge. To get in the festive mood, members will be entertained by Phantas Magoria, with slides and music by Jeff and Sylvia Wagner.

There will be no competition this month.

Mrs.Joan Hill

Readers of the magazine will be very saddened to learn Mrs.Joan Hill died peacefully on Nov.10th. after a long and courageous battle with illness.

Joan arrived in Bridge in May 1968, and became a popular contributor to many activities of Bridge Church (e.g.The choir). She was everyone's friend, made all her many visitors welcome, had a great sense of humour, and was always ready to provide the helping hand. Her cheerful attitude to life which brought joy to all with whom she came into contact, was always present even to the last day of her life.

Joan will be sorely missed.

The Bridge Group
Services for the month of December 2006

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 3rd December Advent 1	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Canon R Humphriss	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Child	10.00 am Advent Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Jer 33. 14-16 NT: 1 Thes 3. 9-end G: Luke 21. 25-36
Sun 10th Advent 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service	10.00 am Mattins	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	OT: Baruch 5 NT: Phil 1. 3-11 G: Luke 3. 1-6
Sun 17th Advent 3	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev Dr J Law	3.00 pm Crib Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley 6.00 pm Carol Service	Joint Service at Bridge	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon H Harland	OT: Zeph 3. 14-end NT:Phil 4. 4-7 G: Luke 3. 7-18
Christmas Week		**20th December** 7.00 pm Carol Service		**22nd December** 7.00 pm Carol Service		
Sun 24th Advent 4	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon K David 11.30 pm Holy Communion Canon R Diss		4.00 pm Christingle 11.30 pm Holy Communion Canon G Greenwood	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon A Duke	11.30 pm Holy Communion Canon G Manley	OT: Micah 5. 2-5a NT: Heb 10. 5-10 G: Luke 1. 39-45
Mon 25th Christmas Day		10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Child	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Humphriss	11.00 am Family Carol Service	OT: Is 52. 7-10 NT: Heb 1. 1-4 G: John 1. 1-14
Sun 31st Christmas 1		10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Rev D Roper				OT: 1 Sam 2.18-20,26 NT: Col 3. 12-17 G: Luke 2. 41-end
Sun 7thJanuary 2006 Epiphany 1				10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands		OT: Is 43. 1-7 NT: Acts 8. 14-17 G: Luke 3.15-17,21-22

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and Wales to stay on farms and later on trips on river cruisers and narrow boats.

In 1984 Alan retired from Wiggins Teape, Chartham, and this allowed Joan and Alan more time to tend their lovely garden, walk the boxer and help with the grand children as Howard by now had 3 young daughters, Emma, Kate and Lucy. Joan was a pretty good cook, I remember many a fabulous Sunday lunch at San Anton, named after the famous gardens in Malta, an accomplished fruit cake baker and she was also a very professional knitter and crocheter. All the grand-children have had knit-wear presented to them over the years.

In 1987 Tina and I were married here in Bridge Church followed soon after by Simon and Andrea at Chartham Church in 1989. Then the next four grand children arrived, Esmee, Nathan, Gracie and Laura and Joan and Alan were always busy baby-sitting or having the children dropped off at Bridgeford Way whilst Tina or Andrea or both were shopping in Canterbury.

Sadly, Alan passed away very suddenly in 1996 and Joan had to cope with the difficult problems of living alone. Without her dog to keep her company Joan would not have managed on her own. After Ria, the boxer, died in 1998 Joan took on a rescue dog, Lizzie. Joan was very happy to spend week-ends with Tina and I or Simon and Andrea and these visits and her dogs kept her going.

Joan's 8th grand child, Eva, was born in May, 1998 and a special bond was formed as Joan spent increasing time with our family and became a major figure in Eva's life. During the nights between stay-overs, Joan regularly at 2130 would ring Tina to say good-night. She never missed a night even leaving her heavy breathing on the answer-phone if we dared to be out!

In February this year Joan's first great grand-daughter, Enola, was born followed a few months later in July by a great-grandson, Monty. Joan really loved her time spent with them.

In March this year Joan and another little Lizzie, her second rescue dog by the same name, moved in with Tina, the girls and I at St Margaret's Bay. Joan was poorly but she was determined to keep going and enjoyed the summer months in our garden and at the Bay. Sitting on the swing seat sipping tea and of course frequent libations of sherry!! We had plenty of barbecues and Joan always complained how she didn't like them and that you couldn't beat a good roast!

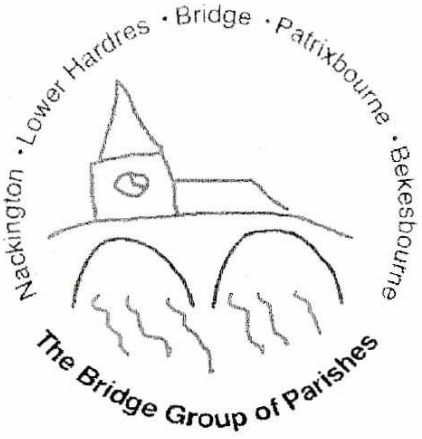
During her last two to three weeks with us Joan became confined to the house and family and friends visited frequently including Renee with whom Joan had been especially close for 44 years. Joan was admitted to Deal hospital and twenty-four hours later on the 11th October she passed away peacefully with her children at her side.

Mum took her final journey around her beloved Bridge by horse drawn hearse on 24 October 2006 to a Thanksgiving Service at Bridge Church.

The family would like to thank all the people of Bridge who have known and befriended Joan during her 45 years living in the village.

Also thank-you to everyone involved in holding the service and everyone who was able to attend.

Tina Irvine (nee Charlton)



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A few years ago Archbishop Carey remembers vividly going to preach one Christmas Day in a city church. Emblazoned in lights outside were the words, "Glory to God in the Highest", the words the angels sang to the shepherds at Christ's birth. However the 'e' in highest had gone out and it read, "Glory to God in the High st." The churchwardens apologised profusely, but the Archbishop told them to leave it because the message it gave was powerful not only to the church, but to the community.

Surely it's the same dynamic message now, in December 2006. It is true, isn't it that we should bring Glory to God in our streets, our villages, our cities, our country, our world? We do this by how we live; by what we do and by what we say - speaking out for our Lord in private and in public. Are we too willing to accept the 'edging out' of Christian principles. there are fewer Christian

Christmas cards; diluting them with Season's Greetings. Christmas is Christ. There can be no Christmas without HIM.

At the weekend, Archbishop John of York challenged those who showed contempt for Britain's Christian values. He was a man who was persecuted for his faith in Uganda. He says we must stand up for our beliefs - Our Lord. It's not that he or we are against other faiths. We respect and love them but over the years it is we who have become 'wishy-washy' in our beliefs and justice.

Have we watered down those things we were once proud of?

Have we become so engrossed with 'political correctness' that we have undermined our God?

As Advent approaches the Church gives us time to prepare for Christmas - to greet Christ on Christmas Day on His Birthday. Perhaps we can try and make this Christmas different by being strong and upholding what we truly believe in. Oh, it's not easy and I find myself being weak constantly and letting Jesus down! But I will make an Advent Resolution.

The whole Christmas story is mind-boggling. God Himself coming to earth as a human-being! God Himself 'tabernacerling' with us as John's Gospel records! God Himself being born in a miserable dirty old stable - FOR US!

To all our Benefice and especially to those who are sick, those who are anxious and those who do not relish Christmas because perhaps they have lost loved ones, I wish you all a peaceful, blessed and happy Christ-filled Christmas. May 2007 bring peace, joy, love and justice to our beautiful and yet battered world.

God Bless

Margaret Clarke

CANTERBURY CHORAL SOCIETY

CANTERBURY CHORAL SOCIETY
FAMILY CAROLS
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL
MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2006
7.00pm

Canterbury Choral Society have a stunning set of concerts for 2007 and as usual have been invited to participate in this year's Canterbury Festival with Beethoven Missa Solemnis.

Their first concert of the 2006/7 season will be Family Carols at Canterbury Cathedral on Monday, 11th December, a wonderful start to the Christmas Festivities. The choir will be accompanied 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. Many of the most favourite Carols will be included during the evening. The Society is grateful to their sponsors Pharon Independent Financial Advisers whose generosity allows them to keep ticket prices to a minimum.

The season continues with , Poulenc Gloria and Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Christmas Carols on 20th January, Bach St John Passion on 24th March and Britten Spring Symphony on 23rd June.

Last year an Award Scheme was launched to invite young tenors and sopranos aged between 14 - 23 to sing with the Society. A developing musical ability, a good singing voice and commitment to regular rehearsals and concerts was the criteria. Five young people received awards of up to £200 last year and there are a further five awards available for this year. Further information can be obtained from Tony Meire on 07836 566440.

Tickets for Family Carols can be purchased from the Canterbury Bookings on 01227 378188 or by email on boxofficeg@canterbury.gov.uk

Full information about the Society including ways to join can be found on their website www.canterburychoral.co.uk.

many of the invited guests are able to join us. If you would like to attend (subject to seating availability) please add your name to the list in Church by mid-December.

On Sunday 7th January there will be a Benefice Service to welcome Rev Simon Rowlands to the Benefice. It will be held at 10 am at Patrixbourne with a shared lunch afterwards (12.30 pm) at Bridge School EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME, but please add your name (with number of people coming) to the list in Church by no later than 31st December. This is to allow for catering arrangements. (It will not be possible to accept late notification of attendance at the lunch).

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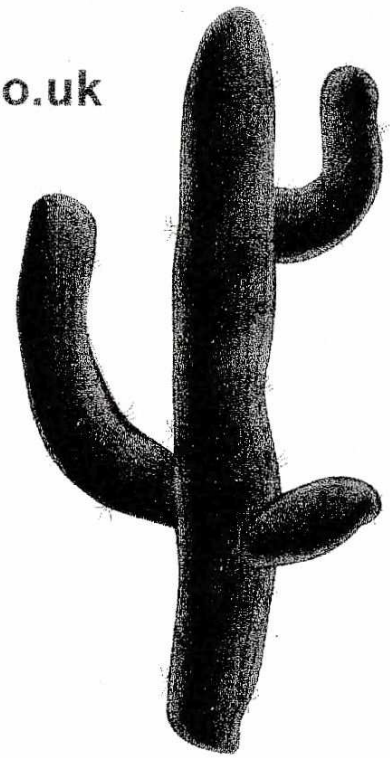

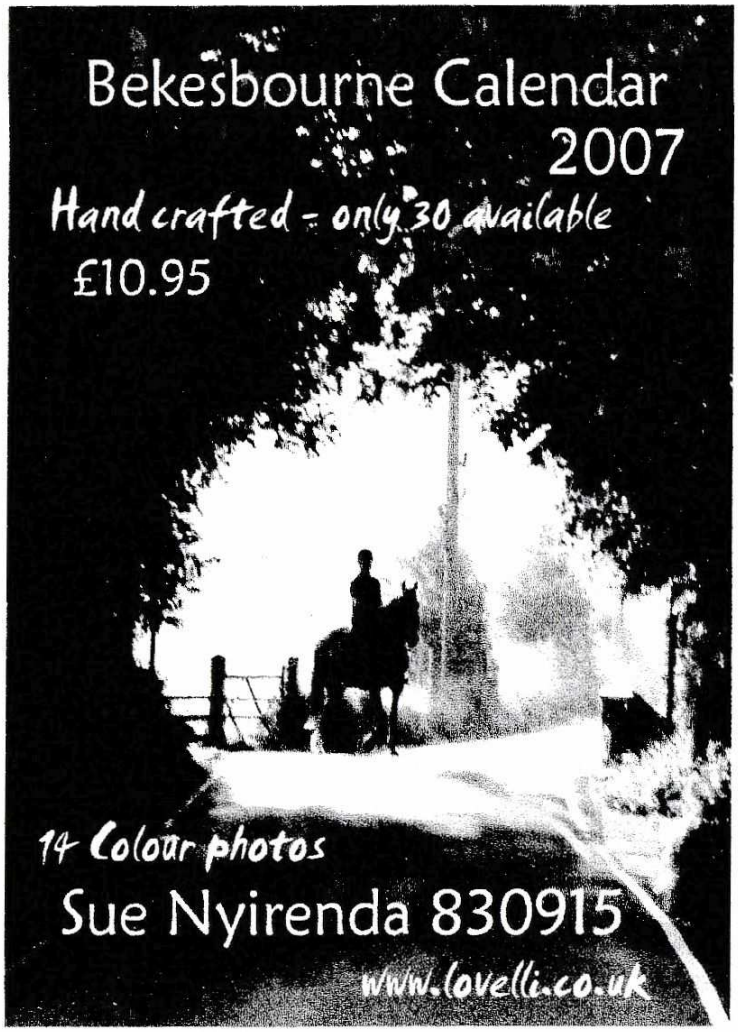

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NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
12th. October 2006

Wild Flower Meadow –There had been a well attended consultation meeting on 28th September. Cllr Beinder will draw up a business plan to present to the Kentish Stour Countryside Project contact prior to seeking funding.

Patrixbourne Road light - Kent Highways have costed the provision of the light and this will now be considered against other applications. A decision is likely in early 2007

Concurrent Funding- The Concurrent Funding bid for 2007/8 was approved

2005/6 Audit The audited parish accounts for 2005-6 were agreed and signed

Recreation Ground Maintenance - Following the tender exercise, it was agreed to award the contract for the maintenance of the recreation ground to Kent Landscape Services again for 2007.

Bifrons Path – As the result of a complaint from a local resident, it was agreed to ask the landlord of the White Horse to cut back the trees from the pub garden that were obscuring the light in Bifrons Path and making the area dark. It was also pointed out that leaves on the path were a problem and Cllr Lewis was thanked for his voluntary action in sweeping the path to clear them. It was pointed out that Serco is responsible for removing leaves from the path.

Bridge Village Football Club -The agreement for the lease of the football pitch between Bridge Village Football Club and Bridge Parish Council for the 2006/7 season was signed.

Anton and Julia Rowntree
wish all our friends in Bridge
a very Happy Christmas
and a Healthy New Year

The Walder Family
wish all their friends
a very
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

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of
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send Christmas Greetings to all
their friends and neighbours

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends and the caring people who have become friends, from the village, and surrounding area, of Bekesbourne, (the kindest village in the country!) who have been such a help to me since my husband had a severe stroke last year. I don't know how I would manage without them! They are Anne and David Gilmour, Vickie and John McPherson and family, Joan and Joe Atkins (get well soon Joe), Anthea Godden, Roger and Pat Nichols, Jenny and Brian Skinner, Margaret Clarke, Ruth and Derek Dawson, Zan Clifford and Shirley and Brian Moat. I hope I have remembered everybody, but please accept my sincere apologies if I have forgotten anyone. Thanks also for the prayers said every week for my husband, we are very grateful for all the support.

So, I would like to say a big "thank you", and to wish them all a very Happy Christmas and a Good and Peaceful New Year.

from Pat and Wilf Skinner and family

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Transport can be arranged if necessary, please telephone Bridge School on 01227 830276 to arrange it.
This is a lovely way to start the Christmas festivities so please come along.

Senior Citizens Afternoon of Entertainment

The Staff and Pupils of the school invite you to an afternoon to watch, listen and join in with the children singing. Please come along on Tuesday 12th December, 1.30pm - 3.00pm. We serve a delicious tea and transport can be arranged. Please telephone Bridge School on 01227 830276 if you wish to come and also if you require transport.

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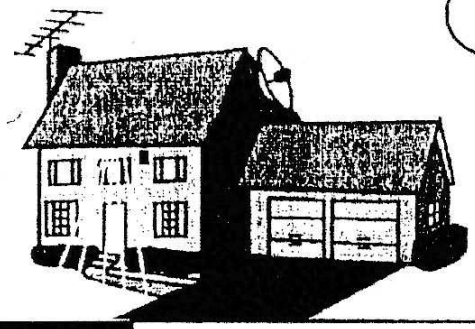

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Born in Chatham at the end of the First World War. Joan was the second daughter to Verlindra and Harry Mercer of what would become a family of six children.

In her early years Joan was a great help to her mother in assisting with her younger siblings and all the household chores. No domestic appliances in those days.

At 14 Joan finished her education and did a little domestic work before progressing to working in her uncle's corner shop.

During her spare time Joan enjoyed dancing and especially roller skating at the Rochester Casino with her sister Lily and indeed Joan won several competitions whilst roller skating.

War broke out in 1939 when Joan was 21 and the G.P.O. took Joan on as a switchboard operator and then a mobile telephone engineer in a little green van which Joan had to learn to drive within hours!

It was whilst dancing Joan met our father Albert, also known as Alan. It was a ladies excuse me and she couldn't resist him in his naval uniform!! Joan and Alan were married on 30th May 1942 and Joan borrowed her cousin's dress as it was wartime and materials were in short supply. Joan lived in Chatham surrounded by her family whilst Alan went away to sea for months at a time.

After World War II Alan stayed in the navy and Howard was born in March 1949. Then came the first trip to Malta and Joan's very first flight and trip abroad alone with an 18 month old baby, as Alan was at sea.They stayed for 2 years that time, returning to the U.K. for 5 years before making the repeat journey to Malta for a further three.

With the Malta trips behind them and back in England, Simon was born in December 1958. In 1961 the family moved to Bridge to start a new life with Alan now a civilian, working at Chartham Paper Mill, and the two young boys.

Tina came along in February 1962 and Joan was 43 by then. Not very fashionable in those days to have a baby so late but Tina and Simon helped to keep their parents young whereas Howard aged them!

Soon Joan and Alan bought the first of 3 boxers they were to own, Major a real tyrant. He was a difficult dog but they never gave up on him. In later years there was Judy who had two litters of puppies and Ria who survived after the loss of Alan.

In about 1972 Joan went to work at Bridge post office with Lawrence Shirley and Cath Diss. Joan had always had a very good head for figures which was put to good use especially on Friday afternoons when the books had to balance. Joan really enjoyed having her "own money" to spend on a few luxuries and it was about this time Joan had her own car once again - mostly used for the drive to work. To enable her to continue working at the post office Joan knocked a few years off her age, one or two at first and then it became five all because she didn't wish to stop when she reached 60!

Family holidays were always taken in the U.K. Long over-night drives to Devon

John and Muriel Packer

We would like to send our Christmas greetings to all our friends in Bridge together with our deep gratitude to the many who have helped us during the past thirty years. The last few weeks have made it especially clear how much we owe to you all.

We are now feeling much better and are making slow but steady progress thanks to the wonderful care and encouragement of all our family.

May God bless you all

John and Muriel Packer

Health and Healing

The prayer group meets on Thursday 7th December at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close. The prayer cycle is continuous and can be added to, or deleted as circumstances change. Feed back shows the prayer group is vital and comforting to so many people. So please feel free with your petitions for sickness, bereavement, anxiety, loneliness and any other situation you are concerned over. You will be very welcome.

Alternatively phone me on 830844 with your requests.

Kath Pierce

830844

Fish News

The December Christmas Pop-in will be on Wednesday December 13th in Bridge Village Hall. Do come. You are most welcome.

We are hoping to arrange a Winter Lunch for the end of February. More details nearer the time.

Flower Arranger's meeting

There will be a flower arranger's meeting at The Archways, Conyngham Lane, on Tuesday 5th December at 2pm for anyone interested in floral decorations in St. Peter's, Bridge, to discuss Christmas and next years rota. Everyone welcome.

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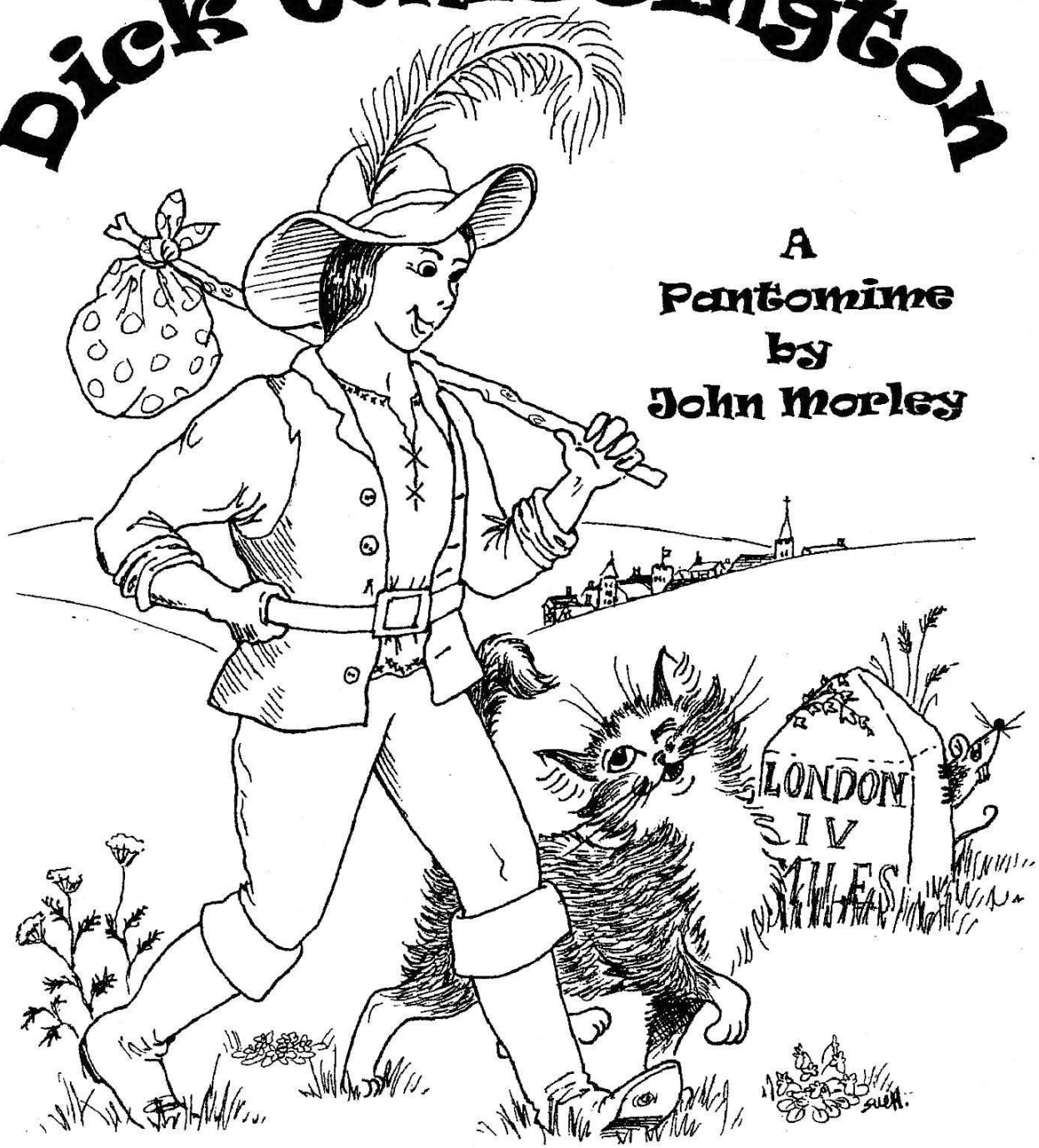

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Interregnum

During the interregnum please contact your local churchwardens in the first instance for any parish matters and our Area Dean, Rev David Roper (01227 831340) if you have an urgent need to talk to a vicar.

Dedication of the Windows at Lower Hardres

On Dec 5th there will be a FAMILY Communion at 11 am. "All Ages' will participate and the officiant will be the Rev Reg Humphriss. It will truly be a joyous occasion. Do Come!

Crib Service

The next Lower Hardres Family Service will be on Dec 17th at 3pm. Refreshments will be served after the service. It would be lovely if you dress up as a Nativity character. There will be lots for you to do. Please if you can, bring a gift (any size) unwrapped, 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 - All services will be on Christmas Card to be delivered to all households.

Christmas Workshop at Lower Hardres

PLEASE NOTE TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER at 9.30am -noon at John Baker White Hall. Ring Margaret Clarke (765598) or Julie Cox (788316) for places please. Parents - please stay with your pre-school child. It would be appreciated if each child could contribute towards the cost of materials (50p-£1). BUT PLEASE COME! We'll have FUN.

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Wednesday 20th December Carol Service at Lower Hardres at 7.00pm. Exciting news - the Head of Music at Archbishop's School, Mr David Jones, is teaching the choir a carol of his own composition. There will be mince pies afterwards. EVERYBODY WELCOME.

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.

Installation of Rev Simon Rowlands

The installation of the Rev Simon Rowlands as Vicar of the Bridge Benefice will take place at Bridge Church on Wednesday 3rd January at 6.00pm. Congregation by invitation only. There will be seats for regular members of the congregation but it will not be possible to allocate these until we know how

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Editor's Note.

The January 2007 edition of "On The Nail" should be published before Christmas. In order for this to be achieved I will need All items promptly **by no later than Noon on Friday 15th December.**

Diary for December 2006

4th Salvation Army Carol Concert, Bridge School 7.30pm
5th Flower arrangers meeting, Archways, Conyngham Lane, Bridge 2pm
Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
7th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
11th Caring and Sharing, Elham Valley Vine Yard 7.30pm
12th Senior Citizens Entertainment, Bridge School 1.30pm
Women's Institute, Methodist Chapel, Bridge 7.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
13th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
Carols at The New Close, Bridge 3pm
15th Carols at The Unicorn, Bekesbourne 7pm
18th Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
19th Carols at Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Bridge History Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
20th Carols at Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
24th Christingle, Bridge Church 4pm
28th Christingle, Canterbury Cathedral 3pm

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

27th Jan Jumble Sale

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Nailbourne Scout Group

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Francis Harvey, on behalf of the Scout Executive Committee

NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
9TH November 2006

Teen/Youth Shelter - The public consultation took place on Saturday 14th October in the High Street and a majority of residents consulted were in favour of the teen shelter. Residents chose their favourite design from a short list of six. A possible location on the recreation ground has been identified by the sub-committee. The parish council has received a letter of objection to the proposed site from Bridge Tennis Club. It was agreed that a residents' questionnaire canvassing views will be delivered to houses in Riverside Close and Patrixbourne Rd and collected by councillors before any formal proposal is put to the parish council.

Children's Play Area; A letter had been received from three young users of the play area asking for a roundabout to replace the springy cat, which is in need of repair. It was agreed that Wicksteed Leisure would be asked to visit the play area to give a quotation and assess its suitability for a roundabout and also to give estimates of the cost of providing a replacement for or repairing the existing cat

Cycle Route to Canterbury; This project had been raised again by a resident. The parish council received a letter in June from Kent Highway Services confirming that the cycle path remained a medium term project. It was agreed that City Cllr Anderson would raise the issue at the Rural Area Members Panel meeting on 18th December. A possible alternative to the Dover Rd route was suggested by Cllr Hill and it was agreed that Cllrs Hill and Gulvin will prepare a map of this alternative route to be presented to the City Council.

Bushes in front of 67 & 69 High Street; It was agreed to ask Kent Highway Services to reduce the crowns and tidy the trees and bushes on this stretch of the High Street which has become very overgrown.

Bus services to Bridge; A local resident had reported that the bus services to Bridge were causing difficulties. The 89 bus did not always stop in the village and often arrived late. A new 'flexible route' for the 16 and 17 service meant that drivers were permitted to by-pass Bridge if they were running late. It was agreed to write to Stagecoach to put these concerns to the company. It was also agreed to thank Stagecoach for providing an additional morning bus for school children to alleviate the problem of overcrowded buses and Bridge schoolchildren left behind.

Motor vehicle licence renewal ; Cllr Hill pointed out that current reminder letters for vehicle licence renewal urge motorists to renew their licences on-line or by phone. This is damaging to local post office business and Cllr Hill hoped that local people would continue to use Bridge Post Office for this service.

Byway 309; Cllr Edmonds reported that the Public Rights of Way Agency had agreed to inspect Byway 309 (Renville – Whitehill Wood), which has been in need of clearing and cutting back for some time.

Christmas trees ;Cllr Esdale reminded councillors that a working party to put up the Christmas trees will meet in Cllr Mervyn Gulvin's yard at 9.30a.m on Saturday 2nd December. All offers of assistance will be most welcome.

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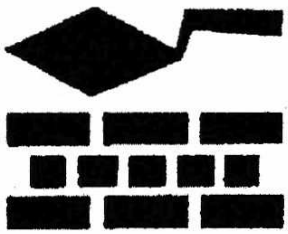

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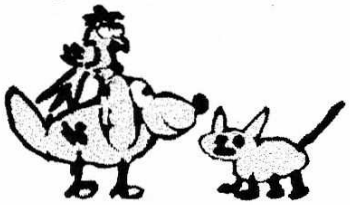

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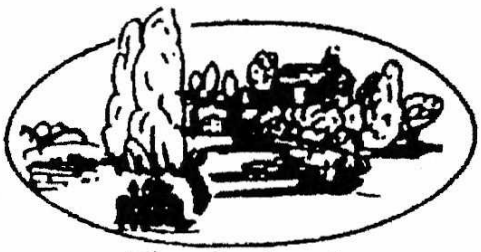

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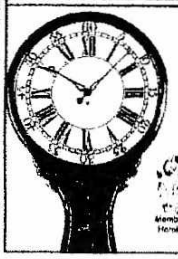

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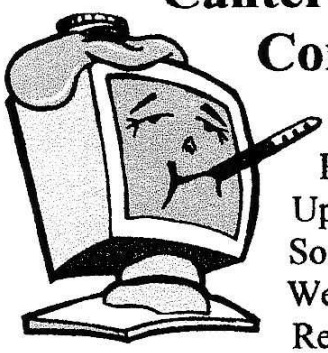

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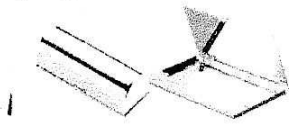

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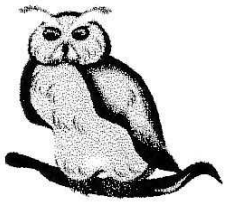

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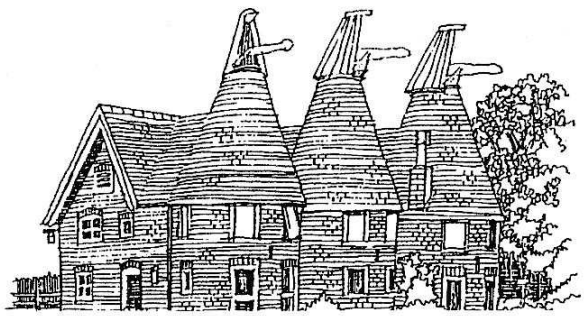

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