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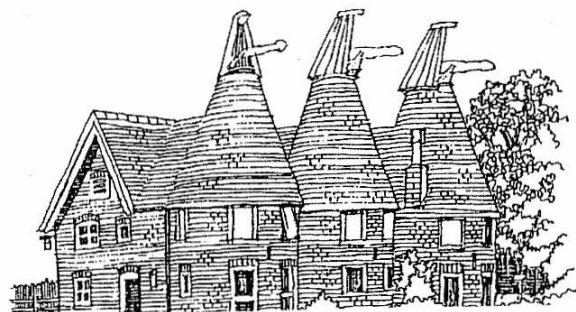
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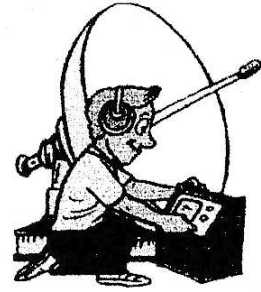
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Services for the month of January 2007

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 7th January 2007 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
Sun 14th Epiphany 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands	11.00 am Family Service	10.00 am Mattins Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	OT: Is 62. 1-5 NT: 1 Cor 12. 1-11 G: John 2. 1-11
Sun 21st Epiphany 3	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	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 S Rowlands	OT: Neh 8.1-3,5-6,8-10 NT: 1 Cor 12. 12-31a G: Luke 4. 14-21
Sun 28th Epiphany 4	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands 6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Ezek 43.27-44.4 NT: 1 Cor 13 G: Luke 2. 22-40
Sun 4th February 3rd Sunday before Lent	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusef	OT: Is 6. 1-8 NT: 1 Cor 15. 1-11 G: Luke 5. 1-11

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for January 2007

- 2nd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
- 3rd Installation of Rev. Simon Rowlands, Bridge Church 6pm
- 4th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 8th Caring and Sharing, 22 Riverside 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
- 15th Caring and Sharing, 8 Conyngham Lane, Bridge 8pm
- 16th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
- 18th Bridge History Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 19th Service for Joan Hill, St Peter's Church, Bridge 2pm
- 22nd Caring and Sharing, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 23rd Holy Communion, Highfield, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
Caring and Sharing, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 27th Bekesbourne Jumble Sale, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am
- 28th The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
- 29th Caring and Sharing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 30th Nailbourne Horticultural Society AGM, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 31st Bekesbourne PCC, 10 De Havilands 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

9th March Wine and Wisdom



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The Area Dean's Letter

Dear Friends

"What are Deaneries for?" is a question sometimes heard in parishes, especially at the APCM when new volunteers are sought to represent the parish at deanery Synod. It's a perfectly valid question which deserves a considered answer from time to time. At one level a deanery is a collection of parishes in a geographical location whose clergy and lay representatives meet together to plan activities and share resources, especially for those aspects of ministry where we can be more effective together. In recent years this has included some preparation of couples for marriage and some children's activity days.

As the year turns, your deanery is consulting about some changes to the way we carry out the ministry of the church, in order that we might be better able to cope with the needs of our churches in the future. This is a sensitive but necessary business if we are to remain viable and able to reach out to our communities in the future, and events will begin to unfold in the next few months. I hope we will all be able to engage fully with this process of discernment in an open and prayerful way as we seek to listen to the promptings of God's Spirit in this, as in all matters.

Change is around us all the time. This month the vacancy at Bridge will end when we welcome Revd Simon Rowlands and his family to be Vicar of the newly united benefice, but then next month we will bid 'farewell' to Mark Griffin and his wife, Clare, as they move to a new parish and home at Sevenoaks. We wish them joy as they set out on this new chapter of their life together.

Change of a different kind has been quietly happening at Nonington, too. Helen Connoll has moved out of the Vicarage to her own home in the village, and we welcome Revd Amada Evans to the Vicarage. However, Amanda is not part of the parish ministry, but is setting out a new ministry, focussed on Nonington Vicarage, as the Diocesan Advisor in Healing and Wholeness, independently supported and not from the 'parish share', and I am sure you will hear more about this exciting new ministry over the coming months.

So as we face new challenges and changes in the life of the deanery I hope we will look forward with hope and vision, confident of the promises of God brought to life at Christmas with the celebration of the Messiah's birth, and that in our own lives, too, whatever lies ahead we will know of the love God has for each one of us, his children.

May God bless you all in 2007

Rev David Roper

Your Parish Matters

Marriage

16/12 Bekesbourne Gareth Keymer and Nicola Fagg

Funeral

30/11 Barham(Bridge) Johanna Emma Ibbotson

30/11 Barham(LH) Geoffrey John Manuel

15/12 Canterbury(Bridge) Doris Jessie Saunders

Lower Hardres Christmas Fair

We had a lovely time in November. It was a happy occasion with lots of people and meeting people is what its all about. We raised £450. Thank you to all who made jams, cakes, sewed and knitted etc., but especially great thanks to Sue Kidd, who worked so hard.

Children's Christmas Workshop

By the time this magazine is printed , the Workshop will have taken place. In advance thank you to all the helpers and of course to all the children for coming.

Christmas too will be over, but Christ is with us all the time so I wish you ALL a very happy, healthy, peaceful and blessed 2007. God Bless.

Margaret

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.

Welcome to Rev Simon Rowlands

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.

Health and Healing

The prayer group meets on Thursday 4th January 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

Bridge History Society

Our programme for the new year starts with a talk by Richard Filmer on Traditional Kentish Trades, Crafts and Industry. We will learn more about activities such as charcoal burning. We will look at how work was carried out in the past and hear about what has been lost. The meeting will take place on Thursday 18 January 2007 at 7.30pm, in Bridge Village Hall. All are welcome.

Meriel Connor

Fish (Neighbourly help) News

The Housebound Library service has been a wonderful life-line in our villages for many years. Sheila Fenn and Sheila Knox have given a remarkable service, as well as friendship, to a great many people. The time has come, however, to find two new volunteers. Would YOU be kind enough to help? It involves a morning or afternoons work once a fortnight. Please think about it and ring Sheila Knox on 831915 for more information.

Another winter lunch is planned for Wednesday 28th February 2007. The next Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday 10th January in Bridge Village Hall.

Mrs Joan Hill

On Friday 19th January at 2pm in St. Peter's Church, Bridge, there will be a prayer and a time to pay respects to Joan Hill, before the internment of her ashes. Anyone who knew her is welcome to attend. If you wish to make a donation in her memory please send a cheque for either Macmillan Cancer Support or Cancer Research UK to Mark Allery, Richmond Steel and Partners Ltd, 12-14 City Road, Winchester, SO23 8SG.

Judy Hutson

**LITTLEBOURNE AND DISTRICT
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Our Poppy Appeal this year has raised a total of £3,302.03 to date, with possibly a small amount still to come in.

This total covers Littlebourne, Ickham, Wickhambreaux, Stodmarsh, Bramling, Goodnestone, Beksbourne and Adisham.

Included in this amount is an excellent sum of £212.91 raised on 11th November on the stand outside Littlebourne Post Office and our thanks go to all who helped man the stall on that day.

Thanks also to all those who helped collect and all who generously donated. Without all of you, we would not have a Poppy Appeal and the work of the Legion would not be able to continue.

Poppy Appeal 2006

Once again the generous folk of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bishopsbourne made a wonderful contribution to the annual Poppy Appeal with the sum of £1676.45. This should rise to over £1700 when Church collections are received.

Sincere thanks must go to a splendid team of collectors and 'counters' who so willingly give time and effort to the task.

Barry Whiting
Hon. P.A.O.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Organiser

As current PAO for our area I am obliged to submit to the RBL the name of a reserve organiser who could immediately take over in the event of my sudden demise or disappearance!

The RBL could not contemplate a period of 'no collection' since even our contribution (nearly £2000 p.a.) would represent a significant loss to the cause.

Consequently, I now appeal to the good people of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bishopsbourne to reveal a very keen, secret weapon who might be willing to launch themselves into the fray (at least on paper) well before the need actually arises. Please be assured that I do not plan to give up in the very near future.

Volunteers can be of any chosen sex, condition or age, provided they can breathe, write and walk! Thank you.

You can always contact me on 01227 830506.

B. N. Whiting

Friends of Bekesbourne Church

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday

27 January 2007

10 am

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BEKESBOURNE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

There were lots of seasonal gifts on sale at the Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar. £535 was raised for the funds of St Peters church.

The brownies were kept busy serving coffee and cakes all morning, as well as selling handmade crackers, door wreaths and decorating visitors with colourful tattoos.

Thanks go to everyone who donated gifts, helped on the stalls or came and supported the event on the morning.

FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH JUMBLE SALE

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church are holding their annual jumble sale in the village hall Saturday 27th January. Starting at 10.00am entrance is 25p.

We would be grateful for donations of good quality clothes, toys and bric a brac. But no electrical items thank you. If you have items to be collected Tel Gill on 832134

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

9th March - Wine and Wisdom

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society's AGM will be held on Tuesday 30 January at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. This is of course the time to join or renew subscriptions, at £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.

After the brief business part of the evening is over, to help us escape the post Christmas blues, Una Smith has kindly agreed to transport us to warmer and sunnier places, with a slide show of gardens she has visited. There will also be light refreshments.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The 2007 programme begins with a talk by Eileen Booker entitled "All about the Marlowe Theatre" on Tuesday 16 January at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The monthly competitions this year will be as far as possible on the same theme as the evening talk or presentation. For the January meeting the competition therefore is for "something theatrical".

GARDEN OPENING AND FLOWER FESTIVAL

After the success of the Garden Opening in 2006, we have decided to combine the opening of the Village Gardens with a Flower Festival in the Church. This will take place at the end of June 2007.

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Carols at The Unicorn

Once again The Unicorn was a full house for the Christmas carol singing evening. Several brave soloists joined David Cutting on the piano and Stuart Field on the fiddle to entertain us. The Unicorn's new hosts Monica and Mike provided festive nibbles of sausage rolls and mince pies. The raffle raised £137.75p for church funds. It was lovely to have Jane and John Shorrocks join us for the evening. They have settled happily into their new home in Emsworth near their family, and are enjoying a busy social life.

The Bekesbourne village lottery was drawn and the yearly prize of £250 was won by Tom Williamson. The monthly prizes of £50 £25 and £15 were won by Sid Moon, John Shorrocks and Weny Howard. If anyone would like information about joining the lottery contact Steve Thomas Tel: 01227 832573

Gill Moon



NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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CALENDAR FOR 2007

<i>Tues Jan 30</i>	<i>AGM</i>	<i>Slide show of gardens visited by Una Smith</i>	<i>Bridge Village Hall</i>
<i>Thurs 22 Feb</i>	<i>Ponds and Water Gardens</i>	<i>Illustrated Talk by Mrs Janet Bryant</i>	<i>Bridge Village Hall</i>
<i>Tues 3 April</i>	<i>Spring Show</i>		<i>Bridge Village Hall</i>
<i>Thurs 7 June</i>	<i>Evening Visit to Mount Ephraim</i>	<i>Help with transport available. Refreshments there</i>	<i>6.45 pm start at Mount Ephraim</i>
<i>Sat 28 July</i>	<i>Summer Show</i>		<i>Bridge School</i>
<i>Thurs 4 October</i>	<i>The Story of the Honey Bee</i>	<i>Talk by Derek March</i>	<i>Bridge Village Hall</i>
<i>Tues 4 Dec</i>	<i>Social Evening</i>		<i>Bridge Village Hall</i>
<i>Year 2008</i>			
<i>Tues 29 Jan</i>	<i>AGM + Guest Speaker</i>		<i>Bridge Village Hall</i>

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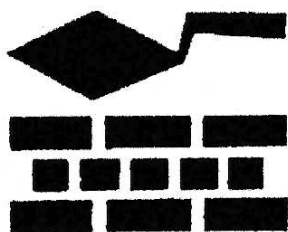


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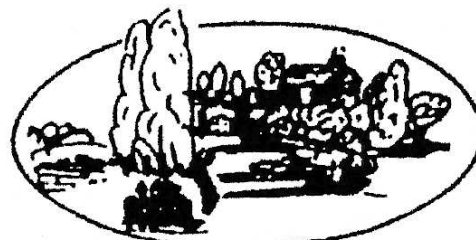
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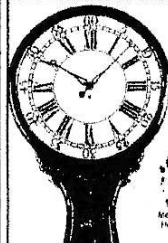
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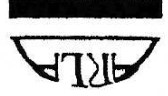
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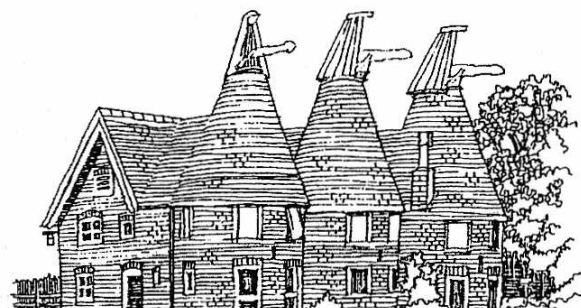


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Services for the month of February 2007

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 4th February 3rd Sunday before Lent	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 6. 1-8 NT: 1 Cor 15. 1-11 G: Luke 5. 1-11
Sun 11th 2nd Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service	10.00 am Mattins Rev S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	OT: Gen 2.4b-9,15-end NT: Rev 4 G: Luke 8. 22-25
Sun 18th Sunday before Lent	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev Dr J Law	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 G Greenwood	OT: Ex 34. 29-end NT: 2 Cor 3. 12-4.2 G: Luke 9. 28-36
Weds 21st Ash Wednesday			7.00pm Holy Communion Canon G Manley			OT: Is 58. 1-12 NT: 2 Cor 5. 20b-6.10 G: Mat 6.1-6,16-21
Sun 25th Lent 1	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Child 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon H Harland	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Deut 26. 1-11 NT: Rom 10. 8b-13 G: Luke 4. 1-13
Sun 4th March Lent 2	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 15.1-12,17-18 NT: Phil 3. 17-4.1 G: Luke 13. 31-end

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for February 2007

- 1st Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
5th Caring and Sharing, 22 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
6th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
7th Bridge & Patricxbourne PCC Meeting, Methodist Chapel 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
19th Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge 7.30pm
20th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
Bridge History Society, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
22nd Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
24th Scouts Quiz Night, Bridge Village Hall 7pm
25th The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
26th Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
27th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm

Forthcoming Events - Bridge

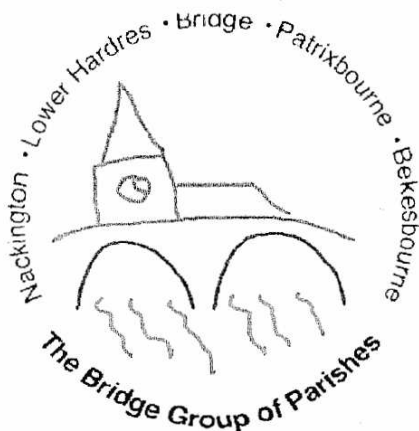
- 24th March Bangers and Bingo Evening
24th June Garden Opening Event

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

- 9th March Wine and Wisdom
25th April A.P.C.M.

Methodist Church Services at 11am

- 4th Feb Rev Donald Lugg
18th feb Rev David Marshall Holy Communion



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On behalf of myself, Gail and Josh, thank you for the warm welcome we have received upon moving to the Bridge benefice. Whilst I hope to have met as many members of the five churches as possible by the time you get to read this letter, I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself.

Originally from Llangollen in North Wales but having lived most of my life in Kent, I am married to Gail and we have one son Josh. We all enjoy walking our two dogs (my spiritual directors) Tizzy (a Lurcher) and Idris (a very noisy Border terrier).

I will have been ordained an Anglican Minister for 8 years this July, having served my Curacy at St Peters Broadstairs and then as Chaplain to Canterbury Christ Church University. Before ordination I worked as a Traffic Engineer with both Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council dealing with a wide variety of transport planning and highway engineering schemes.

I am very interested in monastic spirituality in particular Benedictine spirituality together with the writing of Thomas Merton and Henri Nouwen. Within this area of interest I have in the past run courses on helping people start or develop prayer and Christian meditation.

If you were to ask me for a vision for the Church it would be to express Christ's love for the world by re-connecting with people in the community. Consequently I hope to be as visible as possible within the five villages and continue to foster the existing good links between the churches and the local communities.

Ash Wednesday this year falls at the end of this month. It marks a time of preparation and self examination as we begin the period of Lent. It is also a good time to reflect upon the past and look with hope and expectation not simply to the future but also to the good news revealed at Easter.

Whether by spending time in prayer or by taking time in hectic daily lives to stop and think, Lent is as good a time as any to pause and ask the question where is God working in all of this?

Whilst I leave you with that question, I would like to take this opportunity to write a public word of thanks to all the Church Wardens who have very efficiently overseen the responsibility for the running of the five churches during the interregnum. I look forward to working with them in the future together with the retired clergy and lay people who have worked so very hard in the past year.

Yours in Christ

Simon

Your Parish Matters

Funeral

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Bekesbourne

William Charles Jefferies

Simon Rowlands will be having his 'Day Off' on a Monday each week.. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answerphone which will be responded to as soon as possible.

Lower Hardres' Christmas

Christmas was a very busy time for all of us. We had a happy time at our **Crib Service** and the crib looked lovely and very meaningful. Here I should like to thank Simon Cox for making it so beautiful. Children "laden with gifts" came to the service and they brought much happiness to The Womans Refuge. Thank you parents so much!

At our **Carol Service** the choir excelled itself. Well done children and young people. We thank David Jones, Director of Music at Archbishop's School, for his beautiful arrangement of the carol. Thank you very much to the choir for the lovely picture they gave me.

Family Service

Do come and you will be most welcome at our next family service on February 18th at 10.00am at Lower Hardres.

Margaret

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL

The current Church electoral roll for all five churches in the Bridge benefice is being renewed. If you want to be included on the new church electoral roll you must complete and return a form from your local church. If you are already on the electoral roll you still must re-apply as inclusion is not automatic. Forms **must** be returned to Church by Sunday 11th March 2007.

CONFIRMATION

Are you interested in being confirmed? Confirmation preparation will begin after Easter with a service of confirmation taking place in September. If you are interested please contact the Vicar (tel. 830250).

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Health and Healing

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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.

Kath Pierce

Fish (Neighbourly help) News

As well as the Coffee Pop-in on Wednesday 14th February (remember St. Valentine) we also have the Winter Lunch on Wednesday 28th February (coming up to St. David's Day). Both are in Bridge Village Hall. Do come.

L'Arche Christmas Puddings

It was a bumper year for pudding sales. L'Arche is hugely grateful. Because of your generosity the fragile home for the disabled in Zimbabwe has been helped and also the new home in the Ukraine. L'Arche has two homes in Canterbury, one at Barfrestone and one at Eythorne.

Thank You

Thank you for the many kindnesses which have contributed to my sense of peace.

The donations to Bridge Parish Church and to the Nairobi Hospice amounted to over £1100.

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Muriel

Bekesbourne Church Flower Fund

We have decided to set up a small Flower Fund for Bekesbourne to help with the cost of flowers for the arrangement by the altar at Christmas and Easter. We are very grateful that at other times of the year flower arrangers are prepared to donate flowers when it is their turn on the rota, but are aware that flowers at festival times can be very expensive.

Zan Clifford would be pleased to receive any contribution you would like to make, perhaps in memory of a loved one, which will go towards the cost of Easter lilies and flowers at Christmas. Her address can be found in the list of officers at the end of the magazine. Any cheques should be made payable to Bekesbourne PCC.

Thank You

Pauline and Mike Fagg would like to express their thanks to everyone involved in any way with their daughter Nichola's marriage to Gareth in St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on December 16th. It was a wonderful day.

Special thanks to Brian Skinner and Ian Gillanders for saving the day by freeing the bridal car when it was stuck in mud in the churchyard.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Bekesbourne with Patricxbourne (civil) Parish Council have a vacancy in the Bekesbourne Ward for a Parish Councillor.

If anybody is interested in being co-opted onto the council for the next few months (elections due in May 2007) would they please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council - Mrs Gail Hubbard on 01227 831197.

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(For an informal chat please phone Laurence Dunderdale, 830668)

Carol Service 2006 St. Peter's Church, Bridge.

Were you there for the 2006 Carol Service? If you were you will surely agree that it was truly an act of worship of faith, hope and celebration.

By the time that you read this our new Vicar will have been inducted and installed and because of the timetable for getting items to the editor for publication Christmas 2006 will seem like an event in the distant past. However there are so many thanks that should be made to the many people who made this service such a wonderful occasion. We could simply make a 'blanket' thank you but it is felt that we should acknowledge people such as Ginny in the parish office who puts up with the 'chopping and changing' before she is able to produce the Order of Service sheets. To all the ladies who made the church look so beautiful giving up their time at such a busy period. To Martin (Miles) for his arrangement of the music and his augmenting the large choir (with the help of Bill Rose) and producing such a wonderful result with only three choir practices. To Canon Gordon Manley who came out to lead the service. Thank you to Martin (Leggatt) who stepped in at very short notice to act as Crucifer and to William and Alex who were the taperers. To all the readers who did so with such wonderful clarity. To the Church Wardens who light up all the candles before the service and then ensure that they are all extinguished at the end as well as performing many other duties. To the kind people who served up a glass of wine and mince pie at the end and finally to the large congregation who made it such a memorable occasion.

Simon, our new Vicar, will no doubt have his own ideas as to how each of the five churches within the benefice celebrates its carol service in future years and we must and will support him in his mission amongst us.

For several reasons 2006 will perhaps be the last time in which I shall be involved in the Bridge Carol service (we must wait and see) but I would like to take this opportunity to express a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has supported me during these past few years.

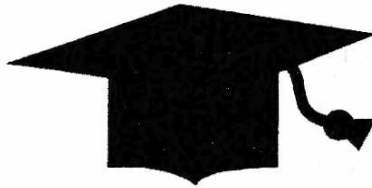
In conclusion might I say that gifts of the large church candles used in decorating the windows during the Christmas services would always be acceptable.

Thank you.

D.H.

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Many thanks are due to all who have contributed to funds for "The Children's Society" during the year. Special mention is for the Christingle Service held in St Peter's Church, Bridge, which was full for the occasion. Pat Dunderdale and Margaret Clarke arranged and took the service, backed by musicians playing the carols and excellent young readers for the lessons. Mr & Mrs Tilly had kindly donated the oranges again, and the collection was a record at £490 plus gift aid pledges. To all other helpers and members of the congregation, thank you for your support and generosity.

2007 In February and March, Home and Shop Boxes are emptied, before the end of the tax year. Kathy Eynon will be in touch with box holders to arrange convenient times and places to collect. Her phone no is 01227 830466, 19 Bridge Down, Bridge, should anyone like a box, when pence turn to pounds!

Kathy Eynon

Hon Local Secretary for The Children's Society

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Thursday 22 February at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Mrs Janet Bryant will be giving an illustrated talk on "Ponds and Water Gardens". There will be practical advice and tips too to inspire you to put in a pond or to get yours ready to enjoy this summer.

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

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

On Tuesday 20 February Mr Don Wilks will be offering everyone a chance to escape our winter weather, at least temporarily, with an illustrated talk on Costa Rica entitled "Humming Birds and Things".

The competition for the February meeting is a souvenir from abroad.

Bridge History Society

Our next meeting is a Members' Evening, to be held in the Upstairs Room of the Plough and Harrow at 7.30 on Tuesday 20 February. Alan Walton will give us an illustrated talk on Count Zborowski of Higham, and the role he played in the establishment of the railway system in Kent. The admission charge of £5 includes a buffet supper. The restricted space means that this event is restricted to members of the Society. (David Gilmour - 832450).

Tug -0' -War:

With the disastrous fire at the Red Lion Inn, and the change of ownership of the White Horse and the Plough & Harrow, it appeared that the annual Boxing Day Tug -0' -War would fall by the board.

However, such was the enthusiasm, that the competition was reinstated at short notice by the two remaining hostelries on The Water Meadow, Bridge on Boxing Day. A team representing The White Horse, managed by the Toomey family, and a team was raised at The Plough and Harrow, now run by Mr & Mrs Peter and Gill Wilson. The White Horse team was captained by Charlie Toomey, with Brian Ford, Declan Heam, Mark Lane, Nick Lane, and Ed Knox. The Plough and Harrow captain was Peter Wilson with Murray Simpson, Adrian Clark, Dominic Graham, Matt Gore, and Steve Field. The Plough and Harrow won the toss and chose the East bank. The Plough and Harrow won the first round and the teams changed sides. The White Horse won the second round, again the teams changed side. Then The Plough and Harrow won the third round. Altogether, a very satisfactory and fair result. Mr Bill Oakey acted as Umpire and Councillor John Anderson as Press Secretary. Both entrants and supporters, all returned to the various hostelries to revive their exhaustion, having had a good time. We hope that when the Red Lion re-opens, this will again become a regular annual event.

The New Close

I would like to say thank you to all the people and especially to Bridge & Patrixbourne CE Primary School children and staff for making our Christmas extra special this year.

It has been a pleasure getting to know people in the village and trying to get our residents more involved in local activities.

Volunteering to sell poppies for The British Legion outside the local Post Office in Bridge was an extremely worthwhile activity. The residents enjoyed sitting on the bench chatting away to local people, whilst collecting money for a cause they believe in.

If anyone has any ideas in which we could become more involved with our local community I would be very interested to know.

Happy New Year.

Linda Miles
Activities Co-ordinator
The New Close
01227 780070

Royal British Legion Littlebourne and District branch

14 members were presented at the January 2007 monthly meeting Chaired by Bernie Guyatt. He wished those present a Happy New Year.

Several people were absent due to ill health and we wish them a speedy recovery, in particular Sam Cork.

Our Annual Dinner is to be on Friday 23rd February at Canterbury Golf Club and anyone requiring details or to book, please contact the Secretary on 01227 472023. We will also be holding another Coffee Morning in September in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Details to be announced.

At this quieter time of the year I usually put out a word of encouragement to anybody who might like to join the branch. We are a friendly group and our meetings are quite informal. If you would like details please give the secretary a ring on the above number. We would be delighted to have you join us.

Our next 2 meetings will be on Tuesday 13th February and 13th March - both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

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THANK YOU

May I, as a parishioner, express my thanks to the Dunderdales, to Margaret, to the Church Wardens, to the Officiating Clergy and to others who have kept the benefice going during the interregnum following Paul's departure? I'm sure I'm not alone in doing so!

Ann Shirley

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NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Quality Parish Council - After discussion it was agreed that the parish council would continue to adhere to the principles of a quality parish council where possible and appropriate but would not formally apply for the status.

The Mill Centre- Cllr Gulvin reported that an extensive clean up of the centre had taken place the previous weekend. The hole in the roof had been temporarily secured with polythene. The committee will meet again on 19th. February. The short lease with CCC is likely to be an obstacle to obtaining funding and taking further long-term action to repair and refurbish the centre. The council agreed to consider ways to overcome this problem.

Recreation Ground - It was agreed to remove the springy cat from the children's play area and make good with wet pour. An estimate for a new roundabout to replace the cat was still awaited.

Canterbury Area KAPC Meeting Cllr Beinder had represented Bridge Parish Council at this meeting on 10th. January in Petham. Concern had been expressed over the intrusive personal information that the police now require from Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. Cllrs Esdale and Lewis will raise this concern at the forthcoming Police Forum meeting in February.

Dog Waste Bin - Cllr Hill reported that there was a problem with dog excrement on the path leading past Mill Terrace to the fields. It was agreed to ask Canterbury City Council to provide a dog waste bin for the site and to remind villagers of their obligation to clean up after their dogs in residential areas.

Recycling sacks - Cllr Gulvin reported that during the exceptionally high winds, recycling bags had been blown around the village streets while awaiting collection and that some bags had burst. It was suggested that parishioners follow the recycling guidelines and wedge their bags with stones when they are left out for collection in windy weather.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 12th. April 2007 at 7.30p.m. in the village hall. It was agreed that candidates standing for election to the parish council at the May 2007 local elections will be introduced at the Annual Parish Meeting. The April meeting of the Parish Council and Planning Committee will be held on 19th. April at 7.30pm.

The next meeting of the parish council will take place on Thursday 8th. February 2007 at 7.30 p.m in the village hall. Members of the public are invited to address the council between 7.30pm and 7.45p.m. and all parishioners are very welcome to attend.

Report of the Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm of Thursday 11th January 2007.

The Planning Committee noted that the following applications had been refused;

CAA/06/00090 26 High St, Bridge CT4 5JZ

Externally Illuminated hanging sign (Revised application)

The Parish Council will appeal against this decision.

CA/06/0152/BRI Land adjacent to 12a Dering Rd, Bridge

Erection of a block of three garages with flat over

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be on Thursday 8th. February at 7.00pm.

Vicar: Rev Simon Rowlands, Vicarage 23 High Street Bridge (380250)

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, 31 The Street, Kingston

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) Mr J Harris 1 Riverside Close, Bridge (830631)

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

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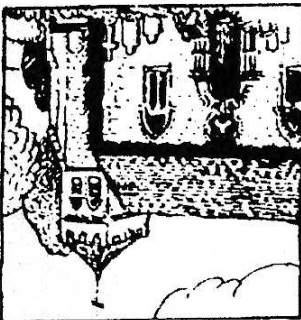


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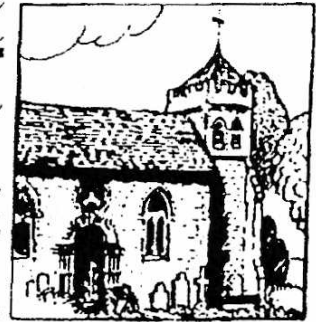


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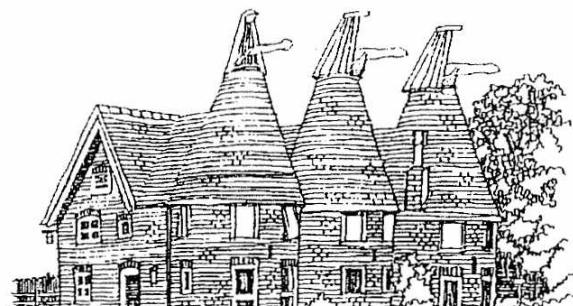


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Services for the month of March 2007

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patritxbourne	Bekebourne	Readings
Sun 4th March Lent 2	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 15.1-12, 17-18 NT: Phil 3. 17-4.1 G: Luke 13. 31-end
Sun 11th Lent 3	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service	10.00 am Mattins Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	OT: Is 55. 1-9 NT: 1 Cor 10. 1-13 G: Luke 13. 1-9
Sun 18th Mothering Sunday	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	Joint Service at Bridge	10.00 am Family Communion Rev S Rowlands	OT: 1 Sam. 20-end NT: Col 3. 12-17 G: Luke 2. 33-35
Sun 25th Lent 5	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands 6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	Joint Service at Patritxbourne	OT: Is 43. 16-21 NT: Phil 3. 4b-14 G: John 12. 1-8
Sun 1st April Palm Sunday	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 50. 4-9a NT: Phil 2. 5-11 G: Luke 19. 28-40

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for March 2007

- 1st Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
2nd Women's World Day of Prayer, Bridge Methodist Church 11am
3rd League of Friends Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall 10am-12noon
5th Caring and Sharing, Quaker Meeting House, Canterbury 7.30pm
6th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
9th Bekesbourne Wine & Wisdom, Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30pm
10th Fairtrade Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall 10am-12noon
12th Caring and Sharing (venue T.B.A.) 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 Bridge History Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
19th Caring and Sharing, 22 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 Bangers and Bingo, Bridge School 5.30pm
25th The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
26th Caring and Sharing, 31 The Street, Kingston 7.30pm
27th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
31st St Peter's Bridge Open Day/Gift Day 10am-3pm
St Peter's Bekesbourne Church Yard Working Party 10am

Methodist Church Services at 11am

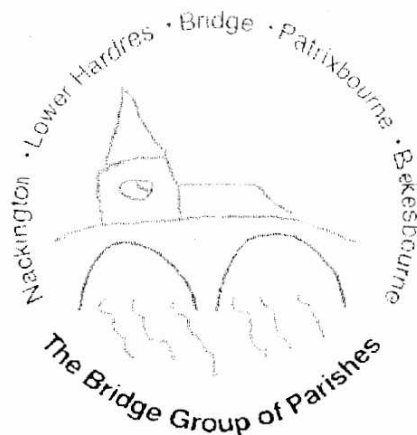
- Fri 2nd March Women's World Day of Prayer - all welcome
4th March Rev. Barbara Heather
18th March Rev. David Marshall

Forthcoming Events Bridge

- 24th April A.P.C.M.
12th May Coffee Morning
16th June Village Fete
24th June Garden Opening Event
5th-7th Oct Flower Festival

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

- 25th April A.P.C.M.



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As we enter into Lent we begin a period of reflection, an opportunity to look at ourselves in the light of Christ. I find it helpful to try and set aside time to pray, never easy in a busy daily schedule but with the assistance of my two canine companions and a brisk walk I find that time can be found to reflect with God. However I all too often spend a lot of time telling God what I would like him to do or resolve yet very little time listening and dwelling upon God. How can I know what God wants of me if I never stop to listen?

As Christians and more importantly as fallible human beings it is very easy to order our lives as it best suits us rather than by the way of the Gospel of Christ. Lent is a time to stop and acknowledge that we are called by Christ to live out our lives by his way rather than by worldly values.

Can we set aside time to read the gospel and pray? If you are busy try to read the Gospel of Mark over Lent. It's the shortest of the four Gospels so it is an achievable goal. From reading the gospel how I wonder do we understand our faith in the context of daily life. What questions are we asking of ourselves and of our faith both in and out of church? Where do both experiences meet?

Can we allow our faith to challenge daily lives, our very meaning in the light of the revelation of God made man in Jesus Christ. To ask such questions is fundamental to being a member of an active faith community and allows us to participate in the learning cycle, to engage, to reflect, to learn, to re-engage in our lives with new found knowledge and so the cycle continues. How are you allowing yourself to explore the love and grace that God wants and does share with each one of us? As we enter into Lent let us re-examine what it means to be a Christian by first taking time to reconnect with God who is always there waiting for us to turn to him.

Yours in Christ

Simon

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

21/01	Bridge	George Bacon Lia Bacon Bethan Mair Clark
11/02	Bridge	Harriet Lola Haynes

Funeral

18/01	Barham (Br)	Ernest George Samuel Comber
13/02	Barham (LH)	Evelyn Edith Manuel

Simon Rowlands will be having his 'Day Off' on a Monday each week. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible.

Flags outside St Peter's Church

We are very fortunate to have a flag pole outside Bridge Church and we will be flying flags to celebrate various important dates. If there is the odd flag you do not recognise it may be a flag of one of the Patron Saints. Keep a look out and please do ask if you're not sure what a flag represents.

Bridge Church Clock

The clock is not working at the moment and it will take some time to repair.

Dates to remember:

Sunday 18th March - Mothering Sunday

Sunday 8th April - Easter Sunday.

If anyone would like to donate money for lilies in memory of someone who has died please see the Churchwardens.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL

The current Church electoral roll for all five churches in the Bridge benefice is being renewed. If you want to be included on the new church electoral roll you must complete and return a form from your local church. If you are already on the electoral roll you still must re-apply as inclusion is not automatic. Forms must be returned to Church by Sunday 11th March 2007.....

CONFIRMATION

Are you interested in being confirmed? Confirmation preparation will begin after Easter with a service of confirmation taking place in September. If you are interested please contact the Vicar (tel. 830250).

"What is Confirmation?"

It is the time when people explore what Christianity is all about and having thought about it are welcomed in a special service as full members of the church.

"I would like to explore what Christianity is about but not sure if I want to commit to confirmation?"

All who want to explore the faith are welcome to the confirmation group and can expect a warm and informal gathering.

Lower Hardres

On **18th 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 flowers will be given out and THE TRADITIONAL SIMNEL CAKE!

On **1st April** PALM SUNDAY There will be a special Family Communion at 11 am when we celebrate Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey victorious as a King. Palm Crosses will be given out. Rev Simon Rowlands will be officiating. DO COME!

6th April GOOD FRIDAY our Easter Workshop. More details in next month's magazine. We start at 9.30 am prompt and those who can come will join the service at Bridge at noon.

8th April EASTER DAY 10 am. Canon Alan Duke is coming to officiate at our FAMILY COMMUNION. Then, of course, our Easter Egg Hunt. 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

Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting will be on Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close. If you are unable to come in person, please ring me on 830844 *and let me have your requests, either for a sick person, or for a bereavement or for any 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.

Kath Pierce

Fish (Neighbourly Help) News

Please note that the new number to ring for lifts is

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The next Coffee Pop-in is on Wednesday March 14th from 10 to 11.15am in Bridge Village Hall.

GARDEN OPENING 2007

After the success of the Garden Opening in 2006 we have decided to repeat it again this year on

Sunday 24th June 2007

if you would like to open your garden
or would like more information
please contact either

Pat Dunderdale 830668 or
Evelyn Andrews 830960

Open Day/Gift Day at St. Peter's Bridge

Saturday 31st March 10am - 3pm

Plans on display - Please come along

After years of preparation and much hard work we are pleased to announce that St. Peter's Bridge will soon have a WC! On 7th February 2007 the Parochial church council voted unanimously to approve the proposal to reorder the west end of Church. The reordering of the area by the entrance door includes:

- the WC, which can accommodate everyone (though not at the same time)
- replacement of the heavy wooden Victorian lobby with a larger stylish oak-frames glazed vestibule, which shows off the church to anyone entering it and the stunning stained glass west window to anyone in the church.
- tea making facilities with running water, work tops and storage space.

The new features will allow the church to be used by many more of you as a meeting place and for events because, let's face it, a cup of tea is always welcome.

If all goes according to plan the building work will be completed by the end of June, which will be a huge relief to many of us. We can even use the Church on Sundays as normal during construction. We hope to have all the necessary permissions before 27th March when the builders want to start on site.

The project is likely to cost £60,000 in total. The good news is that, thanks to the hard work of John Hill and Ailsa Williamson-Powell, we already have over £27,000 in grants. The challenge for us now is to raise the remaining £30,000. We have some events planned and other fund raising ideas that we are working on. We will publicize these and keep you informed BUT we won't be able to raise the money without your help. Please keep your eyes and ears open and be prepared to support us. For further information contact John Hill on 01227 830215. Thank you.

Martin Leggatt

On behalf of Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC

East Meets West 2007

On Wednesday 21st March we welcome a group of six Japanese students and their three teachers to stay with us in Bridge. Several families will act as hosts and the adults will stay with Joan and John Hill at Renville Oast.

The link with the students from Tenryu and Bridge, if our very own Bill Rose, who was a POW in Mitsushima (now renamed Tenryu). Bill has visited the village and for several years now we have welcome members of Tenryu to stay with us.

A full itinerary has been arranged including a day at Bridge school, a visit to Canterbury (including the Cathedral), a trip to the coast and Dover Castle and a day in London.

If you would like to join us on the Saturday evening for a social evening of Bangers and Beetle please ring Ros Beeching on 831027 or Sue Briant on 832084.

Evelyn Andrews

The Family Service at St. Peter's Bekesbourne

I am aware that there are many new families out there who may not be aware of this service. It is held on the first Sunday of each month and conducted by *myself Pat Kusel the local Authorised Lay Minister*. We use a simple format of the Gospel reading and three hymns, 2 of which are usually child friendly and 1 is traditional and more familiar to the older members of the congregation. The service is very much an all age worship. There is usually a child centred activity but all the congregation are frequently involved. Children and teenagers who attend regularly are actively involved in conducting the service; ie readings, music, drama. The service usually lasts 35 mins, but at special festivals can be longer.

From half an hour before the service the bells are usually rung and members of the congregation are more than welcome to watch. The service is always followed by a chance to meet and chat during the serving of tea, coffee, squash and biscuits. Also at the end of the service the 'library' is opened. We have a large collection of mainly children's books; bibles, bible stories, prayers, fiction and information books. All are new and donated to us by LION publishers. All you do is sign out books one month and return them the next if possible.

There is always a warm welcome to visitors and I look forward to meeting new faces'

If you would like more information and details of how to find us then give me a ring. Pat Kusel - Tel.No. 01227 830272

MOTHERING SUNDAY

at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

This year the service falls on 18th March which is the third Sunday of the month. This is usually the 10.00am Communion service. It has been decided to retain the communion service and merge it with a Mothering Sunday service during which posies of flowers will be distributed to all mother's present. Simon (our new vicar) will be conducting the service and will be trialling a new (for us at least) short (approx. 45 min. in total) child friendly and active communion service. It will also be a Brownie Church parade. We hope that all our families and those of the Brownies will attend. During Tea and coffee after the service there is the opportunity to 'feedback' to Simon and the churchwardens your views on the service.

Pat Kusel

Bekesbourne Church Flower Fund

We have decided to set up a small Flower Fund for Bekesbourne to help with the cost of flowers for the arrangement by the altar at Christmas and Easter. We are very grateful that at other times of the year flower arrangers are prepared to donate flowers when it is their turn on the rota, but are aware that flowers at festival times can be very expensive.

Zan Clifford would be pleased to receive any contribution you would like to make, perhaps in memory of a loved one, which will go towards the cost of Easter lilies and flowers at Christmas. Her address can be found in the list of officers at the end of the magazine. Any cheques should be made payable to Bekesbourne PCC.

Jumble Sale

People started queuing early for the "Friends of Bekesbourne Church" jumble sale to snap up some of the many bargains.

£350 was raised. The committee would like to thank the many helpers on the day and everyone for donating the jumble.

Wine and Wisdom

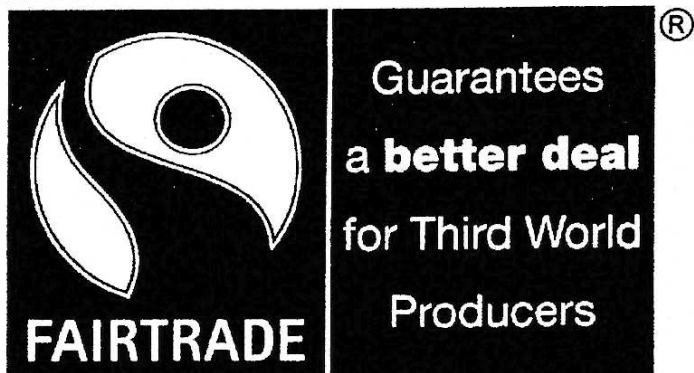
The Friends of Bekesbourne Church will be having a wine and wisdom evening Friday 9th March in Bekesbourne village hall. Bring your own food and drink, £3.50 per person. Start time 7.30pm.

If you would like to enter a table of 6-8 or make up a scratch team with others telephone Gill Moon 832134.

Church yard tidy.

There will be a Church yard working party on Saturday 31st March 10.00am to have a spring tidy up in preparation for the wedding of Beverley Sharpe and Mark Saunders the following week. Please come along if you can, bring your own tools, strimmers are especially useful. Refreshments will be provided.

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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Tuesday 30 January in Bridge Village Hall was well attended. At the meeting, the serving Chairman, Roger Austin, resigned after a long association with the Society, many of them as Chairman, and he will be sorely missed. Billie Anderson, who has served on the Committee for many years in various capacities, resigned as a committee member and again, her contribution to the Society has been much appreciated. Colin Swadling had previously notified his intention to resign from the office of Vice-Chairman.

The following are the elected Officers for the coming year:

Chairman: John Round

Secretary: Kathy Walder

Treasurer: Ann Edmonds.

Committee members are Betty Cope, Bob Epps, Janet and David Finch, Mavis Parsons, David Powell, Una Smith and Colin Swadling.

This year, the Society's Annual Spring Show will be held on Tuesday 3 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 around 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be available during the course of the evening and there will also be a raffle. It is hoped to run a plant bring and buy stall for which contributions will be very welcome.

For those of you who received daffodil bulbs back in the autumn for the Chairman's Challenge class in the Spring Show, please remember to bring along your pot of blooms (not just the flowers themselves) on the night for entry in the Show.

We will also be taking names at the Spring Show of those members who want to take part in the "Chairman's Challenge" at the Summer Show. Later on in the spring, we will then provide you with a young plant to look after and nurture ready to 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 Patricxbourne Women's Institute

At the March meeting on the 20th in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm there will be a talk by Mr Worcester entitled "History of the Walking Stick", and in keeping with the talk, the competition this month is to bring along a walking stick of your own choice.

BANGERS, BEANS AND BINGO EVENING

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R Beeching on 01227 831027

S Briant on 01227 832084



BRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

In the past, clock making has been carried out in villages throughout Kent, including Bridge. On 15 March Mike Bundock will be talking about 'Time Keeping in Kent', its public clocks and the increasing importance of marking time. The meeting is open to everyone and takes place at Bridge Village Hall at 7.30.

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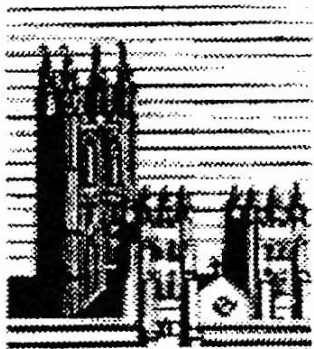
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But, as ever, production costs go on upwards and our income is somewhat fixed by the 90 seat fire limit on the Hall. Most of our pantos cost around £1,000 to put on, so with a three night show you will readily appreciate that it's a pretty fine dividing line. We do not aim to make huge profits, just enough to fund the next show with a bit to spare to cover things like maintenance, improvements to the systems etc. The most important thing is that the children get the opportunity to do this kind of thing. Most will tell you they really enjoy it and for many it's a great confidence-builder too. All children from year three onwards (and adults) are welcome, it doesn't matter which Village you're "People" of!

So your support is much needed, not only as ticket sales but also most welcome in the various departments such as costumes (very extensive costume loft), scenery, backstage, lighting/sound, special effects, choreography etc. if you would like to be more involved.

Contact Joan or Graeme Faber or Beth Fuller on 01227-709382.

NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8th. February 2007

Parish Council website - www.bridgevillage.org.uk

Recreation Ground - The recreation ground inspection folder was passed to Cllr Gulvin. Several golf balls had been found on the recreation ground. It was agreed to remind parishioners via the website that the recreation ground should not be used for golf practise.

Local Elections City Councillor John Anderson reported on a recent meeting at the City Council to brief candidates on election procedures. Ballots for the city council election will be counted from 9am on the day after polling day. Parish Council votes will be counted after the city council votes. Cllr Anderson undertook to represent the views of the parish council to the city council on any matter.

Bollards for Western Avenue - Kent Highways Dept had reported they were unable to proceed with the installation of bollards to prevent illegal parking at this dangerous corner because they had found BT fibre optic cable had been laid close to the kerb edge and too near the surface to enable bollards to be concreted in. It was agreed to ask BT to either remove their cable to a site nearer the wall or to re lay it at greater depth so that the bollards can be erected.

Bifrons Path Light. - Canterbury City Council had asked Serco to cut back the trees overhanging from the White Horse garden and obscuring the light because the landlord had not responded to the parish council's request to take action. The lack of adequate light has been affecting the safety of elderly residents using the path.

Traffic on Bridge Hill The council had received a letter from a resident expressing concern about the excessive speed of traffic leaving Bridge via Bridge Hill. The council agreed this was especially of concern because of the proposed 'Walking Bus' to the primary school, which will assemble at the Higham Park roundabout. The scheme will begin next month. It was agreed to write to Kent Highways Department asking for an early morning site meeting to review the situation and discuss various proposals to slow down traffic and make the area safer for school children crossing the hill to the bus shelter. It was also agreed to ask Kent Highways what progress had been made on the parish council's request for permission to install a flashing 30mph speed indicator at the Bridge Hill end of the village.

Affordable Housing Committee The Affordable Housing Committee will meet on 20th February at 3.00pm to draw up criteria for the allocation of affordable housing under the proposed new scheme. The criteria will be put to the parish council for agreement on 8th March.

Kent Village of the Year competition 2007 It was agreed to enter this year's competition. Cllr Esdale will be in charge of Bridge's entry.

The Annual Parish Meeting This will be held on 12th. April 2007 at 7.30p.m. in the village hall. It was agreed to ask representatives of several village organisations to give short presentations rather than to invite one main speaker to the meeting.

The next meeting of the parish council will take place on Thursday 8th. March 2007 at 7.30 p.m in the village hall. Members of the public are invited to address the council between 7.30pm and 7.45p.m. and all parishioners are very welcome to attend.

Notes from Bridge Planning Committee 8th. February 2007

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

CA/06/1734/BRI Amity, 23A Union Rd, Bridge, CT4 5LN

Single-storey extension to side and dormer window to rear of dwelling

The committee noted a letter of objection from a neighbour who was concerned that the proposed extension and dormer window might block out sunlight from his solar panels. The committee asked the City Council planning officers to take account of this.

CA/07/00043/BRI 62 Western Ave, Bridge, CT4 5LT

Erection of single storey annex to rear of dwelling

CA/07/00069/BRI 30 Bridge Down, CT4 5AZ

Single-storey extension to side of dwelling

CA/07/00085/BRI The Burrden, 2 Conyngham Lane, Bridge CT4 5JU

Alterations & Extensions to dwelling (Revised scheme)

CA/07/00130/BRI High Banks, Bridge Hill, Bridge CT4 5AX

Single-storey rear extension, first floor loft conversion and porch extension to front of dwelling

The Planning Committee objected to the following application:

CA/06/1431/BEK Higham Park, Bridge Hill, Bridge, CT4 5BJ

Restoration and renovation of main house and conversion of south east wing to four residential units, conversion and extension of stables, coach house and garden cottage to four residential units and erection of nine detached houses with associated garaging in grounds plus two detached lodges at entrance. Demolition of Blue Peter Bungalow and No-name Cottage. (Amended plans)

The committee agreed to re-submit the letter of objection sent on behalf of the parish council by Dr Le-Las and to add objections on the grounds of 1) the increased danger from additional traffic movements to participants in the new 'walking bus' scheme and 2) inappropriate development in an AONB as outlined in the Kentish Downs research findings on Village Design Statements 2006.

The Planning Committee noted that the following applications had been approved:

CA/06/01601/BRI Plough & Harrow, 86 High St, Bridge

Demolition of toilets and creation of seating area.

CA/06/01618/BRI Sharnwood, Bridge Hill, Bridge CT4 5AX

Single storey extension to rear of dwelling

CA/06/01616/BRI 49 High St, Bridge CT4 5LA

Conversion of detached shed to summer house with single storey extension

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 8th. March 2007 at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall. All residents are very welcome to attend.

Vicar: Rev Simon Rowlands, Vicarage 23 High Street Bridge (830250)

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

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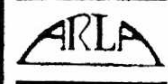
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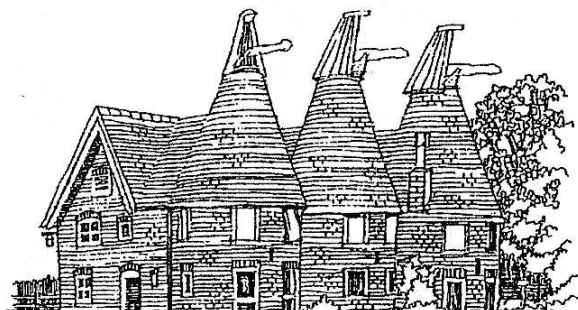


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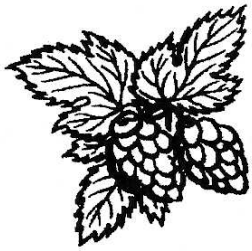
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HOLY WEEK	Friday 6th 7.30 pm Compline Rev S Rowlands	Tuesday 3rd 7.30 pm Compline Rev S Rowlands	Thursday 5th 7.30 pm Compline Rev S Rowlands	Wednesday 4th 7.30 pm Compline Rev S Rowlands	Monday 2nd 7.30 pm Compline Rev S Rowlands	
HOLY WEEK Good Friday 6th		9.15 am Childrens Workshop @ JBW Hall	Noon	11.00 am	10.00 am	
Sun 8th Easter Day	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon A Duke 6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon H Harland	OT: Isaiah 65:17-25 NT: 1 Cor 15: 19-26 G: Luke 24: 1-12
Sun 15th Easter 2	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Brother Reginald	Joint Service at Bridge	10.00 am Family Communion Rev S Rowlands	OT: Acts 5. 27-32 NT: Rev 1. 4-8 G: John 20. 19-31
Sun 22nd Easter 3	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands 6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Acts 9. 1-6 NT: Rev 5. 11-end G: John 21. 1-19
Sun 29th Easter 4			10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands			OT: Acts 9. 36-end NT: Rev 7. 9-end G: John 10. 22-30
Sun 6th May Easter 5	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Acts 11. 1-18 NT: Rev 21. 1-6 G: John 13. 31-35

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Diary for April 2007

- 2nd Caring and Sharing 7.30pm
3rd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3.00pm
Horticultural Society Spring Show, Bridge Village Hall 6pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
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
12th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
16th Caring and Sharing 7.30pm
17th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
20th Lower Hardres and Nackington A.P.C.M. JBW Hall 7.30pm
22nd The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
23rd Caring and Sharing 7.30pm
24th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
Patricxbourne with Bridge A.P.C.M. Bridge School 7.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
25th Bekesbourne A.P.C.M. 7.30pm
30th Caring and Sharing 7.30pm

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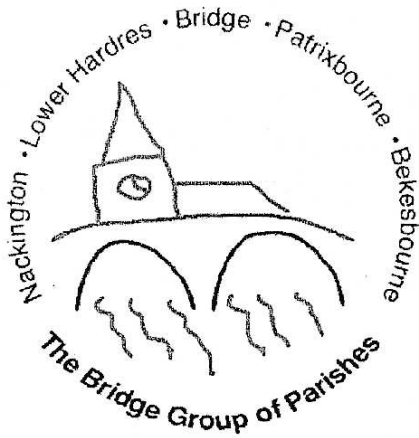
- April 1st Mrs Marjorie Beckwith
April 15th Rev. David Marshall (Holy Communion)
May 6th Rev. Donald Lugg
May 20th Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc DMS C.Eng

Forthcoming Events Bridge

- 12th May Coffee Morning
16th June Village Fete
24th June Garden Opening Event
5th-7th Oct Flower Festival

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

- 13th May Rogation Sunday Walk
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The great Easter acclamation we share on Easter morning defines our faith because it defines our belief in Jesus Christ. He is not just another human being or prophet. He is the Son of God who has changed the relationship between God and humanity. In his death and resurrection God's love for us is shown in the most marvellous form. The sacrificial love of the Father for his people. Love of any sort generates a response. We as Christians respond to God's love by deepening our relationship with God but also by transforming ourselves as we walk with God.

But in responding to God's love we need to share this love with those around us, because God's love shown in the very life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is freely available to those who ask for it. Easter is about recognising the transforming power of God's love. A love, which breaks down boundaries, transforms lives and is all encompassing. God's love shines out brightly when Christian people open themselves to Jesus Christ and allow themselves to be transformed by being in relationship with him. Paul reminds us in Romans 6.1-7.6 that we are united in Christ's death and resurrection. We celebrate Easter not because we are mere spectators or re-enactors but we are Christ's own people who are part of the continuing Easter story. We celebrate this Easter because we all can share the resurrection if we choose to follow Christ. In following him we follow in his footsteps and allow ourselves to be transformed by his love.

Happy Easter and may God seek to transform us and our lives.

Yours in Christ.

Simon

Your Parish Matters

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Funeral

9/03	Nackington	Thomas Henry Wells
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HOLY WEEK

Compline (Night Prayer) with short reflection. 7.30pm

Mon 2nd Bekesbourne, Tue 3rd Lower Hardes,

Wed 4th Patricxbourne Thur 5th Bridge and Fri 6th Nackington

Good Friday 6th April - Walk of Witness, come and join us for a chance to reflect upon the way of the cross.

We start at St Peters Bekesborne at 10am to walk to St Marys Patricxbourne and then on to St Peters Bridge where we will join for a 12 noon service with the children from the **Childrens' Workshop**.

On **Good Friday** we remember when joyful shouts from Palm Sunday turned to 'Crucify Him'. We shall be holding our **Easter Arts & Crafts Workshop** at the **John Baker White Hall**, Lower Hardres from 9.15 to **approximately 11.30am**. Then those children who are able will take the **RESULTS** to Bridge Church, where we will join all those from the Walk of Witness for a short Benefice Service. Please book your **PLACES NOW** by phoning Julie Cox (788316) or Margaret Clarke (765598). **THEN** you will be given a very short booking form (this is to help us!!) 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.

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

Margaret

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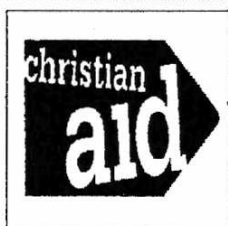
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Election of Churchwardens and Annual Church Meeting at Bekesbourne

A meeting to elect two Churchwardens of St Peter's Church Bekesbourne for 2007/8 will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25 April in Bekesbourne Village Hall. All residents of the civil parish of Bekesbourne and all people listed on the new church electoral roll are welcome to attend and may vote at the meeting.

This will be followed by the Annual Church Meeting, at which the Parochial Church Council and Sidesmen/women for the coming year will be elected by all those on the church electoral roll. The meeting will also include Annual and Financial reports on the affairs of the church and other matters of general church interest.



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Here in Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne we raised nearly £1300 - an excellent total. Thanks to all those collectors and supporters who made it possible. Will you help us to achieve this again in 2007? Of course more collectors would mean we could cover more roads - and that would be great! If you feel you could help in any way I would love to hear from you.

Please contact Jean Barber on 831956.

Health and Healing

As Maundy Thursday falls on 5th April and usually there are special services on that evening we wish to keep it free for those wishing to attend. 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. God knows our needs before we ask but it is good to share our concerns and to receive God's healing power.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish (Neighbourly Help) News

Thank you for the kind comments about the Winter Lunch. All the cooks, servers and transporters greatly enjoyed it as well.

The next Coffee Pop-In is on Wednesday April 11th. At the following Pop-In on May 9th there will be a representative from Hi Kent to give free re-tubing and general advice on hearing aids.

The Spring Outing, made possible by the kind legacy of Cornelia Slavin, will be on Wednesday, May 16th. Forms will be available at the April Pop-In.

The annual fund-raising Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale will be on Saturday June 2nd. We would particularly welcome cakes and plants which always sell extremely well.



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Kathy Eynon, HLS for Bridge

Fairtrade Coffee Morning

This event took place on Saturday 10th March and was very successful. In addition to Fairtrade sales the amount raised was £80 (although the whole idea was to promote Fairtrade). This is being divided between the Canterbury Fairtrade Network and the Benefice, to promote future Fairtrade events. Thanks to all who help set this up and for supporting the coffee morning.

Jean Barber

Gladys Flynn

One of our oldest residents in Bridge up until Summer 2005 was Gladys Flynn. You may remember her, a very smart little lady often seen in the village with shopping basket, hat and gloves, and always a smile. Gladys was a very regular worshiper at Bridge Church, and a sacristan for many years. Gladys who now suffers from progressive dementia, now resides in a residential home in Littlebourne and will be one hundred years old on 25th April 2007. For those who might like to send her a card her address is:-

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Wine and Wisdom Result

The Friends of Bokesbourne Church wine and wisdom evening was a well supported and fun evening. £305 was raised.

Thanks go to David Gillmore and the rest of last years winning team who did a splendid job of presenting the quiz.

Congratulations to this years winning table captained by Cheryl and Clive Barker who have agreed to take up the challenge of organising next year's quiz.

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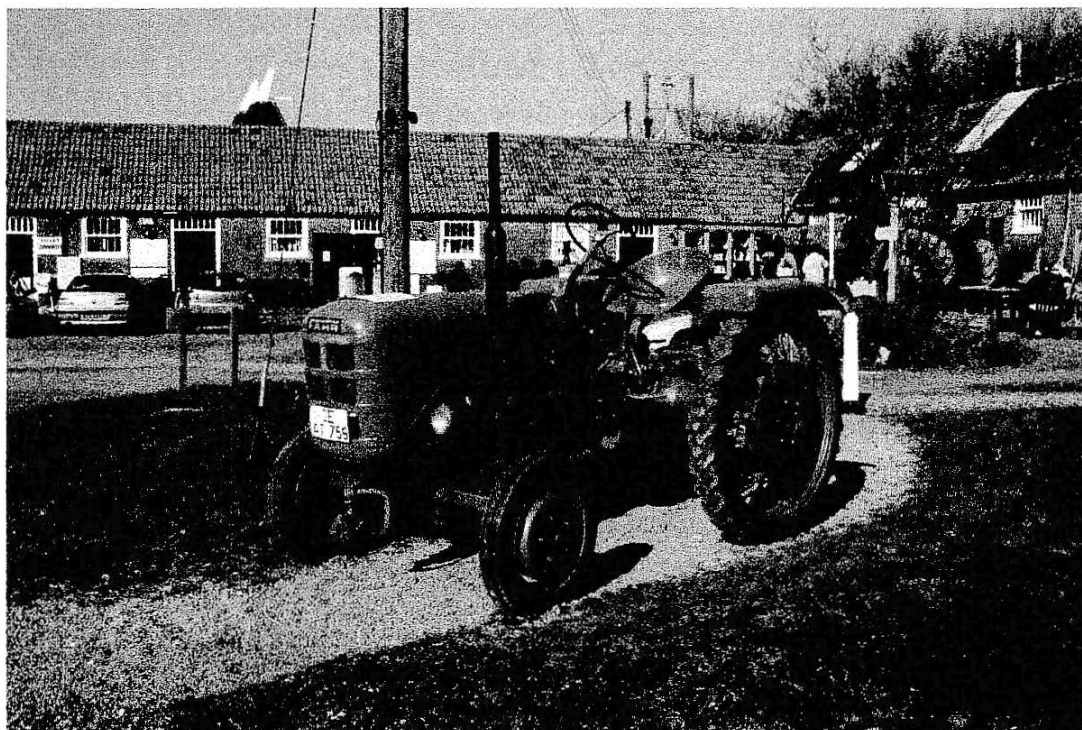
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Over 300 visitors came to Chalkpit farm throughout the day, to watch a spectacular competition of vintage ploughing and admire the many other pieces of new and old equipment used in farming past & present.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who visited the Vintage Ploughing Match last Saturday, and especially to those that helped - the Friends of Bekesbourne church and our numerous Car Park Attendants in particular!!

Over £550 was raised for The Cathedral Choir's Tour to Gozo this coming Easter.

There were 29 tractors actually ploughing and two pairs of horses ploughing and another horse pulling a sledge.

There were six stationary engines on display and $\frac{1}{4}$ size model steam traction engine trundling through the farm yard.

Visitors were encouraged to wander throughout the yard looking at various tractors on display, both modern and vintage. The huge modern combine harvester created a great deal of interest!

Essentially Hops was packed full of wonderful dried flowers, hops and gifts for all the family. With Mothering Sunday approaching on 18th March it was an ideal time for visitors to browse the wonderful gifts available for Mothers of all ages.

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A reminder that the Spring Show will be held on Tuesday 3 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 around 7.30 pm. Refreshments available during the course of the evening and to help boost society funds, there will as always be a raffle and a plant bring and buy stall for which, of course, contributions will be very welcome.

Please remember that we need you to take part because, without your exhibits, there would be no show. So, do not be shy or modest! Bring along your blooms and there will always be someone on hand happy to give advice if you are uncertain. Likewise, of course, with the cookery and floral art classes. And do not forget to bring along your pot of daffodil blooms 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 from Committee members.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

Bridge with Patricxbourne WI will be hosting the Group Meeting on Tuesday 17 April starting at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. There will therefore be no competition this month.

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NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8th. March 2007

Parish Council website - www.bridgevillage.org.uk

The Mill Centre- Carole Mounce, Secretary of the Mill Centre committee, addressed the council on behalf of the clubs using the Mill Centre. She explained that the centre was used on four nights a week by four clubs representing around 200 young people. The clubs each contributed £300 per year but a steep increase in insurance costs and a fire safety survey had depleted their funds. It was agreed to make a contribution of £1,000 towards the Mill Centre running costs.

Mill Centre Lease – The current lease expires in 2008. It was agreed to write to Canterbury City Council to ask them to agree a 25 year lease to be held by the parish council. This would enable the parish council to apply for external funding to improve the facilities.

Bollards for Western Avenue – BT had now marked out the places on the footpath where bollards could be erected safely to avoid their cables. Kent Highways had been informed and their action was now awaited.

Affordable Housing – The parish council has now agreed the criteria for the allocation of affordable housing under the proposed new scheme. These will be passed to the Southern Housing Group, who would manage the scheme, for

their comment. It was also agreed to ask Southern Housing to provide more details about the composition and role of the proposed Trust, including information as to its powers to vary the eligibility criteria, and to provide the parish council with a complete copy of the Trust document.

Newsletter – The newsletter was approved and arrangements made for its distribution round the village. Cllr Corfield was thanked for his work in compiling the newsletter.

Pfizer 'Reaching Out' volunteer scheme – Cllr Beinder agreed to pursue the possibility of applying for volunteers from this scheme to help to create the wild flower meadow.

Roundabout for the Recreation Ground It was agreed to buy a roundabout to replace the damaged cat for the children's play area of the recreation ground

Reserves Allocation for 31/3/2007- The reserve allocation for 31/3/07 was approved.

Donation to Bridge Village Sports Trust - A grant of £300.00 towards the cost of repairing the sports pavilion was approved. Cllr Gulvin gave a report of the meeting of the Bridge Village Sports Trust. A new cricket team made up of local parents and children from Bridge Primary School would be interested in taking over the lease for the cricket pitch. Canterbury City Football Club had expressed an interest in taking up a three-year lease for the football pitch from next season. The possible impact of an increased number of supporters at matches on the recreation ground was discussed.

Capital Grants for the Village Hall and Mill Centre It was agreed to submit a request for capital grants in 2008/9 for the refurbishment of the village hall and for work on the Mill Centre.

The Annual Parish Meeting This will be held on 12th. April 2007 at 7.30p.m. in Bridge village hall. Representatives of several village organisations will give short presentations about their work. The meeting will be followed by drinks. All Bridge residents are invited to attend.

The next meeting of the parish council will take place on Thursday 19th April 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. Members of the public are invited to address the council between 7.30 p.m. and 7.45p.m. and all parishioners are very welcome to attend.

Planning Committee Meeting 8th. March 2007

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

CA/07/00160/BRI Forge Cottage, 51 High St, Bridge CT4 5LA

First-floor extension to side of dwelling

It was pointed out that this was a listed building and the City Council planning authorities should ensure the plans were approved by the Conservation Department

The Planning Committee noted that the following applications had been approved:

CA/06/01605/BRI 8 Conyngham Lane, Bridge

Conversion of dwelling into a pair of semi-detached chalet bungalows with associated alterations

CA/06/1734/BRI Amity, 23A Union Rd, Bridge, CT4 5LN

Single-storey extension to side and dormer window to rear of dwelling

CA/07/00043/BRI 62 Western Ave, Bridge, CT4 5LT

Erection of single storey annex to rear of dwelling

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 19th.April 2007 at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall.

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

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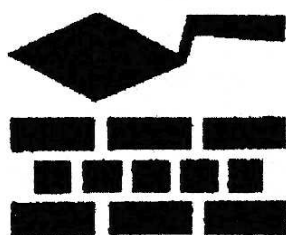


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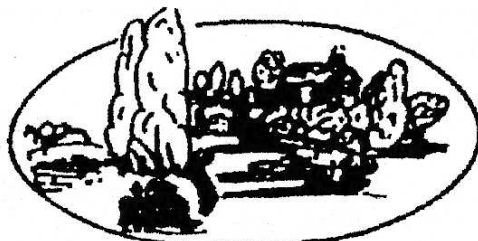
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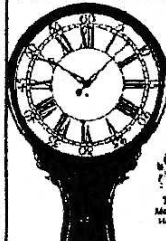
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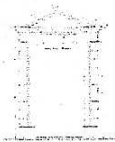
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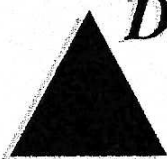
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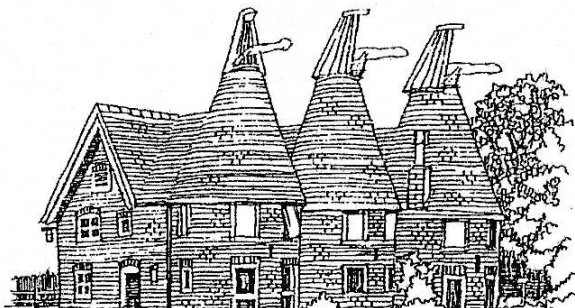
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Sun 6th May Easter 5	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Acts 11. 1-18 NT: Rev 21. 1-6 G: John 13. 31-35
Sun 13th Easter 6	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service Rev S Rowlands Ministry Team	10.00 am Mattins Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	OT: Acts 16. 9-15 NT: Rev 21. 10, 22-22.5 G: John 14. 23-29
Thurs 17th Ascension Day			7.00 pm Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands			NT: Acts 1. 1-11 G: Luke 24. 44-end
Sun 20th Easter 7	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	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 S Rowlands	OT: Acts 16. 16-34 NT: Rev 22.12-14,16-17,20-end G: John 17. 20-end
Sun 27th Pentecost	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands 6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Gen 11. 1-9 NT: Acts 2. 1-21 G: John 14. 8-17
Sun 3rd June Trinity Sunday	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Prov 8. 1-4,22-31 NT: Rom 5. 1-5 G: John 16. 12-15

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Diary for May 2007

- 1st Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
- 3rd Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 8th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 9th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
- 12th Bridge History Society/Kent History Federation Conference
- 13th Rogation Sunday Walk, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10.30am
- 14th Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 15th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
- 19th Woodpecker's Nursery Spring Fayre, School Playground 11.30pm
Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall 10am - 12 noon
- 21st Caring and Sharing, 8 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 22nd After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm

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May 6th Rev Donald Lugg

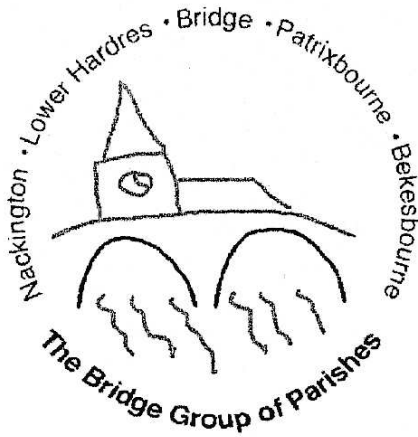
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Forthcoming Events Bridge

- 16th June Village Fete 12 noon - 4pm in School Grounds
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This month of May sees the woods richly carpeted in bluebells and other beautiful spring flowers, reminding us vividly of the miracle of God's creation. Here in The Vicarage garden, work is well underway on the vegetable patch although in all honesty I have to say by Gail rather than me. There is always anticipation for gardeners with newly planted seeds and bulbs, waiting to see what will appear from the ground. In today's modern world we are not acquainted with the fear of having insufficient food being grown. In times past Rogationtide was a time when Christians would walk the parish boundary asking for God's blessing upon the crops. They understood a poor harvest meant going hungry in the coming year. Whilst it is highly unlikely that we will be short of food, water may be an altogether different matter. As I write this letter in mid April temperatures are as high as 25C. We may delight in God's creation but we also have a real responsibility for nurturing the resources we have. Taking part in a rogation walk gives an opportunity to thank God for the richness of his creation we enjoy and a reminder we have a responsibility to the nurture of the environment we live in. In an increasingly fragile world the Christian requirement to care for our neighbour also forces us to look at our environment not simply on a local level but also on a global level. How we purchase, use and dispose of our food, raw materials for industry and our waste affects both the local and world environment. As Christians believe God created the world so too do we believe he gave humanity stewardship of his created world which means acting responsibly in his garden as we delight in the beauty of his creation.

Can I offer my thanks to all those who so generously supported the appeal for the building works to Bridge church, an update on how much has been raised can be found in a separate article in the magazine.

Yours in Christ

Simon

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

25/03	Bridge	William Tristan Ovenden
1/4	Bekesbourne	Adam Lewis Chapman
15/4	Lower Hardres	Jessica Mollie Clare McCully

Marriage

7/4	Bekesbourne	Mark Saunders & Beverley Sharp
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Funeral

27/3	Barham(B)	Ellen Marjorie Allman
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Simon Rowlands will be having his 'Day Off' on a Monday each week. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible.

LOWER HARDRES

April has been a very busy, happy and exciting month in many respects. On Palm Sunday, we had a lovely and meaningful Holy Communion celebrated by the Rev Donald Bretherton. Sadly he has had to give up regular commitments at Bridge and Lower Hardres. Donald has served St Mary's, Lower Hardres for many years and he will be sadly missed, BUT the Vicar has said whenever he is able to join us he will always be welcome. Donald was then presented with an icon and the children gave small gifts. Mary, Donald's wife, was given a beautiful bouquet. We do wish them well.

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 10 o'clock on this wonderful day we had a FAMILY COMMUNION celebrated by Canon Alan Duke. The service was joyful, meaningful and full of hope. It was a joy to welcome Alan, 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 and they all had plenty.

On April 15th after our Family Service we had a porch sale and £100 was raised which will go towards an altar-frontal. Thank you very much to all who made cakes and sincere thanks to the Farm Shop for their generosity.

Our next Family Communion on May 6th at 10 am and our next Family Service on May 20th at 10 am. Do come. You will be most welcome.

God Bless

Margaret

Health and Healing

The next prayer group will be on Thursday May 3rd at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close, Bridge.

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.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish (Neighbourly Help) News

The next Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday May 9th when a representative from Hitent will give free re-tubing and general advice on hearing aids.

There should still be forms available at the Pop-in for the Spring Outing on May 16th.

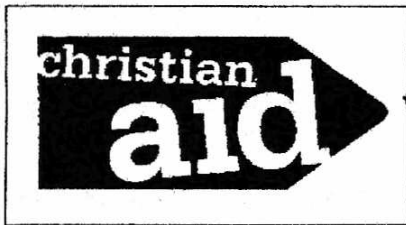
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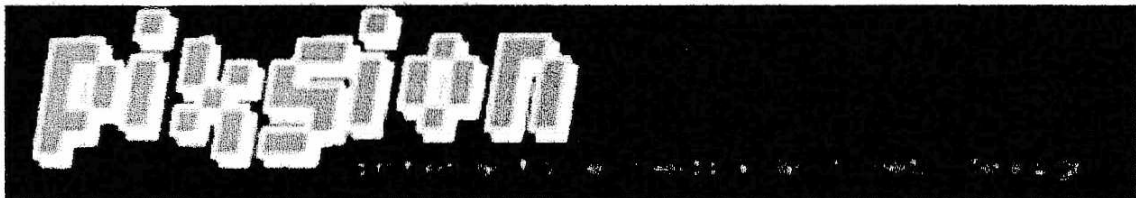
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In its 50th anniversary year of door-to-door fundraising, Christian Aid Week 2007 focuses on climate change and the devastating effect it is starting to have on vulnerable small-scale farmers across the world. Diarmuid Gavin, the TV gardener, travelled to Kenya last year with Christian Aid. He says, "In developing countries like Kenya, which have been heavily deforested, drought is a serious issue. It's inspiring to see how Christian Aid partners are teaching some of the world's poorest people new agricultural techniques to enable them to make the best use of the little water they have to grow food".

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Development Appeal St Peter's, Bridge - Update

Parishioners will remember that we have set ourselves a target of £71,000 to instal water, toilets and disabled access at the back of the church. There will also be a screen to enable visitors to view the church, without having to actually go inside.

Parish Gift Day on March 31st brought in an amazing £10000+ after including Gift Aid . Gifts varied from £10 to £1000. The PCC would like to thank everyone who contributed.

This sum, together with grants from various sources, has raised £27000, and with the proceeds from a concert in the church, brings us to £37,500. We also have £10,500 saved in the church's fabric fund bringing us to a total of £48,000. This is a fantastic result so far, but we still need to raise another £23,000.

We are applying for further grants with unknown likelihood of success, but have decided to go ahead with the work, and we hope this will start shortly. Further fund-raising is still needed and having received a lot of support from non-churchgoers in the village and around, the next stage is up to us. We also have to remember that the day to day running costs of the church still have to be paid. So it's tighten your belt and dig in your pocket time.

If you haven't done so yet and would like to contribute to the biggest alteration to the church since the Victorian age, please drop in your cheque in to L H Dunderdale 37 High St Bridge. Many thanks.

JEH

Fund Coordinator

BARHAM BOWLS CLUB

OPEN DAY SUNDAY MAY 16th

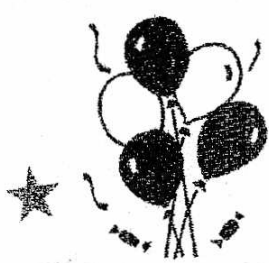
10.30am - 4.00pm

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Try your hand at the sport on the green next to Barham Village Hall. Flat soled shoes, without heels should be worn on the green. (Sandals not allowed for safety reasons).

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Bekesbourne News

ROGATION SUNDAY WALK

Everyone is welcome on this year's Rogation walk, which this year is on Sunday 13th May. We will meet at Bekesbourne village hall at 10.30am. The walk will be 3/4 miles and will take us around some of the footpaths of Bekesbourne.

It is always a pleasant and friendly mornings walk, stopping for prayers at various stops to bless the village and all who live here, the farmers and their crops.

The walk will finish as usual at The Unicorn, do remember to book if you intend to eat lunch Tel 830210.

MOTORING MYSTERY TOUR

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church are organising a Motoring Mystery Tour on Sunday 3rd June. Take the family on a gentle potter around the locality, following clues to find the answers to a series of questions. Entry fee will be £5 per car plus the optional cost of a barbecue at the finish. Starting and finishing at Bekesbourne recreation ground, Old Palace Rd, Bekesbourne at 3pm. The club house will be open all afternoon for refreshments, For more information Telephone 01227 830497

FORTHCOMING EVENTS BEKESBOURNE

3rd June - Motoring Mystery tour

21st July - Bootfare

Bridge History Society

Preparations are at an advanced stage for the conference in Bridge of Kent History Federation, which takes place on Saturday 12 May 2007. We are delighted that Dr David Starkey has agreed to open the conference for us. There will follow a programme of talks during the course of the morning. In the afternoon, delegates have chosen to participate in a wide range of visits: tours of Bridge; a visit to Patrixboume and Bekesboume churches; a visit to part of the Elham Valley railway line and Bishopsboume Station and Church; and guided tours of Chilham Castle, unfamiliar parts of Canterbury and the Cathedral Precincts. There will be a display of photographs of the village, and the newly printed *Brief Historical Tour of the Village of Bridge and its Environs* will be launched, and will be given to delegates, and later to members of the Society. (This publication will also be available for sale to the general public at a later date.) The committee has been working hard towards the success of this event, and we are most grateful for the promises we have received from members of the society and a number of Bridge residents who have offered to provide us with additional support on the day. The conference is a sell-out, and all we want now is a sunny day for the village to look its best!

On Tuesday 26 June 2007 we are taking a stroll through the precincts of Canterbury Cathedral, taking a look at some of the buildings and hearing about some of the people who have lived and worked there in the past. We are hoping also to take a look in at the Archdeacon's lovely garden. There are still places available, at £5 for members and £6 for non members. Phone 830487.

Meriel Connor

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Despite fears that because of the mild winter all the daffodils would be over before the Spring Show, there was a splendid display in the Village Hall in Bridge on Tuesday 3 April, with more than 130 entries this year. It was also most pleasing to have a large number of people attending. The judges, Mr and Mrs Sudell from Canterbury, commented that there was a nice variety of classes in the show. Mrs Audrey Kolhoff with her miniature narcissi won the cup for the Best Bloom in Show while Mrs Clapson was awarded the cup for the Best Pot Plant. The Chairman's Challenge for the pot of daffodil blooms was won by Mrs Joyce Hopkins.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who entered and everyone who came along to support the event and make it a success.

The next event on the programme will be an evening visit to Mount Ephraim on Thursday 7 June. We will be meeting in the Green Court area of Bridge at 6.00 pm ready to leave at 6.15 prompt. Members and non-members will be most welcome. Entrance, to include tea and biscuits afterwards, will be £5. Will those requiring help with transport please contact Kathy Walder on 830057 nearer the time.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

The May meeting on Tuesday 15th in Bridge Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30 pm, although down on the programme as the Resolutions Meeting, as there has only been one resolution put forward, will take the form of a simple birthday celebration party. The competition this month will be for "a birthday card you would like to receive".

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

At the April meeting the members were asked in the Silence to remember John Kennard who died recently.

We would also like to extend our good wishes to Ethel and Les Hogben and hope that Ethel will soon be recovered from her operation.

Our recent Games Night was enjoyable, despite the small number of players, due partly to the rotten weather.

The Branch notice board will be back soon on the Hall wall. Until then, please ring either 01227 472023 or 01227 721327 for information.

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



*PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE
P.C.C.*

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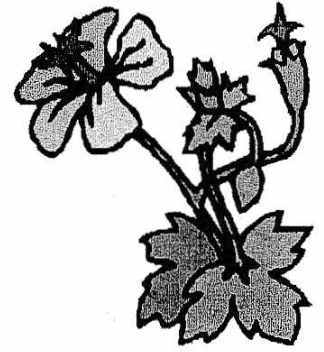
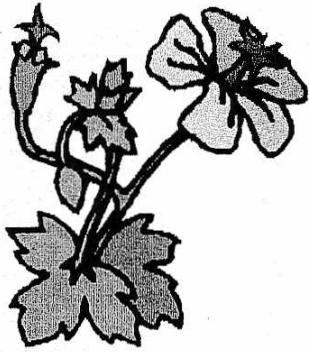
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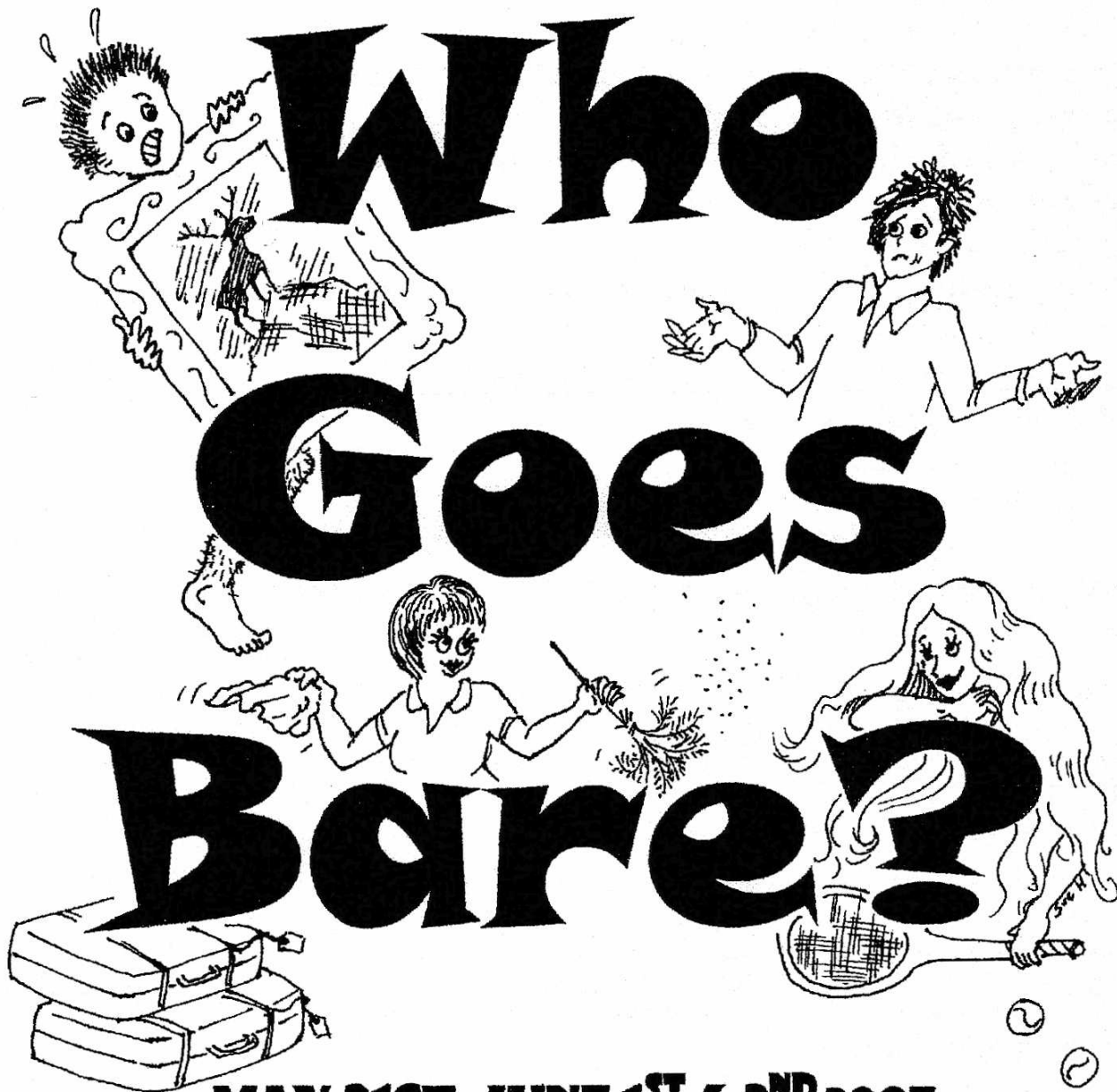
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Walking groups: Every walking group in the County is listed.

There are also links so that you can check: the weather for your walk, links to other useful sites, how to get to your walk by public transport - and more is being added all the time.

So check out the website and get walking!

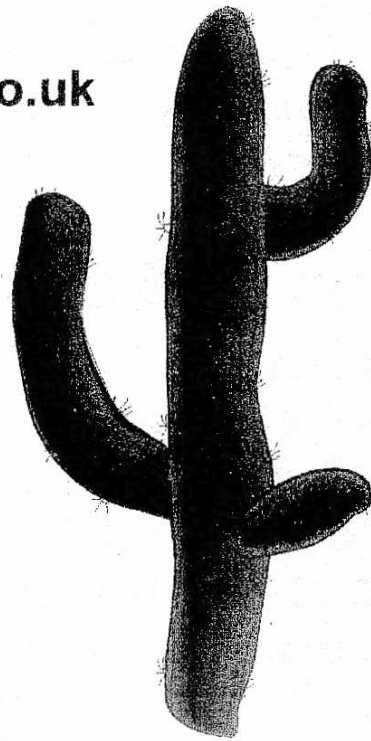
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Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekebourne	Readings
Sun 3rd June Trinity Sunday	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Prov 8. 1-4, 22-31 NT: Rom 5. 1-5 G:: John 16. 12-15
Sun 10th Trinity 1	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	6.00 pm Deanery Evensong at Wingham	11.00 am Family Service venue: see Church Noticeboard	10.00 am Mattins Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	OT: 1 Kings 17. 8-16 NT: Gal 1. 11-end G: Luke 7. 11-17
Sun 17th Trinity 2	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	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 S Rowlands	OT: 1 Kings 21. 1-10 NT: Gal 2. 15-end G: Luke 7. 36-8.3
Sun 24th Trinity 3	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands 6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: 1 Kings 19. 1-4, 8-15a NT: Gal 3. 23-end G: Luke 8. 26-39
Sun 1st July Trinity 4	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: 2 Kings 2.1-2.6-14 NT: Gal 5. 1,13-25 G:: Luke 9. 51-end

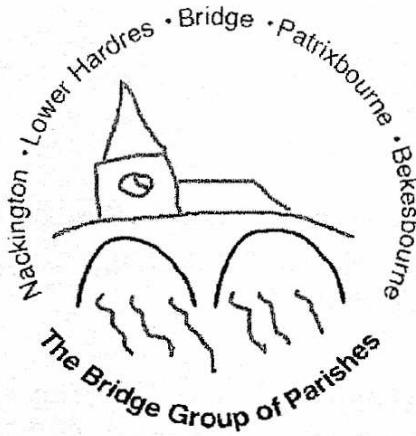
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Diary for June 2007

- 2nd Fish (Neighbourly Help) Scheme Bring & Buy Coffee Morning
Bridge Village Hall 10am
- 3rd Friends of Bekesbourne Church Motoring Mystery Tour 3pm
- 4th Caring and Sharing, 22 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 5th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
- 6th Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC meeting, 7.30pm
- 7th Caring and Sharing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
Horticultural Society Visit (meet in Green Court) 6.00pm
Health for all talk by Dr M Jones, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
Mexican Evening at The Unicorn, Bekesbourne
- 9th Bekesbourne Churchyard working party 10am
- 11th Caring and Sharing, 1 Riverside Mews, Bridge 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
Lower Hardres and Nackington PCC meeting 7.30pm
- 16th Bridge Village Fete, Bridge School Grounds 12 noon - 4pm
- 18th Caring and Sharing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 19th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
- 20th Bridge Guides Car Wash, Mill Centre, Bridge 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- 23rd Burgundy Evening, Bridge Village Hall
- 24th The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
Bridge Open Gardens (start at Church) 2-5pm
- 25th Caring and Sharing, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 26th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 27th Bekesbourne PCC meeting 7.30pm
- 30th League of Friends Talk, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events

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| Patrixbourne | 21st July Gala Evening of words and Music |
| Bridge | 7th July Table Sale
5th-7th October Flower Festival |
| Bekesbourne | 21st July Boot Fair |



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The Vicar's letter

At the beginning of June the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday, a time when we stop and think about the God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity is arguably one of the most perplexing aspects of Christian theology. How do we understand God to be one substance, and yet three persons?

One window into understanding the Trinity which many have found helpful is Rublev's Icon of the 'Trinity'. The Icon shows three persons sitting in a pose of unity each relating to the other. But what is truly special about the unity of the trinity displayed in the Icon is the space left open to draw in the viewer. The Icon reminds us that to try and understand the nature of God requires us to enter into the relationship with God, through prayer. Trinity Sunday call's us to understand God in the personal intimate space of prayer. This for some is easy even second nature yet others find prayer extremely difficult.

Prayer is about us developing our own personal relationship with God. It is consequently dependent upon our own personalities, each of us find different ways to pray helpful. For some God in nature seems more accessible to praying than say sitting in quiet contemplation praying to God with the visual aid of an Icon. Others find the stories of Jesus in the Gospel helpful entry point into prayer. Which ever way you find helpful, prayer is about relationship and all relationships take time and effort to develop. So this Trinity explore your relationship with God, take time out and explore prayer.

Yours in Christ

Simon

Your Parish Matters

Funeral

04/05 Barham(B) Teresa Mary Beatrix Baker

Simon Rowlands will be having his 'Day Off' on a Monday each week.. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible.

Archdeacon's Visitation

The new Archdeacon, The Venerable Sheila Watson will be visiting the Benefice on Sunday 10th June for a special service at Nackington at 9.30am. All are welcome from across the Benefice.

Evensong at Lower Hardres on 10th June has been cancelled but there is a Deanery Evensong with the Archdeacon at Wingham Church at 6.30pm. The service will be followed by cheese & wine and an opportunity to meet the Archdeacon.

Bridge Family Service 11am on Sunday 10th June

The service will take place at "The Quiet View" which is situated at the top of The Street, Kingston. For Parking follow the signs in The Street.

LOWER HARDRES

Social Afternoons at JBW Hall

On the **Second Wednesday** of every month, and the next one is June 13th, from 2pm until 4pm we invite YOU to a 'social' afternoon. We have a cup of tea and biscuits unless we know of a Birthday and then A CAKE! We hold a raffle and a Bring & Buy Sale. We play cards or just TALK! We do have a good laugh and everyone is invited - if a young Mum is on her way to pick up the children pop in for a cuppa. If you are lonely and no transport please ring Ken (700320) or me (765598) Do come.

Holidays - Holiday time is approaching - take care and have a great time.

Mrs Marsh - It's lovely to see that Mrs Marsh is improving.

God Bless

Margaret

"ON THE NAIL"

Double Summer Issue - Advance Notice

Due to annual holidays in August of all those involved in the production of 'On The Nail', there will be a double issue for **August and September** which will be available from 1st August.

Would all contributors please note this arrangement.

Items should reach me by Tuesday 17th July (at the latest).

Thanks to all those who submit items. Any news/items of interest always welcome.

Laurence Dunderdale, Editor

e mail laurence.dunderdale@btinternet.com

Confirmation Classes - Bridge Benefice 2007

	Adult Group	Teenage Group
1	Mon 4th Jun 7-8pm	Thur 7th June 7-8pm
2	Thur 14th June 7-8pm	Fri 15th June 7-8pm
3	Mon 25th June 7-8pm	Thur 28th June 7-8pm
4	Tue 3rd July 7-8pm	Fri 6th July 7-8pm
5	Mon 9th July 7-8pm	Thur 12th July 7-8pm
6	Tue 4th Sept 7-8pm	Thur 6th Sept 7-8pm
7	Mon 10th Sept 7-8pm	Fri 14th Sept 7-8pm
8	Tue 18th Sept 7-8pm	Thur 20th Sept 7-8pm

Health and Healing

The next prayer group will be on Thursday June 7th at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close, Bridge.

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.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish (Neighbourly Help) News

Our one and only fund-raising event, the Bring and Buy Coffee Morning, will be on Saturday June 2nd in Bridge Village Hall. All plants and cakes are particularly welcome. do come.

The June Coffee Pop-in is on Wednesday June 13th.

We are lucky enough to have 26 regular drivers to whom the villagers are very grateful, But more and more lifts are asked for. Please consider offering to help with lifts, mostly to the Health centre and hospitals. Our number is 07935966080. thank you.

Health for All

Dr Mark Jones will be giving a talk about the progress of Health for All in India and Ethiopia at 7.30pm on Thursday 7th June at Bridge Village Hall.

It will include the recent DVD written and narrated by Sir Mark Tully.

Entrance Free.

THANK YOU

The Booth family would like to thank everybody in Bridge for all their help, prayers and kindness after their seven year old daughter's Christina's road accident during the Easter holidays.

We would particularly like to thank the Ambulance staff who arrived so quickly. Thanks are due especially to the staff, parents and pupils of Bridge school for their love and support - they sent so many lovely letters, cards, cakes, sweets and presents whilst Christina was in hospital. Thank you especially to the parents who keep helping us pick up and look after our other children whilst we are in hospital with Christina or returning from appointments, and to Mrs Alice Corfield who has three times driven us to East Grinstead and back from appointments at the Burns Unit there. Thank you to the members of the Caring and Sharing Group in Bridge for their love, visits and prayers.

Christina is now attending school temporarily in a wheelchair, and it has been great to see how welcoming the school has been. Special thanks are due to Peggy Pryor and Barry Whiting of Conyngham Lane for obtaining a child's wheelchair from the Red Cross - without their help we would still be on the NHS waiting list. Thanks also to Peggy for her kindness in driving us to Ashford when we had transport difficulties - it is at times like these that true neighbours shine out.

Last but not least - when accidents happen the welfare of pets can be an added worry. In all the days we have spent in hospitals as in and outpatients, Jackie and Ray Ellis of Riverside Close have helped so much by looking after our golden retriever, and we are very grateful for such practical neighbourliness.

Christina's injuries are healing very well, and we feel very blessed, not least that we live in such a Caring community.

Graeme and Anne Booth and family

100th Birthday

On behalf of Gladys Flynn we would like to thank everyone who so kindly sent her a birthday card to celebrate her 100th birthday. Gladys received over forty cards and three bouquets which all helped to make her birthday so enjoyable.

Penny & David Spencer


1st BRIDGE GUIDES BANGER NOSH & WASH

On Wednesday 20th June from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm Bridge Guides will be washing cars, at the Mill Centre, Mill Lane, Bridge to raise money for St Peters Church Bridge. While waiting for your car to be washed why not enjoy a Hot dog and a tea/coffee.

If you would like your car washed please call Carole Mounce on 831963 and book your slot!

RSPCA Stall

Eleanor, Joanna, Beth and Jessica would like to thank everyone who supported their stall in aid of the RSPCA. The girls were selling homemade flapjacks, animal comics and second hand books. They raised £39.37.



"BURGUNDY EXPERIENCE"

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The 2007 Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held at the school and attended by 24

The 2007 Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held at the school and attended by 24 parishioners. Following the first part of said Compline, the minutes of last year, having been circulated, were signed. David Latham has stood down as Churchwarden as he now lives outside the parish. Mrs Evelyn Andrews was elected unanimously in his place. The list of churchwardens can be seen at the end of the magazine All the Officers gave their reports; the finance report shows how narrow our monies are balanced;-it is considered prudent to maintain a balance on our unrestricted funds of £6,000 if possible, which equates to approximately two months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations if they arise Our balance of £3,730 on the unrestricted deposit fund at the end of the year did not meet this target. The deanery synod report shows there is a vacancy for another representative from our parishes—an important post as it has to do with the share we pay to the diocesan quota. The APCM closed with the remaining service of Compline. This was followed by a PCC meeting when the Hon Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected. The Vicar gave a short resume on the situation for the building arrangements in St Peter's Church.

Flower Festival

A flower festival is being organised in St. Peters Bridge on 5-7th October to help raise money for the new building works. The flower ladies would gratefully appreciate help - especially with the following:

Stewarding (the church must be manned at all times)

Sponsorship of a vase (perhaps in memory of a loved one)

Computer skills

Setting-up

Publicity

Clearing-up

Postage

Music (it would be nice to have live as

Photocopying

well as CDs throughout the festival)

Anyone who thinks they could help in any way, please contact Viv Brasier 01227 830981.

Table Sale

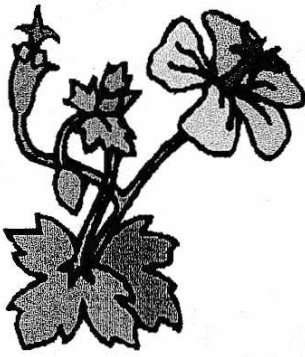
There will be a table sale in the village hall on Saturday 7th July 9am - 11am to help to raise money for flowers. For further information please contact Caroline Hollands 01227 830464. Thank You Viv Brasier

League of Friends of the Canterbury Hospital

Do not miss the talk being organised by the Nailbourne Branch on Saturday 30 June in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm. Michael Irwin, one of the creators of last year's highly successful community opera, will be giving a talk *Journey to the Promised Land*.

Mike, who wrote the libretto of the opera commissioned by the Canterbury Festival, is a most entertaining lecturer. He plans to illustrate his talk with excerpts from the DVD of the production.

The talk will be followed by one of the League's excellent light suppers and a glass of wine. Tickets will be in demand and numbers in the hall are limited, so buy yours soon! Details are on the poster elsewhere in the magazine.



*Bridge
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Sunday 24th June 2007
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The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

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**Start/Finish: Bekesbourne Recreation
Ground, Old Palace Road,
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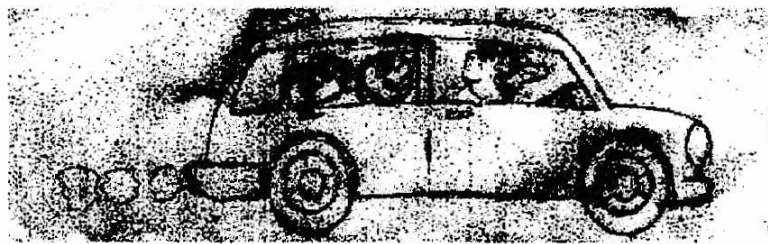
Date: Sunday 3 June 2007

Time: 3 pm

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**Take the family on a gentle potter around the
locality and solve the clues along the route.**

**After the finish stay on and enjoy a barbeque, at
extra cost, on the recreation ground**

For more information phone 830497

Bridge Village Fete

Saturday 16th June 2007

12noon-4.00pm

To be held in Bridge School grounds, with parking on the recreation ground (weather permitting!). A fun packed day for all the family. All monies raised will go towards the church new build and the school.

We have lots of various attractions Including:

Traditional Fairground stalls - a variety of craft stalls and local fresh produce stalls - Plant stall - Toys, books and videos - Bar-B-Q - Souvlaki (Greek style kebab) - Ploughmans lunch - Strawberries and cream - Teas, coffee and soft drinks - Beer tent - Pimms tent - Punch and Judy - Sports demonstration - Country dancing display and lots of other exciting things to do or watch.

Come along and enjoy a great afternoon of fun and entertainment!

Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:

Plants, groceries, gifts, puzzles, toys, books, bric a brac, videos and CDs, soft toys, cakes and bottles for the bottle tombola. These can be left at the School from Monday 11th June, or at one of the following drop off points:

24 Bridge Down, Bridge
The Purlins, Meadow Close
37 High Street, Bridge
Knowlesfield, 51 Union Road, Bridge
56 Western Avenue, Bridge
8 Bifrons Road, Bekesbaume
Riverside Cottage, Patrixboume

Do you have a gazebo, parasol or tables and chairs that you would be willing to let us borrow on the day of the Fete. If so please contact the school. They would need to be clearly named and if possible brought to the school and collected straight after the Fete.

Thank you all in advance for your help and support.

Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting

At the meeting held at the end of April, the PCC reported that 2006 had been a successful year for the church, which had maintained its usual pattern of services during the long interregnum. Highlights of the year had been the return of the restored bells, rededicated by Bishop Michael Turnbull, an outstanding Flower Festival in September and good attendance at festival services, with the church overflowing on Christmas morning.

Thanks to the fund-raising efforts of the Friends of Bekesbourne Church, the finances were in a reasonable state, but the treasurer Zan Clifford said she would welcome more planned giving through Gift Aid donations, especially as this important source of income would be reduced in future as a result of the recent cut in income tax. Please contact Zan if you would like to make a regular commitment to the church.

The Vicar thanked everyone for the warm welcome he and his family had received in the parish and thanked everyone who had worked hard during the interregnum to keep the church so active.

Churchwardens Jonathan Cowans and Jill Gillanders were re-elected for 2007/8 and the PCC remained almost unchanged. Jenny Skinner retired and was warmly thanked for her many years of service on the Council; she was replaced by Roger Nicholls. The remaining members of the PCC are Pat Kusel, Amanda Barker, Zan Clifford (Treasurer), David Millyard, Jane Millyard (Secretary) and Hugh Pearson.

Collections at Bekesbourne Church

It was agreed at the Annual Church Meeting that, in line with the practice in the other churches of the benefice, collections would be taken during 10am services at St Peter's Church, rather than donations being placed in a plate by the door.

This will start at the beginning of June with the Family Service.

Bekesbourne News

There will be a Church yard working party Saturday 9th June at St Peters Bekesbourne at 10am. This will be to get the churchyard tidy for the wedding the following week of Joanne Pay and Mark Wanstall.

Strimmers are very useful but volunteers are needed for various jobs. If you can spare an hour it will be much appreciated.

Refreshments will be provided.

Monica and Mike are having a Mexican evening at The Unicorn Thursday 7th June. They hope that all who come will be in Mexican dress. The pub will be closed to anyone not booked in for the evening. Telephone 830210 for more information.

Bekesbourne Rogation Walk

Several intrepid walkers braved the wet weather to walk through fields, orchards and woodland, on the way seeing cows and calves, sheep and lambs and even elephants and rhino! En route at the Well Chapel prayers and thanksgivings were expressed to praise God for his bounteousness and again near the soft fruit areas before welcome refreshment (and shelter) was enjoyed at the Unicorn.

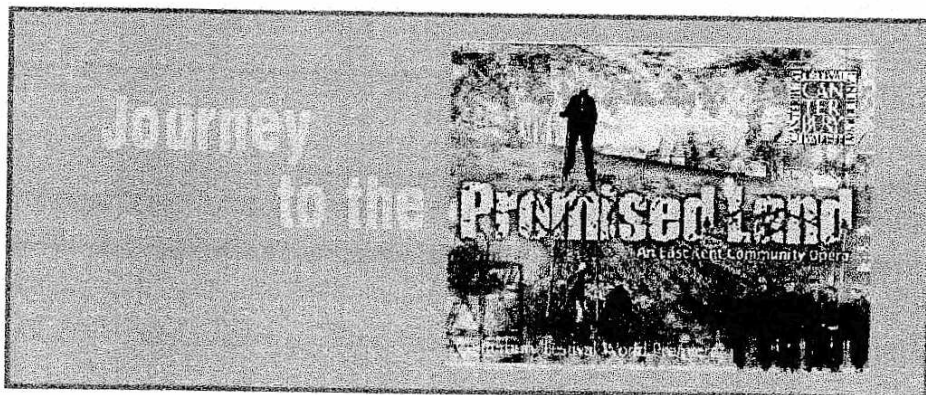
Gala Evening of Words and Music 21st July-advance notice

At 7pm on Saturday 21st July there will be a 'Gala Evening of Words and Music', in St Mary's Church Patrixbourne, to celebrate the years of music making by Rosalie Stacey, during her time as organist at St Mary's Patrixbourne and St Peter's Bekesbourne. The evening will feature items performed by members from both congregations and their friends.

Please note the date in your diary now. If you wish to attend the event please could you let a Churchwarden at one of the two churches know, as there is limit on the numbers of seats at St Mary's. There will be no charge for the evening, but volunteers are sought to help provide the interval refreshments.



**League of Friends of the Kent
and Canterbury Hospital
Nailbourne Group**



**A Talk by Michael Irwin
who wrote the words
for the Community Opera**

Saturday 30 June

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

Light supper with wine

Tickets £7.50 each. Tel: 830344 or 830204

Bridge History Society

On Saturday 12 May, TV celebrity, and local resident, Dr David Starkey opened this year's Kent History Federation Conference in Bridge School Hall. The conference was hosted this year by Bridge History Society. 170 delegates from all over Kent listened to Dr Starkey's keynote address in which he said that 'history is collective memory' and in this way 'central to being human'. The Society's chairman, Maurice Raraty, gave an introduction to the village of Bridge, and followed this with a review of the fascinating information that had been uncovered as a result of the Star Hill archaeological dig, just outside the village. This talk was followed by an interesting and lucid explanation of the complex events of the English Civil War in Kent given by Professor Jackie Bales, a resident of Bridge. Finally, Lt Col Dick Bolton showed the conference, in a lively lecture, how bricks had been used over the centuries in the buildings of Kent. During the afternoon, various visits were made which included guided tours of the village of Bridge, the churches of Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne, the Elham Valley Railway and the old station, together with the medieval wall-paintings in Bishopsbourne Church. The conference also saw the launch of a new booklet entitled 'A Brief Historical Tour of the Village of Bridge and its Environs'. Copies of this booklet will be available free to members of the Society and may be purchased in the village (at the Post Office for example) at a cost of £3.50 by anyone else who would like to know more about the village.

As a follow-up of the conference, we have been lucky enough to arrange a visit to Chilham Castle (including a tour of the interior) on Tuesday 5 June at 2 pm. This is a rare opportunity to see, with a knowledgeable guide, what the owners, Tessa and Stuart Wheeler, have achieved in restoring the house and garden. There are a few places available at the time of going to press at a cost of £8 for non-members. There are also a few places left for our evening visit to Canterbury Cathedral precincts, to include a private visit to the Archdeacon's lovely garden. This walk will take place on Tuesday 26 June at 6 pm, at a cost of £5 for members and £6 for non-members. For further information, contact Meriel Connor (830487).

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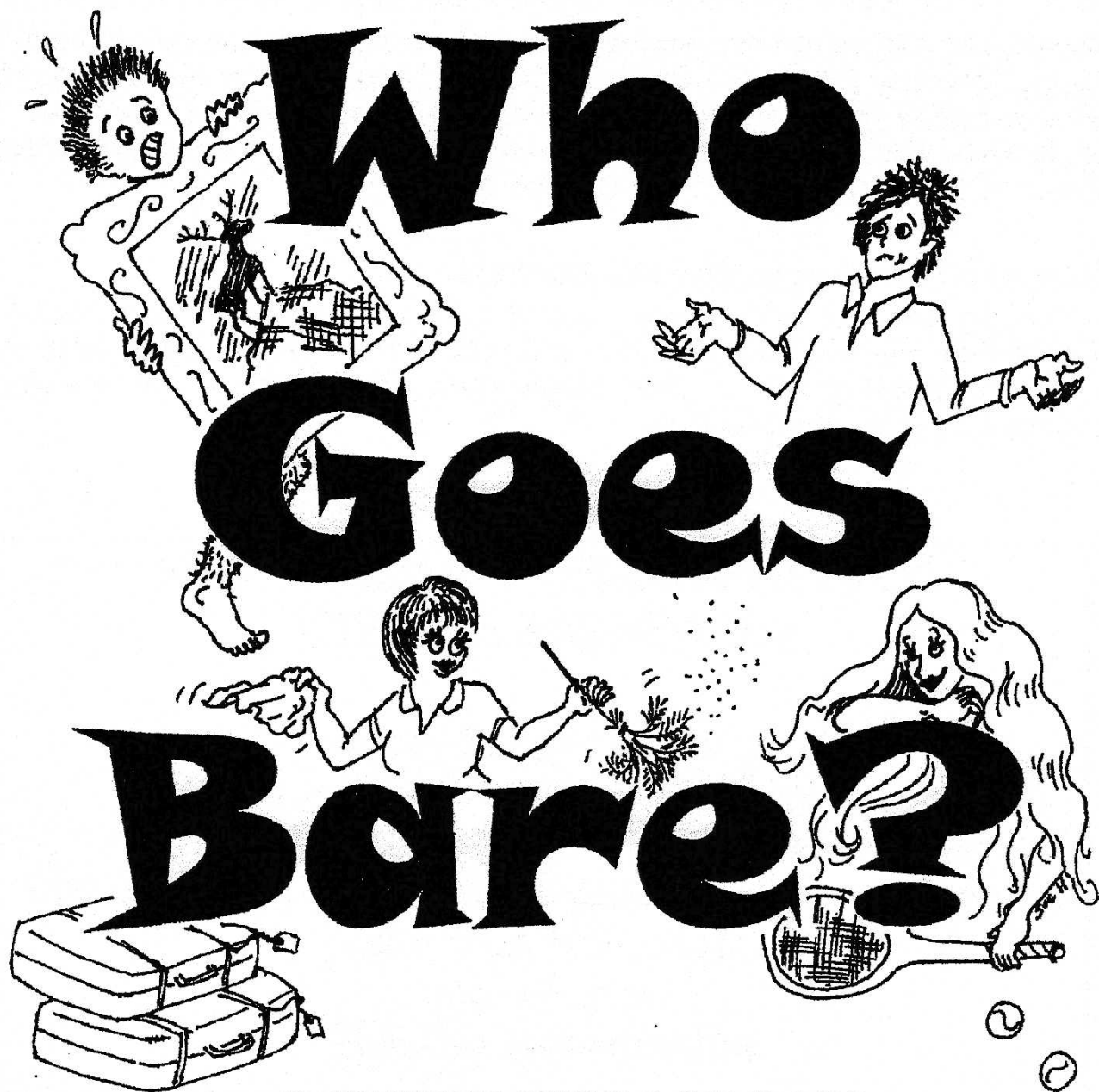
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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A reminder about our evening visit to Mount Ephraim on Thursday 7 June. Please meet in the Green Court area of Bridge at 6.00 pm so that we can co-ordinate transport ready to leave at 6.15 prompt. Members and non-members are most welcome. Entrance, to include tea and biscuits after our walk around the gardens, will be £5. Will those requiring help with transport please contact Kathy Walder on 830057, leaving a message if there is no answer.

I should also like to remind members that the Summer Show will be held this year on Saturday 28 July at Bridge School. If you have not already received a show schedule, these are available from any of the committee members. The Spring Show was a great success this year. It would be nice to have a record number of exhibitors and exhibits at the Summer Show.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

On Tuesday 19 June at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall Joan Millet will be giving a demonstration and talk on the increasingly popular topic of "Using Essential Oils". The competition this month is for an object containing oil in its manufacture.

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The WHITE HORSE Inn

The White Horse at Bridge changed hands recently and is now under the proprietorship of Mrs Carol Blake. In spite of a few hiccups left by the previous owner the pub is going from strength to strength. This is Mrs Blake's first venture as a landlady and has been very much helped by the local Bridge residents for which she is very grateful. Her weekend Barbecues have been popular and she hopes soon to do special Senior Citizens luncheons one day a week.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

The May meeting was attended by 19 members. We would also like to send our good wishes to Paula Daisley who is ill at the moment.

The Branch notice board is back and Bemie has made a good job of repairing it. We will be hosting a tea party for residents of Maurice House, Broadstairs on the afternoon of 24th May at the Memorial Hall Lounge. We also have a crib night at Chartham RBL on 11th June.

Our next 2 meetings will be on Tuesdays, 12th June and 10th July - both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

Friends of Bridge wild Flower Project

Great News! The project has been awarded lottery money of £904.

On 20th April the first phase of planting was undertaken by the children of Bridge and Patricxbourne School. All the staff, some parents, friends and Matt Hayes from Kentish Stour Countryside Project worked very hard to start the planting. It is hoped that before too long we should see native flowers popping up. Well done everyone! My thanks for help in the preparation and support on the day.

Cllr Mrs Barbara Beinder

Dog Fouling

May I request that all dog owners who use the footpath at the end of Mill Terrace please pick up any poo from their dogs. This path is a dreadful mess for other users to suffer. Many people have trained their dogs to poo in the field, otherwise there is a dog litter bin at the entrance to Mill Terrace.

Thanks in anticipation.

Maurice Smith

Sheepdog Trial, Bishopsbourne 2nd and 3rd June 2007 from 9.30am

This event will take place at Bourne Park, Bishopsbourne, No entrance fee and free off-road parking available. Why not come along and enjoy the day.

NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 19th April 2007

Parish Council website – www.bridgevillage.org.uk

Litter problems – Cllr Esdale reported that there had been complaints about the trail of litter being left in the fields on the way from the village to Mansfield farm. Drunken farm workers had also caused a nuisance to a party of local children. Bridge Explorer Scouts had recently spent a day clearing up the litter and mess from the fields and had collected 15 sacks of rubbish. It was agreed to write to Dave Barrett to thank the scouts and also to write to Mansfield farm to complain about the problems being caused by their seasonal workers. It was also pointed out that the litter problem in the village was increasing and that the High Street in particular was often unsightly. It was agreed to include an item in the next Newsletter encouraging householders to keep the area outside their houses clean.

Bollards for Western Avenue – It was noted that the new bollards had at last been erected at the corner of Western Avenue and the High Street.

Youth Shelter– Cllr Beesty had drawn up a questionnaire to be distributed to houses situated round the recreation ground, asking for residents' views on the proposed position of the youth shelter.

Bridge Hill Traffic Calming– Cllr Esdale reported that Ruth Goudie of Kent Highways had advised that two new extended kerbs and a flashing speed sign had been agreed for Bridge Hill and would be installed later in the year. It had also been agreed to move the 'Welcome to Bridge' sign further up the hill and to paint 40 mph speed limit signs on the approach to Bridge from Bridge Hill.

Higham Lane repairs—A reply had been received from Furley Page, Solicitors for Permitnotice Ltd, the owners of Higham Lane, in reply to the council's request that the owners carry out urgent repairs to the road. As none of the proposals set out in the letter was acceptable to the council, it was agreed that the opinion of the KAPC legal adviser be sought.

Yellow Lines in the High St. The council had received a letter from Kent Highways stating that it would not agree to put down yellow lines across the entrance of the allotments or between the chicanes on Town Hill. It proposed, however to put yellow lines on the corner of Conyngham Lane, which had not been requested by the council. It was therefore agreed to write to Kent Highways pointing out that these lines would be likely to lead to more illegal parking on the zebra crossing outside the post office. The council would also ask for single white lines to be painted across the allotment entrance and between the chicanes.

Canterbury City Football Club – After some discussion concerning the potential local disruption that the football club's tenure of the recreation ground might cause, it was agreed that the parish council would support BVST's offer of a three year lease to the club. It was pointed out that there would be benefits to the village as the club had agreed to upgrade the pavilion. It was also important for the maintenance of the recreation ground that the football pitches were used regularly. There would be clauses in the lease to ensure that the club organised proper stewarding of spectators and to allow for the termination of the lease should the parish council consider that the club's tenure caused unacceptable disruption to the village.

Canterbury Nomads Cricket Club – Representatives from the club addressed the parish council in support of their request for a contribution towards the cost of laying an artificial playing surface on the recreation ground. It was agreed that the parish council would contribute up to £1,600 to this, subject to the balance being obtained from other sources. A further proviso was that there would be no objection to the artificial surface by Cantley Estates who own the ground.

Anonymous letters - It was agreed that the parish council adopt the policy that all anonymous letters be discarded without consideration. Parishioners should be advised that they might write to the parish council in confidence, but under the Freedom of Information Act such letters could be liable for disclosure unless such information could put the writer in danger. It was agreed to inform residents of this policy in the next village newsletter.

Mrs Gladys Flynn – To mark the 100th birthday on 25th. April of Mrs Flynn, a former Bridge resident, the councillors signed a birthday card and agreed Cllr Hill would take her flowers.

NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10th May 2007

Parish Council website – www.bridgevillage.org.uk

Councillors signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office- Cllr Hill welcomed Terry Wilmshurst to the Parish Council and congratulated fellow councillors on being confirmed in office for a further four years

Anne Edmonds was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Esdale, seconded by Cllr Gulvin and elected unanimously.

John Hill was nominated as Vice Chairman by Cllr Esdale, seconded by Cllr Corfield and elected unanimously.

Premises Application, Red Lion, Bridge- It was agreed to call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 24th May in the Village Hall to discuss the application submitted by Punch Taverns to extend the opening hours of the Red Lion. A representative of Punch Taverns would be invited to attend. The meeting would be publicised on the website and by means of a newsletter to all Bridge residents.

45 High St, Bridge - It was agreed to write to Canterbury City Council to ask it to re-institute proceedings for the compulsory purchase of 45 High Street as the building had continued to deteriorate.

Audited Accounts for 2006-7 – The audited parish accounts for 2006-7 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. It was agreed to review the system of internal audit and to approve a statement on internal control at the next parish council meeting.

Cleaning up Bridge – Cllr Lewis put forward a plan to set up a rota of villagers to help to keep the streets clean. He volunteered to act a co-ordinator for the scheme should sufficient volunteers offer help. It was also pointed out that there was a problem with dog fouling on the path into the fields by Mill Terrace. The clean up scheme will be publicised in the Newsletter for volunteers should contact Cllr Lewis.

Wild Flower Meadow - Cllr Beinder reported that the Friends of Bridge Wild Flower Project had been given a grant of £904 from 'Awards for All' . Cllr Hill congratulated her on her achievement in securing the grant

Youth Shelter – A questionnaire will be distributed to residents of Patricxbourne Rd, Riverside Close and Mansfield Court in the next few days asking for residents' views. The questionnaires will be collected over the weekend of 19/20 May.

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Higham Lane – Kent Association of Parish Councils were consulting the legal department of the National Association of Local Councils to find out if there was a precedent for the difficulties that had arisen in getting this privately owned road repaired and to seek its advice on how the issue might be resolved.

Signing of Documents

The lease agreement between Bridge Parish Council and Canterbury City Football Club to run for three years from 1st August 2007 was signed.

The **Extraordinary Meeting of Bridge Parish Council** to discuss the application for extended opening hours at the Red Lion will take place on Thursday 24th May 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bridge Village Hall. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend.

The next scheduled parish council meeting will be on 14th June at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Members of the public are invited to address the council between 7.30 p.m. and 7.45p.m. All parishioners are very welcome to attend.

Vicar: Rev Simon Rowlands, Vicarage 23 High Street Bridge (830250)

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

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

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

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

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

Mrs E Andrews, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge (830960)

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) Mr J Harris 1 Riverside Close, Bridge (830631)

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 Mr J Harris 1 Riverside Close, Bridge (830631)

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

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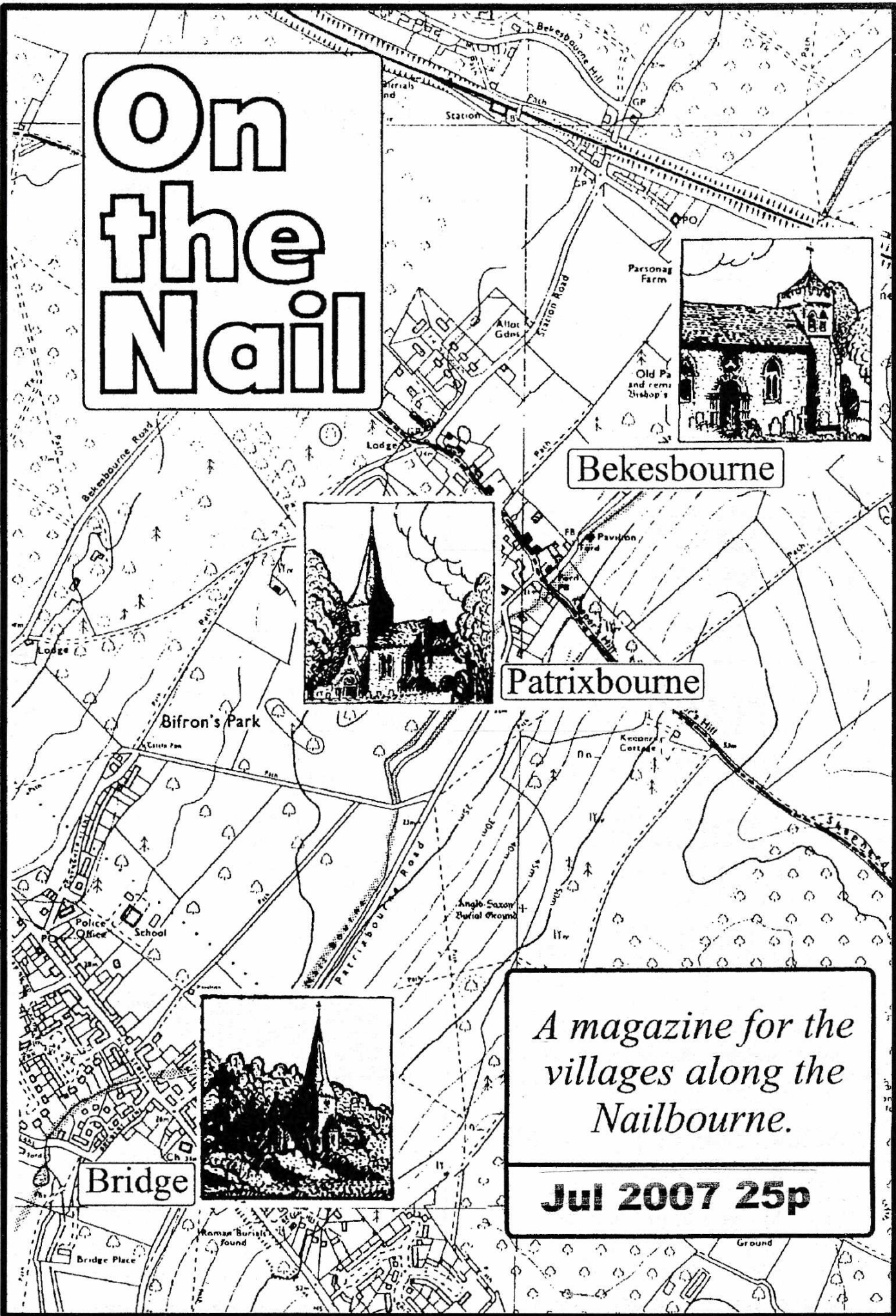
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Sun 1 st July Trinity 4	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Revd S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: 2 Kings 2.1- 2.6-14 NT: Gal 5.1,13-25 G: Luke 9.51-end
Sun 8 th Trinity 5	Cancelled due to Tour de France See Patricxbourne	6.30 pm Evensong Revd S Rowlands Mrs M. Clarke	11.00 am Family Service Revd S Rowlands Ministry Team	10.00 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	OT: 2 Kings 5.1-14 NT: Gal 6.7-16 G: Luke 10.1-11, 16- 20
Sun 15 th Trinity 6	8.00 am BCP Communion Can R Humphriss	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 Brother Colin	OT: Amos 7.7-end NT: Col 1.1-14 G: Luke 10.25-37
Sun 22 nd Trinity 7	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd K Childs 6.00 pm Evensong Canon A Duke	10.00 am Holy Communion Brother Reginald	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Amos 8.1-12 NT: Col 1.15-28 G: Luke 10.38-end
Sun 29 th Trinity 8	10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands					OT: Hos 1.2-10 NT: Col 2.6-15 G: Luke 11.1-13
Sun 5 th August Trinity 9	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Revd S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Hos 11.1-11 NT: Col 2.6-15 G: Luke 12.13-21

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for July 2007

- 2nd Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close 7.30pm
3rd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
Confirmation Class (Adults) Bridge School 7pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
5th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
6th Confirmation Class 7pm
7th Table Sale, Bridge Village Hall 9am - 11am
9th Confirmation Class (Adults) Bridge School 7pm
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
12th Confirmation Class 7pm
16th Caring and Sharing, Elham Valley Vineyard 7.30pm
17th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
21st Bekesbourne Boot Fair
Gala Evening, Patricxbourne Church 7pm
22nd The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
23rd Caring and Sharing, 8 Conyngham Lane 7.30pm
24th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
28th Horticultural Society Summer Show, Bridge School

Forthcoming Events

- Bridge 5-7th October Flower Festival
Bekesbourne 4th August Boules At Unicorn
24th November Christmas Bazaar



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The Vicar's letter

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who worked so hard to make this year's Fete such a success. With rain threatening, what looked like a damp squid turned into a fun filled day with much enthusiasm being shown by those taking part, even the Police dogs looked to be enjoying themselves in the display ring. What a great day, but only because of the hard work put in by so many people. Thank you to all who came along and supported the day and those who made the day possible. Fund raising for the re-building works on Bridge Church has continued at a pace and we are moving towards our goal. Further events are planned culminating in a Flower Festival in the autumn. Any support you can give to the events planned for the appeal is greatly appreciated.

Holiday time is now upon us and whether you are travelling to exotic destinations or simply enjoying sunny Bridge, it is important that people take a break at some point in the year. Even Jesus took his disciples across the Lake at Galilee to get some respite from the crowds who were following him. Allowing for time out is important if we are to be fully functioning human beings. On the 11th July the Anglican Church calendar remembers St Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino and Father of Western Monasticism, C 550.

Benedict is remembered for his rule of life which set out the daily rule of living for the monastic community. In the rule it is clear that a balance of study, hospitality, prayer and worship was central to a monk's life. In a modern lifestyle, if we cannot find the right balance that allows us time for family, work, ourselves and time with God, our lives can become unbalanced. If this happens something within us or around us can give. Taking a break from our normal routine to recharge batteries and look at our lives is good for ourselves and those whom we care for. So enjoy a holiday (holy day), be good to yourselves and thank God for all that is good.

Yours in Christ

Simon

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

27/5 Bridge James John Turner

Funeral

16/5 Bekesbourne Reginald Jordan Wilson
24/5 Barham(B) Hildegarde Marta Goodwin
26/5 Barham(B) Irene Rose Holden

Simon Rowlands will be having his 'Day Off' on a Monday each week. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible.

LOWER HARDRES

Our next FAMILY COMMUNION service will be at 11am on 1st July and our next FAMILY SERVICE at 10am on 15th July at St Mary's. Everyone is welcome.

The Farm Shop

We were sorry to hear that the Farm Shop has closed, but on behalf of Lower Hardres Church our thanks go to Mary and her family for their many kindnesses and their loyalty to St Mary's.

Louise Parsons

At the end of May Louise was knocked down near to her house. She is making progress but she has been badly hurt, we hope she makes a speedy recovery. Our prayers are with Louise and her Mum and Dad, Ali and Freddy.

God Bless

Margaret

On The Nail

Double Summer Issue - Advance Notice

Due to annual holidays in August of all those involved in the production of 'On The Nail', there will be a double issue for August and September which will be available from 1st August.

Would all contributors please note this arrangement. Items should reach me by Tuesday 17th July (at the latest).

Thanks to all those who submit items. Any news/items of interest always welcome.

Laurence Dunderdale

Editor

e mail: laurence.dunderdale@btinternet.com

Churchyard working parties.

A very big thank you to every one that has attended the recent working parties at St Peter's Bekesbourne. The church yard is looking really splendid, with many of the older graves being uncovered and cleared.

There is still plenty to do and we have 4 more weddings this summer !

2 more working parties are planned. The next is Saturday 14th July at 10 O' clock. This will be 2 weeks before the wedding of Elizabeth Duplock and Simon Thundow on the 28th.

The other date for your diaries is Saturday 11th August.

Forthcoming Events

SATURDAY 4th Aug - Boules tournament at Unicorn

Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting will be on Thursday 5th July at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close.

If you are unable to come in person, please ring me on 830844 and let me have your petitions for sickness, bereavement, anxiety or any other situation. Prayer is so vital and God knows our needs before we ask, but it is good to share our concerns and to receive God's healing powers. Look forward to seeing you.

Kath Pierce

Fish (Neighbourly Help) News

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Bring and Buy Coffee Morning in May. You helped to raise £437 for the scheme.

The next Coffee Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday 11th July.

New faces are very welcome.

Nailbourne Scout Group

The Nailbourne Scout Group are looking for an Assistant Scout Leader to help run one of the Scout Groups for young people aged 8-15 years old. Full training can be provided if necessary. The work is of great value to the young people and the local community.

Please contact Ian Embrey, Group Scout Leader, on 01227 832025 for further information.

The New Close

The New Close is proud to announce its 25th Anniversary Party , this will be held on Tuesday 31st July.

Please come along and join in the celebrations, entertainment from 2.30-3.30pm. Over the years I am sure many people have contributed to The New Close, you will be most welcome to pop in.

Best wishes.

Linda Miles

The Children's Society Stand By Me Box Challenge

Imagine a world where everything you say is ignored, where no-one asks you what you think. Imagine you have been moved away from the people you love, to somewhere where you don't know anybody. Imagine someone else deciding what clothes you are going to wear, what you are going to eat, when you can wash. Imagine no one listening when you try to tell them you're being bullied.

A bad dream? Not for many of the 13,300 disabled children and young people who are currently placed away from home in England. We know that these children are often not consulted when decisions are made about their lives, and that their communication difficulties can mean that their own views are ignored.

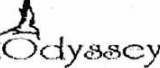
The Children's Society is campaigning for all disabled children placed away from home to have access to an independent advocate - someone to give them a voice and keep them safe.

The Children's Society Stand By Me Box Challenge is to distribute 13,300 new home donation boxes across England - one for every disabled child living away from home - helping to raise an extra £200,000 per year for their crucial work with children.

House-boxes are emptied annually by Kathy Eynon The Children's Society's local parish co-ordinator. Please contact her on 01227 830466. and she will be pleased to supply you with a box and add your name to her list of local supporters.

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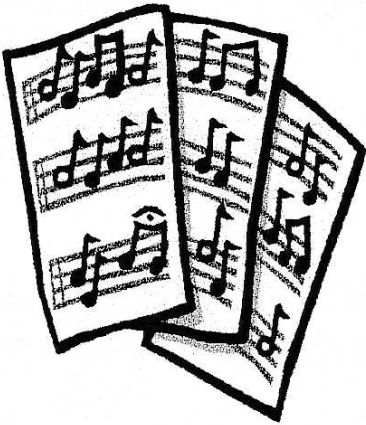
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Saturday 21st July
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St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne

The programme will include choral and solo voices, organ and instrumental solos and groups, readings and humorous items from friends of all ages, some well-known and some surprising.

This event is being held to celebrate the many years of music making
by Rosalie Stacey , Organist
at St Mary's Church ,Patrixbourne and
St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

All welcome, and no charge, but please book your seat with a Churchwarden at either church, as seating is limited.

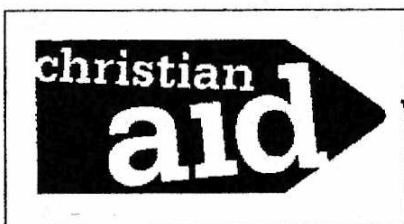
Flower Festival

A flower festival is being organised in St. Peters Bridge on
5-7th October

to help raise money for the new building works. The flower
ladies would gratefully appreciate help - especially with the
following:

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| Stewarding (the church must be manned at all times) | |
| Sponsorship of a vase (perhaps in memory of a loved one) | |
| Computer skills | Setting-up |
| Publicity | Clearing-up |
| Postage | Music (it would be nice to have live as
well as CDs throughout the festival) |
| Photocopying | |

Anyone who thinks they could help in any way, please contact
Viv Brasier 01227 830981.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2007

The final total of this year's collection in Bridge, Patricxbourne, Bekesbourne and Lower Hardres was £1560.29. With Gift Aid added this should amount to over £1750. Many thanks to all those who gave so generously of their time and money to achieve this excellent result, which will help Christian Aid to continue its fight against poverty and injustice in the world.

Jean Barber

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Compiled by John Street who had taken great pains
to lead us a dance from place to place
(Although be assured this wasn't a race!)

The idea was, you answered at leisure
the questions written, purely for pleasure.
We looked at steeple, we noted spire
we drove through villages, there to admire
Over dale and under bridges
round sharp corners... mind the ditches!!
Are we lost... or nearly there?
Passers-by all stand and stare!9

But when the search was finally done
the cars drove back to where they'd begun
And on our return..... picture the scene
Tables and chairs laid out on the green.
There was Graham, tongs in hand,
there was Sid, the onion man
Cooking tea - oh what a treat.
"HOTDOGS! BURGERS! Come and eat!"

Once again our thanks must go
To those who helped to run the show
The Friends of Bekesbourne Church, it was ...
All money raised for a worthwhile cause!

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Horticultural Society's Annual Summer Show will be held this year on Saturday 28 July in Bridge School Hall, Conyngham Lane. Exhibitors will have access to the hall from 8.00 am onwards to stage their exhibits and must clear the hall by 11 am when judging will begin. The Show itself will be open from 2.30 pm with the presentation of prizes at 4.00 pm. During the afternoon refreshments will be served with home-made cakes, and as always there will be a raffle and a bring and buy plant stall to raise funds for the Society.

Show schedules are available now from committee members. Entries must be submitted by Thursday 26 July at the latest for all classes other than the garden entries which should be in by Friday 20 July. If you are the proud possessor of one of the geraniums for the Chairman's Challenge Class, don't forget to enter it in that class on the entry form. A reminder, as ever, that you have to be a member to exhibit, but it is never too late to join!

The Spring Show was very successful this year and we look forward to an even bigger and better Summer Show. But, for the Show to be a success, we need you to take part. So, please do not be modest or shy, or be put off from showing because you are unsure what to do or feel that your entries may not be good enough. Come along with your entries on the morning of the Show and a friendly committee member will be more than happy to advise you.

We look forward to seeing you on 28th.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

On Tuesday 17 July at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Martin Lloyd will be giving an illustrated talk entitled "Seen from my Bicycle". The competition this month is for a photograph or postcard of your favourite destination.

For the August edition of the Parish Magazine, there is no article for the Hort Society, only for the WI.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

The talk for the meeting on Tuesday 21 August at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall is entitled "Scrap Booking" and will take the form of a demonstration and hands on experience presented by Ziggy.

The competition this month is "your favourite button".

BRIDGE IN BLOOM

As usual the Parish Council have decided to continue 'Bridge in Bloom' this year.

Judging will take place at the end of July so please have your hanging baskets and tubs ready.

Ann Edmunds

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
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The June meeting was attended by 21 members who were asked to remember in the Silence, Bert Davies, former Group Chairman.

We would like to welcome to the Branch Mrs Avril Berry, whose late husband John berry was an active Branch member and did so much to help us with the Poppy Appeal. Mrs Berry is anxious to support the Branch in John's memory and we are delighted to have her with us.

Our tea for the Maurice House residents was a resounding success and enjoyed by all, especially Doug Inkpen's music.

We came second at the games night playing crib. The third leg will be darts at Whitstable in September.

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

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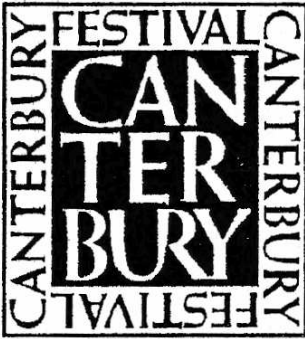
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The Festival will soon be upon us once more. Can you wait?

Plans for this autumn's Canterbury Festival (13th to 27th October) are already well advanced. Did you hear the St Petersburg Orchestra last year? Surely it was the highlight to hear such a top world orchestra play in Canterbury... The Moscow Radio Symphony is coming this year. As if that is not enough so is the EU Youth Orchestra. Or was your highlight the fantastic Community Opera, *Promised Land*? It portrayed hop-picking and Kentish mining with such emotion and is now available on DVD if you missed it!

Of course the Festival is so much more than highbrow classical music, for the Festival Club rocks into the late evening every night and there were some very clever even quirky drama shows in the small venues which only open their doors during festival fortnight. 2006's Festival had more events, more of which were sold out and more critical acclaim than ever.

A top arts festival like Canterbury's must attract the unusual and encourage us to attend things we have not seen before; to this end the beginnings of a fringe and the use of smaller venues are important developments. However if you want the pick of tickets when only a few are available it is all the more important to join The Friends and benefit from a Priority Booking period. The programme will be released to Friends in July so join now and have the pick of 2007's events.

Contact: Sylviane Martell - Tel: 01227- 452853
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Nick Hunt

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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 14th. June 2007

Standards Board New Code of Conduct - The Parish Council formally adopted the Standards Board for England Code of Conduct of May 2007 and agreed to opt in to the Parish Council amendment at para 12.2.

System of Internal Audit Control and Statement on Internal Control - The Parish Council's financial risk assessment document was reviewed and revised and the Statement on Internal Control was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Premises Application, Red Lion, Bridge - It was agreed that Cllr Esdale would speak on behalf of Bridge Parish Council at the Licencing Board hearing on 25th. June at 12.30 at the Guildhall, Canterbury.

Youth Shelter - Cllr Beesty presented the results of the questionnaire that had been delivered to residents living in houses round the recreation ground. The results showed that in principle the majority of respondents believed provision of the shelter was the right thing to do but there was some doubt as to whether the recreation ground was the right location. No other suitable location had been suggested. It was agreed that formal approval for the shelter would be an agenda item for July. Meanwhile the Clerk would find out whether grants were still available for the purchase of a shelter.

Joint Traffic Working Committee - It was agreed to participate in the proposed joint Traffic Working Committee with Littlebourne and Bekesbourne-with-Patrixbourne Parish Councils. Cllr Esdale volunteered to represent Bridge

Recreation ground - Cllr Esdale reported that the new roundabout would be installed within the next two weeks. It was planned that more wildflowers would be planted on the recreation ground in the Autumn

On the Nail - It was agreed to contribute £100.00 to the Parochial Church Council towards the production expenses for 'On the Nail'.

Paper Folding Machine - It was agreed to buy a paper folding machine for use by the parish council and local community groups.

Bridge in Bloom - Cllr Edmonds reported that the competition would take place in July and a notice to this effect would be appearing in 'On the Nail'. Judging would take place at the end of July.

Old Street Name Project - It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the City Council to repair the street sign in Conyngham Lane and request permission for an additional sign to be appended to the street name posts. The Clerk would also arrange for the supplier to provide estimates for small signs to be added to Brewery Lane and Conyngham Lane signs giving their original names of Brewhouse Lane and Laundry Lane.

Notes from Bridge Planning Committee Meeting 14th. June 2007

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

CA/07/00642/BRI Brookside Lodge, Patrixbourne Rd, Bridge CT4 5BL
Conservatory to rear of dwelling

CA/07/00724/BRI 11 Windmill Close, Bridge, CT4 5LY
Single-storey extension to rear of bungalow

CA/07/00738/BRI 15 Dering Rd, Bridge, CT4 5NA
Two-storey extension to rear of dwelling

CA/07/00794/BRI 2 Great Pett Oast, Pett Hill, Bridge, CT4 5AN

Installation of windows and doors

The Planning Committee objected to the following application:

CA/07/00687/BRI 24 High St, Bridge

Erection of detached garage with annex over

There were objections to the loss of mature trees and shrubs in a Conservation Area. It was noted that this was one of the last large gardens remaining in the village centre and that the house was a listed building. It was pointed out that the house already had a double garage with studio over it together with a large gravelled area for parking. There seemed to be no justification for additional garaging.

Objections were raised on the grounds of additional traffic movement should the new entrance in Dering Rd be approved. The area already suffered from a lack of parking spaces and there were considerable problems with larger vehicles trying to gain access to the narrow road. Fears were expressed about the ability of emergency services to access the area. It was also noted that there were existing problems with sewage drainage in the area.

The plans submitted by the developer were inaccurate and did not show the existing entrance on Union Rd or the extent of the shrubbery and trees that would be affected by the proposal. They also failed to show the new housing development in Dering Rd.

It was agreed to ask Canterbury City Council's Development Control for a site visit and to object to the application.

The Planning Committee noted that the following applications had been approved:

CA/07/00372/BRI 56 Western Ave, Bridge, CT4 5LT

Extension of existing dormer window to rear of dwelling and replacement garage with office/utility space

CA/07/00445/BRI The Archways, Conyngham Lane, Bridge CT4 5JU

Extensions to dwelling

CAL/07/00033/BRI 51 High Street, Bridge, CT4 5LA

First floor extension to side of dwelling

CA/07/00468/BRI Sharnwood, Bridge Hill Bridge, CT4 5AX

Erection of garden shed

CA/07/00467/BRI Sharnwood, Bridge Hill, Bridge CT4 5AX

Erection of summer house

CA/07/00493/BRI 8 Western Ave, Bridge, CT4 5LS

Loft conversion incorporating roof lights to front and dormer window to rear of dwelling

CA/07/00524/BRI Barberrry Cottage, Patricxbourne Rd, Bridge CT4 5BL

Two-storey extension and replacement garage to side, two and single storey extensions to rear of dwelling

The Planning Committee noted the following application had been refused:

CA/07/00487/BRI Land at 1 & 2 Great Pett Oast, Pett Hill, Bridge

Construction of a track and vehicular access from Pett Hill to 1 & 2 Great Pett Oast

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th. July 2007 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. All residents of Bridge are very welcome to attend.

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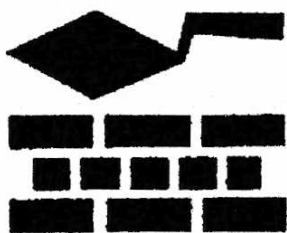


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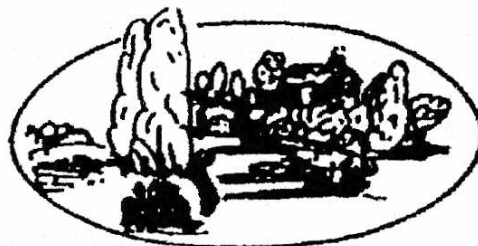
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Diary for August 2007

- 4th Boules at The Unicorn, Bekesbourne 12 noon
The New Close Fete. 12 noon - 4pm
- 7th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
- 8th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
- 11th Bekesbourne Churchyard Working Party 10am
- 14th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
- 21st Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 28th Holy Communion, Highfield Care Home, Bekesbourne 2.30pm

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am

- 5th Aug Miss Jean Hall
- 19th Aug Rev. Barbara Heather

Diary for September 2007

- 2nd The Works, Bridge Village Hall 10am
- 3rd Caring and sharing 7.30pm
- 4th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
Confirmation Class (Adult) Bridge School 7pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
- 6th Confirmation Class, Bridge School 7pm
Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 8th Friends of Kent churches Bike Ride, all churches 10am-6pm
St. Peter's Bridge Produce Sale 10am - 12.30pm
- 10th Confirmation Class (Adult) Bridge School 7pm
Caring and Sharing, 20 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
- 14th Confirmation Class, Bridge School 7pm
- 16th Benefice BBQ, Bridge Vicarage
- 17th Caring and Sharing, 31 The Street, Kingston 7.30pm
- 18th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
Confirmation Class, Bridge School 7pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
- 19th Bridge and Patricbourne PCC Meeting 7.30pm
- 20th Confirmation Class Bridge School 7pm
- 21st Lower Hardres Harvest Supper
- 22nd Benefice Confirmation Service St Peter's Bridge 6.30pm
- 23rd Benefice Harvest Lunch Bridge School 12.45am
- 24th Caring and Sharing, Carla, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne 7.30pm
- 25th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm

Forthcoming Events

- Bridge 5th-7th October Flower Festival
6th - 7th October Art in Bridge
- Bekesbourne 24th November Christmas Bazaar

**The Bridge Group
Services for the month of August 2007**

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	B
Sun 5th Trinity 9	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Family Communion and Baptism Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Communion Revd S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	Fo A
Sun 12th Trinity 10	9.30 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Revd S Rowlands Mrs M Clarke	11.00 am Family Service Revd S Rowlands Ministry Team	10.00 am Mattins Mrs M Clarke	BC Rev
Sun 19th Trinity 11	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	Joint Service at Bridge	Ho Rev
Sun 26th Trinity 12	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd K Childs 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon H Harland	J P
Sun 2 nd Sept Trinity 13	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	11.00 am Family Communion Revd S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands	Fo .

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

The Planning Committee agree applications listed below:
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 The Planning Committee note
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 CAL/07/00039/BRI Red Lion,
 Erection of smoking shelter to
 CA/07/00392/BRI Red Lion, 7
 (Linked applications)
 The Planning Committee noted
 CA/07/00724/BRI
 11 Windmill Close, Bridge, CT4
 Single-storey extension to rear
 The full minutes of the Parish
 available on the village website

The Bridge Group
Services for the month of September 2007
PLEASE NOTE NEW SERVICE TIMES

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekebourne	Readings
Sun 2nd Trinity 13	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	11.00 am Family Communion Revd S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Jer 2. 4-13 NT: Heb 13. 1-8, 15-16 G: Luke 14. 1, 7-14
Sun 9th Trinity 14	9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room <i>tbc</i>		8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Child	OT: Jer 18. 1-11 NT: Phil 1-21 G: Luke 14. 25-33
Sun 16th Trinity 15		9.30 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands	OT: Jer 4. 11-12, 22-28 NT: 1 Tim 1. 12-17 G: Luke 15. 1-10
Sun 23rd Trinity 16	Harvest Service 9.30 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands		8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands 11.00 am Harvest Family Service Followed by Benefice Lunch	11.00 am Mattins Mrs M Clarke		OT: Jer 8. 18-9.1 NT: 1 Tim 2. 1-7 G: Luke 16. 1-13
Sun 30th Trinity 17					9.30 am Benefice Communion Revd S Rowlands	OT: Jer 32. 1-3a, 6-15 NT: 1 Tim 6. 6-19 G: Luke 16. 19-end
Sun 7th Oct Trinity 18	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	11.00 am Family Communion Revd S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Revd S Rowlands	Harvest Service 9.30 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Harvest Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Lam 1. 1-6 NT: 2 Tim 1. 1-14 G: Luke 17. 5-10

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The Vicar's letter

In July I was delighted in being able to watch the Tour De France pass through the parish. Gail and I found ourselves a good spot on Faucett Hill and awaited the riders surrounded by others from the local area and much further afield in a real party atmosphere.

A real sense of gathered community was in existence to enjoy a special event, and we really enjoyed the day. This sense of community coming together for a major community celebration is something that is regularly celebrated in our churches with weddings and christenings. Major transitions in life are witnessed and God is asked to bless these important life changing events. As a Church Community we seek to make our churches as welcoming as possible for those of the wider community to partake in these special services. We are reminded by many gospel stories of Jesus gathering with a group of friends or those seeking his teaching at a meal table in the form of gathered community. At the table hospitality was always offered in a spirit of love and welcome. As a church located within a community we are reminded that Christ urges his followers to follow his commandment to love your neighbour. This commandment at times can seem a very difficult one to fulfil yet we are called to share Christ's love as he would wish us to without compromise. With this in mind I would want to invite all those who in our community would wish to use our churches for marriage, baptism or funerals to feel able to approach the church in the expectation of a welcoming atmosphere. Please do contact me if you would like to discuss such an event. We all gain from taking part in a shared community with God being present to bless the day.

Yours in Christ

Simon

Harvest Supper is on 21st September in JBW Hall at 7.30pm.
Please reserve this date. More details later!

FOKC Bike Ride on September 8th. It is fun and/or exhausting. If you wish to come please contact Margaret 765598 for sponsor forms.

Services

On August 5th - Family Communion with Baptism at 11am.

On August 19th there will be our Family Service at 10am. As always you will be most welcome. It is a joy to worship Our Lord in a lovely village Church when our Benefice and Vicar, our World, our sick and our worries are held up to God in prayer.

On Sept 2nd - Family Communion at 11am.

On Sept 16th - Family Service will be at 9.30am.

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER,

God Bless

Margaret

Health and Healing

The Prayer group does not meet again until September. Although we do not meet in August the prayer list is continuous; added to, and deleted as necessary. So please let me have your requests for sickness, anxiety, bereavement and any other concern. Your request will be prayed for sympathetically right through August until we meet as a group again on Thursday September 6th at 7.30pm, 7 Windmill Close.

Kath Pierce 830844

August Fish (Neighbourly Help) News

The August Coffee Pop-in at Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday 8th.

September A representative from Hi-Kent will be at the Coffee Pop-in on Wednesday 12th in Bridge Village Hall to give advice on hearing aids and also free re-rubing.

Bridge Church - Help at Services

We will shortly be preparing the rota of people (a) to read the epistle or (b) to lead the Intercessions at our Sunday Services.

It would be useful to be able to include a few extra names on either one or other of these lists.

Anyone interested to help in this way is invited to speak to the Vicar or a Churchwarden. Help and encouragement is available for everybody wanting to try, particularly if this is a new venture or if you're returning after an interval.

1st BRIDGE GUIDES - BANGER NOSH AND WASH

1st Bridge Guides would like to thank everyone who supported their Banger Nosh and wash on Wednesday 20th June. Our special thanks go to Ann and Clive Medhurst who very kindly allowed us to use their hot water/cold water and driveway! We couldn't have done it without them. We managed to raise £130 for the St Peters Church Development fund.

Carole Mounce 1st Bridge Guides

Flower Festival

**A flower festival is being organised in St. Peters Bridge on
5-7th October**

To help raise money for the new building works. The flower ladies would gratefully appreciate help - especially with the following:

Stewarding (the church must be manned at all times)

Sponsorship of a vase (perhaps in memory of a loved one)

Computer skills Setting-up

Publicity Clearing-up

Postage Music (it would be nice to have live as

Photocopying well as CDs throughout the festival)

Would you like to sponsor a vase in memory of a loved one?

With or without named acknowledgement, part or all of a vase - any amount desirable.

Anyone who thinks they could help in any way, please contact
Viv Brasier 01227 830981.

**Le Tour de Benefice
Friends of Kent Churches
Annual Sponsored Bike Ride.
Saturday 8th September 2007.
10.00 to 6.00**

FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES
**SPONSORED
RIDE AND WALK**
HELPING TO SAVE CHURCHES IN KENT



Yes, folks it's that time of year again! So dust off your bike or walking boots and support this good cause. If you fancy cycling (or walking) around the Benefice, Deanery or even Canterbury churches this is the date to put in your diaries. Please remember to get lots of sponsors for your efforts as all money raised is split between the church of your choice and Friends of Kent churches - who also make grants to churches for vital repairs and improvements.

If you are less energetic help is needed to welcome riders, and walkers, to our churches.

Forms will be in our churches from early August.

For more information or offers of help for manning Churches please contact :-

Bridge - Derek Prior 833808
Patricxbourne - Pauline Pritchard 830865
Bekesbourne - Jill Gillanders
Lower Hardres - Margaret Clarke 765598
Nackington - Churchwardens

Brian Fairbrass

Doss, Nicky and Lin would like to thank all our family and friends for their kindness and support during Brian's illness. Also for the many cards and donations received after Brian sadly died. Special thanks to Margaret for a lovely service, and Peter for playing the organ.

Thank you once again,

Doss.

Boules At The Unicorn.

Monica and Mike are hosting a Boules tournament at The Unicorn on SATURDAY 4th August. Starting at 12 Midday. This event is to raise funds for The Friends of Bekesbourne Church.

It will be fun for all the family, there will be a barbecue as well as the usual menu to choose from. If you do want to eat a meal, remember to book in advance, Telephone 830210.

Churchyard working party.

There is to be one more church yard working party at St Peters Bekesbourne this summer, Saturday 11th August 10am start. All help will be appreciated even if you can only spare an hour. We will be preparing the church for the 2 weddings the following week of Lindsay Sharpe to Christopher Kinsey and Laura Barker to Greg Weibley.

If you have not visited Bekesbourne church lately do come and have a visit, sit a while and enjoy the lovely setting. The key to the church which is kept locked is kept at Essentially Hops.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

24th November - Christmas Bazaar

BOB FREELOVE

I'm extremely honoured that Bob's family have asked me to say a few words. We all have our memories of different stages in our lives where Bob has featured. Some of you may remember him when he was first married and some may even remember further back and some will remember more recent times. I can only go back 55 years so the family have kindly filled me in prior to that. Bob had 2 sisters Pat and Minnie who were all born in India whilst their Father was serving his country and stationed out there in the 1st World War. Bob was born in October 1930 and is survived by one sister ..Pat. The family returned to England when Bob was 3 and lived in the army quarters at Howe Barracks. Bob's early schooling was in Canterbury until he was evacuated at the age of 11 during the second world war to Reading where he stayed until it was safe to return to his parents at The Barracks. In 1946 his Father left the army and moved to Warwick road.

On leaving school Bob went to work for Mr Dawkins, in Canterbury, turning his love of gardening into practice until his callup for National Service came.

He joined the army Catering corps, serving his full 2 years in Egypt until his discharge in 1953.

He returned he went to work for S. W. Mount and Sons, putting his horticultural knowledge to good use in the walled kitchen garden of what was the big house, Bifrons, where they produced soft fruits for the London markets.

He met and married local girl, Ethel from Bekesbourne and they were married at St Peters, Bekesbourne on the 14th march 1953. returning as newly weds to their first home in Patrixbourne Street, - just down the road from the then village shop.

It was here that their 2 sons were born Christopher in 1955 followed by Colin in 1960. As they lived on the left side of The Street, both boys went to the village school in Bekesbourne, where Bob became an active member of the Parent teachers association and remained on the committee until the school closed.

My Father was a school Governor, at that time, known in those days as a Caretaker of the school. I remember him frequently mentioning Bob Freelove by name as being involved with so many organisations in the village.

From the moment he arrived in Bekesbourne he became an active member of The cricket club where he became renowned for his bowling which was his first love.

He joined the football club and served on their committees in various capacities. He was one of the first active organisers of the Bekesbourne Flower and fete shows and was renowned for his growing of champion sweet peas. He was so good he stood down and became a judge instead.

An avid indoor bowls player he held various positions continuously on their committee and won many cups in league games.

He joined the Social Club in its infancy when it was held in the small original village hall and was active when the new village hall was rebuilt in 1960. He took over as Treasurer when Wilfred Mowll died in the early 1970's - and ended up serving as a committee member for nearly 50 years - only missing a handful of meetings during all that time!

He ran Whist drives and started the Bingo in 1971.

When the commercial nursery at Bifrons was shutdown he moved within S. W. Mount and Sons to the building/maintenance department, turning his hand to frost protection of the top fruit and tarpaulin repairs.

He and Ethel moved from The Street to Pond cottages at the top of Bridge Hill in September 1977 but Bob continued to support Bekesbourne

In 1988 when the maintenance department was closed down he was made redundant after 37 years and at the age of 58 had a career move to a chargehand at the Kent and Canterbury hospital where he remained as a cleaner for 10 years before retiring in 1998. In his retirement he has continued to support Bekesbourne. caretaking for the village hall continuing after he was diagnosed with Cancer until the weakness his illness caused, limited his capabilities.

As past Chairman of the Parish Council, Chairman of the Village Hall committee and village resident for over 50 years, I acknowledge all the hard work and time that Bob has given to the village during his life. He was an unassuming man, who was proud of his family, He leaves Ethel, his 2 sons, 8 grandchildren and 8 Great Grand children- the eldest great grandchild, now 12 down to the youngest under 2.

Bob, you can now take a well earned rest. Your contribution to family and village life is an example to us all. Thank you.

A message from the Chairman of Canterbury City Football Club

You may have heard, or read elsewhere, that from September Canterbury City Football Club will be playing home matches at Bridge Recreation Ground. I am well aware that some people believe that football and good community relations are not synonymous. However, our motto is Football For The Community By The Community, which you may consider wishful thinking. I am convinced it is not.

We have set up the new club in a way that commits us to providing teams for senior men, youths, women and girls. We also have commitments to coaching people with special needs. Our main partners are the Pilgrims Hospices, which will benefit financially as and when we progress.

Our long-term ambition is to have a football complex in Canterbury that will not only provide a permanent home for us but also offer match and training facilities for many others. Importantly, the centre would relieve the pressure on schools to sell off their playing fields for building and so help turn the tide away from today's disturbing sedentary lifestyle of so many young people.

In order to show that we are determined to work for the community, we have been listed as a Community Interest Company, which means that at the end of each year we are assessed to decide whether or not we have worked hard enough to justify membership of this Government led initiative.

While this sounds very worthy, you may ask whether it will benefit the people of Bridge (particularly the young). When taking out a lease on the Recreation Ground, we agreed to upgrade the pavilion and maintain the football pitch. Even so, we do not have a monopoly on either, and we hope that other clubs benefit from our work. The Recreation Ground will remain available for all of the events that the village normally holds.

We sincerely hope that you will support us and in return we want to feel part of the community of Bridge. The club's teams will begin in very junior leagues and we do not anticipate regularly attracting large crowds. However, we are led to believe that our first home match in September will be well attended. We know that car parking is often a problem in the village and we do hope that you will bear with us on this special occasion.

We are delighted to announce that for the next two seasons the Plough and Harrow (Bridge) will be our match-ball sponsor. Many thanks to Peter and Gill who have already made us feel welcome.

Phil Knight (Chairman).

Patixbourne with Bridge PCC

Produce Sale

Bridge Church
Saturday 8th September
10.00 am – 12.30 pm

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

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



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

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

The talk for the meeting on Tuesday 21 August at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall is entitled "Scrap Booking" and will take the form of a demonstration and hands on experience presented by Ziggy.

The competition for the August meeting is "your favourite button".

At the September meeting on Tuesday 18th in Bridge Village Hall, there will be an illustrated talk by Mrs J Bryant on "Shakespeare in the Garden".

The competition for September is a fresh garden flower.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Horticultural Society's Annual Summer Show will be held this year on Saturday 28 July in Bridge School Hall, Conyngnam Lane. Exhibitors will have access to the hall from 8.00 am onwards to stage their exhibits and must clear the hall by 11 am when judging will begin. The Show itself will be open from 2.30 pm with the presentation of prizes at 4.00 pm. During the afternoon refreshments will be served with home-made cakes, and as always there will be a raffle and a bring and buy plant stall to raise funds for the Society.

Show schedules are available now from committee members. Entries must be submitted by Thursday 26 July at the latest for all classes other than the garden entries which should be in by Friday 20 July. If you are the proud possessor of one of the geraniums for the Chairman's Challenge Class, don't forget to enter it in that class on the entry form. A reminder, as ever, that you have to be a member to exhibit, but it is never too late to join!

The Spring Show was very successful this year and we look forward to an even bigger and better Summer Show. But, for the Show to be a success, we need you to take part. So, please do not be modest or shy, or be put off from showing because you are unsure what to do or feel that your entries may not be good enough. Come along with your entries on the morning of the Show and a friendly committee member will be more than happy to advise you.

We look forward to seeing you on 28th.

The next event on the Society's calendar is on Thursday 4 October at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when Derek March, who might be remembered for his excellent presentation some years ago on "Port and Stilton" will this time be recounting to us "The Story of the Honey Bee" with illustrations and samples of his honey to taste and buy.

BENEFICE HARVEST LUNCH - SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

12.45PM AT BRIDGE SCHOOL

(Following family Service at Bridge)

Adult Ticket - £4.00

Family Ticket - £12.00

Bring your own plates/glasses and drinks

Please book by Wednesday 19th September to allow for catering contact

Pat Dunderdale 830668 or Evelyn Andrews 830960

Invitation to exhibit

Art in Bridge
Open Exhibition
Saturday & Sunday
6th & 7th October 2007
Bridge Village Hall

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

Exhibitors entry form available from
www.artinbridge.org.uk or in **September** from
Colebrook Sturrock & Co, Estate Agents, High Street, Bridge

NEW AWARDS SCHEME:

Art in Bridge invites bids for funding from individuals or groups, to support the creative process in the production of visual art, that can be exhibited in Bridge.

Further information on the Awards Scheme and the Exhibition on the web site **www.artinbridge.org.uk** or from John Corfield, 01227 830976.

SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST 2007

SUMMER FETE

at

***The New Close
Conyngham Lane, Bridge
(in our orchard)***

12.00 noon - 4.00pm

Come along and join in the fun and games

***Refreshments, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting
Tombola, Cake stall, Books/Videos/CDs
Indian Head Massage, Manicures, Clairvoyant
Gifts hand made by the residents***

***Donations for stalls greatly appreciated
cakes, groceries, plants, toys, bric a brac
Soft toys, puzzles, books etc
Thank you in advance for your support***

***To arrange collection please phone
Linda Miles 780070***

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

The July meeting was attended by 19 members, two of whom - Bob Short and Avril Berry - were attending their first meeting. We were saddened to learn that John Buckmaster has passed away. We are also sorry to hear that Ethel Hogben, at present in Highfield House Nursing Home, is still having health problems and we are thinking of her and her husband, Les.

Several members recently attended a service at Ickham church along with members of the Grenadier Guards Association. Also a party of members paid an enjoyable visit to the Menin Gate at Ypres.

We are planning a Beef Pudding Supper in the autumn - details to be announced.

With the year passing rapidly we have to start thinking about this year's Poppy Appeal Collection. If anyone can spare a few hours to do some collecting for the Branch, we would be very grateful. Contact the Poppy Organiser on 01227 472023.

Our next 2 meetings will be on Tuesdays, 14th August and 11th September - both at the Recreation Club, Littleborne at 8pm.

LITTLEBOURNE WAR MEMORIAL

^NOT JUST A NAME"

Monday, 27th August 2007,

10.30am to 4.30pm in

ST VINCENT'S CHURCH.

LITTLEBOURNE

There will be a display dedicated
to the men and women whose
names appear on the War Memorial

"MEET THE LEGION"

COFFEE MORNING

(In aid of the Royal British Legion
Poppy Appeal)

Sat, 22nd September, 10am

Littlebourne War Memorial Hall Lounge.

Various stalls

Raffle

Publicity Tent

BRIDGE TENNIS CLUB

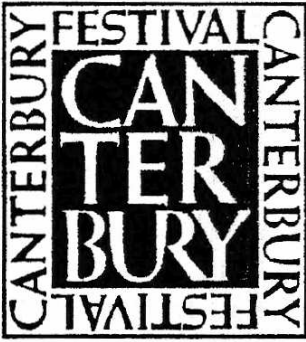
This friendly sports amenity is on your doorstep - and welcomes new members.

Club Nights from 6.00pm on Wednesday evening is a good way to get to know other members - and those of a suitable tennis-playing standard will be invited to return and join the Club! (This point is to everyone's advantage).

Sunday mornings from about 8.30am are popular for "mix-ins".

Take advantage of the summer holidays to join. The yearly sub (April 1st - March 31st) is £75.00 for adults, £25.00 for juniors and students, (those taking coaching classes aged under 11 yrs £10.00).

Special rates for winter will operate from October - phone Bob Horgan, Membership Secretary on 01227 830672 for more details and forms, or check our web site on the internet - www.bridgetennisclub.com



The Festival will soon be upon us once more. Can you wait?

Plans for this autumn's Canterbury Festival (13th to 27th October) are already well advanced. Did you hear the St Petersburg Orchestra last year? Surely it was the highlight to hear such a top world orchestra play in Canterbury... The Moscow Radio Symphony is coming this year. As if that is not enough so is the EU Youth Orchestra. Or was your highlight the fantastic Community Opera, *Promised Land*? It portrayed hop-picking and Kentish mining with such emotion and is now available on DVD if you missed it!

Of course the Festival is so much more than highbrow classical music, for the Festival Club rocks into the late evening every night and there were some very clever even quirky drama shows in the small venues which only open their doors during festival fortnight. 2006's Festival had more events, more of which were sold out and more critical acclaim than ever.

A top arts festival like Canterbury's must attract the unusual and encourage us to attend things we have not seen before; to this end the beginnings of a fringe and the use of smaller venues are important developments. However if you want the pick of tickets when only a few are available it is all the more important to join The Friends and benefit from a Priority Booking period. The programme will be released to Friends in July so join now and have the pick of 2007's events.

Contact: Sylviane Martell - Tel: 01227- 452853
or email: sylviane@canterburyfestival.co.uk

Nick Hunt

Self catering holiday cottage, Bridge

2 bedrooms, sleeps 5

Kitchen, bathroom, lounge, dining room

Prices available on request

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www.primrosecottageholidays.co.uk

Recreation ground - Cllr Beinder has taken over the weekly inspection folder.

It was agreed to make no changes to the specifications against which quotations are invited for maintenance of the ground. SERCO would be starting repair work on the pavilion, which would include minor internal alterations. The new bench by the children's play area had disappeared. If not found, its theft would be reported to the police.

The Mill Centre - David Kemp, CCC's Senior Surveyor would be submitting a request for the current lease to be taken over by Bridge Parish Council at the next meeting of the Executive. Meanwhile he had asked the Mill Centre Committee to supply details of the daily activities at the Centre, information about the repairs that are needed and their approximate costs and for a site visit

Affordable Housing - Cllr Esdale reported on the meeting held between the Affordable Housing Committee and representatives of the Southern Housing Group, Canterbury City Council and ACRK on 9th July. The parish council would publicise the scheme and seek firm applications for housing by distributing application forms and covering letters to every house in the village. ACRK would supply the forms and pre-paid reply envelopes and SHG would send a covering letter detailing probable rents.

Cycle Route from Bridge to Canterbury - The Parish Council congratulated Dermott Stewart on his report and the work he had done in getting the community involved in plans for the cycle route. The road route was considered to be the worst option by the parish council. It was agreed to write to Mr Stewart and ask if he needed any assistance from the parish council.

Youth Shelter ; It was agreed to proceed with this project. Following a site meeting it was decided to put the shelter by the Health Centre fence, in the corner near the goal post. It was agreed to review the success of the shelter twelve months after its installation. The Youth Group would be asked to submit the application for funding. Cllr Beesty and the Clerk would liaise over quotations for the preferred design to be submitted with the funding bid. Adding a basket-ball hoop and skate board area was also agreed as a longer term aim.

Bridge Primary School Admissions policy ; Following the response from the Headteacher at Bridge Primary School, it was agreed to write to the local MP and Kent County Councillor to ask for the order of the criteria for admissions to be changed so that proximity to the school was given the second priority for admissions, after children in local authority care.

Safety measures at the zebra crossing outside the post office - It was agreed to write to Kent Highways Agency to point out that drivers were continuing to park illegally on the zig zag lines by the zebra crossing outside the post office and to ask them what solution they could propose to prevent this.

It was also agreed to write to the Headteacher of Bridge Primary School in time for the start of the Autumn term to ask her to send out a letter to parents pointing out that parking on the zig zag lines to drop off their children was dangerous and illegal.

Weeksbourne	Readings
10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Hos 11.1-11 NT: Col 3. 1-11 G: Luke 12.13-21
8.00 am P Communion Mrs S Rowlands	OT: Is 1.1,10-20 NT: Heb 11. 1-3, 8-16 G: Luke 12. 32-40
10.00 am Family Communion Mrs S Rowlands	OT: Is 5. 1-7 NT: Heb 11. 29- 12.2 G: Luke 12. 49-56
Joint Service at Watersbourne	OT: Jer 1. 4-10 NT: Heb 12. 18- end G: Luke 13. 10-17
9.30 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Jer 2. 4-13 NT: Heb 13. 1- 8,15-16 G: Luke 14. 1, 7-14

It was agreed to write to Supp and the end of afternoon school to time.

It was further agreed that Cllr I windscreens or given to drivers was illegal and dangerous.

Fly tipping at the top of Br gathered evidence of the perp Lewis had also recently cleared Nailbourne ford and cleared th

Notes from Bridge Planning Co
The Planning Committee announced

Vicar: Rev Simon Rowlands, Vicarage 23 High Street Bridge (830250)

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

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

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

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

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

Mrs E Andrews, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge (830960)

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) Mr J Harris 1 Riverside Close, Bridge (830631)

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)

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Services for the month of October 2007**

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 7 th Oct Trinity 18	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	11.00 am Family Communion and Baptisms Rev S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands Harvest Service	9.30 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel Harvest Service	OT: Lam 1. 1-6 NT: 1 Tim 6. 6-19 G: Luke 16. 19-end
Sun 14 th Trinity 19	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev S Rowlands		8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	OT: Jer 29. 1, 4-7 NT: 2 Tim 2. 8-15 G: Luke 17. 11-19
Sun 21 st Trinity 20		9.30 am Family Service Harvest Service Mrs M Clarke	9.30 am Sung Eucharist TBC	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	OT: Jer 31. 27-34 NT: 2 Tim 3.14-4.5 G: Luke 18. 1-8
Sun 28 th Last Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands		8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands 11.00 am Family Service Ministry Team	11.00am Mattins Mrs M Clarke		OT: Joel 2. 23-end NT: 2 Tim 4. 6-8, 16-18 G: Luke 18. 9-14
Sun 4 th November 4 th before Advent	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	11.00 am Family Communion Rev S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 1. 10-18 NT: 2 Thes 1 G: Luke 19. 1-10

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Diary for October 2007

1st	Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge	7.30pm
2nd	Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge	3pm
	After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge	8pm
4th	Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge	7.30pm
	Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall	7.30pm
5th-7th	Flower Festival, St. Peter's Church, Bridge	
6th-7th	Art in Bridge, Bridge Village Hall	
6th	Deanery Children's Day, Wingham Village Hall	2pm
8th	Caring and Sharing, 15 Riverside 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
15th	Caring and Sharing, 37 High Street, Bridge	7.30pm
16th	Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge	3pm
	Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall	7.30pm
	After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge	8pm
18th	Bridge History Society, Bridge Village Hall	7.30pm
23rd	Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne	2.30pm
	After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge	8pm
29th	Caring and Sharing, 20 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbeldown	7.30pm
30th	After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge	8pm
31st	Bekesbourne PCC Meeting	7.30pm
1st Nov	Bridge Wild Flower Project, Recreation Ground Bridge	9am

Forthcoming Events - Bridge

10th Nov Knowledge and Nosh Evening

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

24th Nov Christmas Bazaar

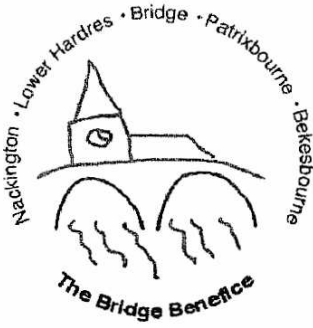
13th Dec Carols at The Unicorn

Forthcoming Events - Lower Hardres

1st Dec Christmas Fair

Bridge Methodist Church Services at 11am

Oct 7th	Rev Barbara Heather
Oct 21st	Rev David Marshall (Holy Communion)
Nov 4th	Rev Barbara Heather
Nov 18th	Rev David Marshall



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The Vicar's letter

The building work is finally underway on the reordering of the rear of St Peter's Church. The works will provide better access into the church through a new porch, an accessible toilet and a kitchen area in the north west corner. All these works are designed to make the church more hospitable and welcoming.

All within and outside our village are very welcome to visit Bridge Church over the weekend of the 6 and 7th of October to see the Flower Festival. I am sure that the church will look very beautiful filled with all things floral to the glory of God. With the flower festival firmly fixed in my mind I was reminded of Luke 12: 27, *'Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say unto you, Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.'*

The passage reminds us of God's creative power and his providential care. I often stop and think about life after conducting a funeral service. How important it is to delight in the life given and not to worry about the temporal things that can assume such importance. We can easily become obsessed with what we think are important things and yet in our busyness miss the essential things in life. As a curate in training I had a Vicar who on occasion would walk me into the church yard, point at the graves and remind me that many of the people there had once considered themselves indispensable to their work life; yet the world continued on its course after their passing. His message to me was, get your priorities right. Was I at one with God? Had I got so consumed with doing that I had misplaced my family? Had I stopped and simply enjoyed the fact that today I live and I am going to enjoy the day. Have you?

Yours in Christ

Simon

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

22/7	Bridge	James William Hardman
5/8	Lower Hardres	Benjamin Gareth Jones
19/8	Nackington	Marley C J James Lockhard

Marriage

28/7	Bekesbourne	Simon Allen Thundow & Elizabeth Jane Duplock
9/8	Bridge	Stuart David Cousins & Jane Elizabeth Oakey
18/8	Bekesbourne	Christopher John Kinsey & Lindsay Louise Sharp
	Bekesbourne	Gregory Henry Weibley & Laura Daisy Barker

Funeral

12/7	Lower Hardres	William Charles Booth
31/7	Lower Hardres	Susan Jayne Gray
6/9	Lower Hardres	Joan Constance Ashton

Simon Rowlands will be having his 'Day Off' on a Monday each week. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible.

Bridge Church Building Work

Due to health and safety considerations during the building work, September - early December the Bridge church will be closed except for services and special events. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes. The Vicar

Congratulations to those recently confirmed

Megan Brown	Sarah Buchan
Rachel Burton	Edward Burton
Ninon Clark	Jack Coleman
Louise Cox	Carl Gower
Alex Heavens	Chris Kinsey
Anna Soppit	Pip Riccini
Nicholas Townsend	

Benefice Feast of All Souls Evensong

On Sunday 4th November at 6.00 pm at St Peter's Bridge. If anyone would like a loved one remembered at this service, please could you give the names to your churchwardens.

LOWER HARDRES

Baptisms and Bishops

On **October 7th** at 11am - our **FAMILY COMMUNION** and Baptism will take place, when William, Emily and Sophie will be baptized. We shall also welcome two Bishops from Africa. Please come and give the children and the Bishops a great joyous Lower Hardres Welcome!

Children's Harvest Celebrations

Our next **Family Service** is our **Harvest Thanksgiving** on 21st October, 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 20th 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!
Winners will be announced at the Harvest Service.

This will be a **VERY BUSY** morning!

On 1st Dec our **Christmas Fair** will take place. Jams, cakes, knick-knacks, toys, books, etc will be gratefully received. There will be lots of children's entertainment! Do come! More details in the next magazine.

God Bless

Margaret

BOOK CLUB

If anyone is interested in forming a new local Book Club, I should be grateful to hear from you.

Please telephone Pauline Hughes

on

01227 832617.

A message from Rosalie Stacey

When it was suggested by Mary Evans that there should be a concert to mark my retirement as organist of the Patrixboume and Bekesboume churches I felt so pleased I did not think much about how it might be organised but John Harris and the churchwardens did. I was given a splendid evening of music and poetry supported by some lovely refreshments.

I have written to all who took part but must take this opportunity to thank them all publicly. The concert demonstrated the wealth of talent that exists locally, I also wish to thank those who provided the food and drink that turned the concert into a party.

It was a marvellous evening

Rosalie Stacey

Health and Healing

The prayer group will meet on Thursday 4th October at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close. Please let me have your requests for sickness, bereavement, anxiety or any other concerns for which you would like us to pray. If you would like to come in person you know you would be very welcome. Feed-back has been very rewarding and not just locally but worldwide. Our concerns are God's concerns too, which is so re-assuring. The phone number to ring if you are unable to come in person is 830844.

Kath Pierce

Plan Ahead and help L'Arche

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Thank you

Fish (Neighbourly Help) News

The October Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday 10th in Bridge Village Hall. Telephone 07935966080 if you would like a lift.

Could you spare time occasionally to be a volunteer driver? Lifts are needed to the Health Centre and Hospital and sometimes to Ashford and Margate. We are hugely grateful to have 25 drivers already but new help is very welcome. Your petrol costs are met by the passenger. Please think about it and ring the number above for more information.

Thank you

FLOWER FESTIVAL

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Bridge

Friday 5th October 12-5pm
Sat & Sun 6-7th October 10-5pm

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Our thanks to them all, their sponsors and to those who welcomed visitors to our churches.

The total raised will be publicised as soon as it is known.

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You are warmly invited to
Come and Sing Carols

at St Peter's, Bridge
on Sunday, December 16th

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 *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen* (Praetorius), *Angelus ad Virginem* (arr. Miles), *Lullay, my Liking* (Hoist), *Torches* (Joubert), *The Three Kings* (Cornelius) and *Ubi Caritas* (Durufle).

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 13th	7-8.30 p.m.
Friday, December 14th	7-8.30 p.m.
Sunday, December 16th	4-5.30 p.m.

Music will be available in advance and for private study!

If you are able to join us, please let me know as soon as possible on Canterbury 787994. I can then assess balance and the viability of the programme!

With thanks and best wishes,

Martin Miles

FIRST FOOTBALL MATCH

Canterbury City Football Club's first league match at Bridge Recreation Ground on September 1 attracted nearly two hundred people and proved a great success, particularly as the team beat Borden Village 5-0.

A number of people from the village went along and told the club's committee members how pleased they were to see the Recreation Ground being put to good use. The club had spent many hours, and a considerable amount of money, renovating the pavilion, working on the pitch and putting up smart new goalposts.

The guests at the opening game included Canterbury City councillors, parish councillors, Kent County Football Association representatives and Kent County League officials. Among the spectators were several whose hobby it is to attend as many grounds as possible. Some travelled from as far away as Doncaster.

The club had always said that the first Saturday would not necessarily be representative of future match days because there was considerable novelty value. There had been concern over car parking but this did not seem to be a major problem. The club had asked spectators and players not to park in Riverside Close and will continue to do so.

Art in Bridge Exhibition

Bridge Village Hall
High Street, Bridge

Saturday 6th October

11.00 am – 7.00 pm

Guitar recital from 5.00 pm

Sunday 7th October

11.00 am – 5.00 pm

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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

With a successful Summer Show behind us, the next event on the calendar will be on Thursday 4 October at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when Derek March will be telling us "The Story of the Honey Bee" with illustrations and samples of his honey to taste and buy. Mr March is known to us from his very entertaining presentation on Port and Stilton some years ago and we look forward to another informative and amusing evening. Please note that there will be an entrance fee of £2 to include refreshments.

We shall also be taking names of those members who would like to participate in the Chairman's Challenge in the Spring Show so that we can distribute bulbs to them. If you are interested please let us know at the meeting on the 4th or give your name to any committee member.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday 16 October at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, there will be an illustrated talk by M Bellerby entitled "The History of the Apple".

The competition this month is for an item involving an apple either in its title or an object.

Thoughts are again turning to Christmas and we have decided to repeat the feature of offering parishioners the chance to send their friends, neighbours and family their season's greetings via "On the Nail". To remind you all, we will be happy to publish short personal Christmas messages for a modest charge of £10, the proceeds being split equally between the Church and the Nailbourne Scout Group. Watch out for more details in the November issue.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are special and this last Sunday, September 16th, at The Family Service, Lower Hardres many people came out to the front and we sang Happy Birthday.

I was amongst them and I would like to say thank you for my flowers and presents, especially the one from the 'Choir Children'. It was a carving of God's Hand holding a baby and it's true, isn't it, that we are always in the palm of God's hand?

Thank you for all your kindness and love.

Margaret

Bridge History Society

On Thursday 18 October, Robin Fleet will be talking to us about the stained glass windows of Canterbury Cathedral. Not only should this talk prove to be both interesting and informative, but it will also serve as an introduction to our visit to the Cathedral's stained glass studio in March next year. The talk will take place in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm and all are welcome (Cost: £3 for members; £4 for non-members, including coffee and biscuits).

Meriel Connor

Friends of Bridge Wild Flower Project

Lots of volunteers are needed to plant a hedge and bulbs on the Recreation Ground, Bridge. Thursday 1st November is the important date. Do come along and help even if you can only manage a little time. You will need sensible clothing, footwear and hand tools. Matt Hayes from "Kentish Stour Countryside Project" will be there with his invaluable advice and support. Because "Awards for All" have granted funding some publicity will be inevitable.

I need your help from 9am onwards - Look forward to seeing you there. Please ring me, Barbara Beinder, 830514 for further details.

Thank you
Barbara Beinder

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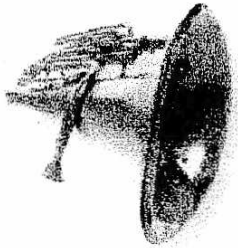
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**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH**

Despite the wet evening, the August meeting was attended by 15 members. We are sorry to learn that, due to health problems, Les and Ethel Hogben are to leave the village but we wish them well. We would like to thank Robert Dickie for the donations he has raised for the Legion by exhibiting his model of the D Day Landings. Well done Robert!

The September meeting was attended by 18 members. In the Silence, the meeting was asked to remember Gweneth Hewitt who passed away recently, a popular member who will be greatly missed.

Tony Edwards was welcomed back after his knee operation, and good wishes go to Daisy Alien and Aril Berry, both suffering health problems.

There are still some places for the Beef Pudding Supper at the Unicorn, Bekesbourne on Tues 23rd Oct, the price is £8 per head. Contact the secretary on 01227 472023 or vice-chairman on 01227 721237.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, can I mention again this year's Poppy Appeal Collection. Although we have some good and faithful collectors who have helped us for many years, we can still do with more. If anyone can spare a few hours to do some collecting for the Branch, we would be very grateful. Contact the Poppy Organiser on 01227 472023.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 9th October at 8pm and we will be having our Branch AGM on Tues 13th Nov at 7.30pm followed immediately afterwards on the same night by the Branch monthly meeting - all at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
POPPY APPEAL - BRIDGE, PATRIBOURNE, BEKESBOURNE**

Having been Appeal Organiser for this area for the past 15 years it is now coming to the time when I would like to find someone who could assist me and hopefully one day take over as organiser.

Time marches on and, like me, some of our collectors are finding that the years are "catching up on them". Willing volunteers to assist would be most welcome. One does not need to be ex-service and ladies as well as gents are welcome.

If anyone is interested in assisting or finding out more details please phone me on 830506.

Barry Whiting

MAIDSTONE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra, Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 13th October 2007 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone. The programme consists of three works _ Elgar/Payne - Pomp & Circumstance March No.6 _ Sibelius - Violin Concerto, Soloist Jennifer Pike. _ Elgar - Symphony No.2.

The season opens when two anniversaries will be celebrated - Elgar's 150th birthday with the high emotion of his 2nd symphony, plus the splendid new 6th Pomp and Circumstance March completed by Anthony Payne. Also, in this 50th year after Sibelius' death, favourite former BBC Young Musician, Jennifer Pike, plays his passionate Violin concerto.

Season tickets are available from the Membership Secretaries on 01622 736392 for five concerts at £40, £64 and £80. Single tickets are £10, £16 and £20, seats for children or students with a student card £5, available from the Membership Secretaries paid for and collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall, or from Maidstone Leisure Centre on 0845 1552277 when payment can be made by credit Card.

This concert is sponsored by "The Friends of Maidstone Orchestral Society.

NOTES FROM BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13th September 2007

Parish Council website – www.bridgevillage.org.uk

Recreation ground – After discussion it was decided not to fence the children's play area. One of the picnic benches had been destroyed. A decision on replacing this would be taken in the Spring. There was concern about dogs on the recreation ground, some of which were brought by football supporters. This would be drawn to the attention of the football club.

Golf practice on the recreation ground – Individuals were still using the recreation ground for golf practice. The parish council agreed to ban this dangerous activity. It was also agreed to obtain quotations for the purchase of a wooden notice board to be placed at the entrance to the recreation ground advising that dogs, cycles and golf were prohibited on the ground

The Mill Centre–. Canterbury City Council appears willing to transfer the lease to the Parish Council but the rent would be increased substantially. Details are awaited. There had been no information about the length of the lease but the site is designated for housing by the City Council in the long term.

Affordable Housing – 36 completed application forms for affordable housing had been passed to Canterbury City Council and the Southern Housing Group for action

Higham Lane – The Parish Council had been advised by the Legal Dept of National Association of Local Councils that it did not have any powers in relation to the maintenance /improvement of Higham Lane and that it did not owe the residents/users of the access road a duty to ensure that the road is improved or maintained. It was reported that local residents were discussing the maintenance of the road with Kent Highways.

Youth Shelter– Three quotations had been received from suppliers. A member of the Youth Group would be applying for a grant to buy and install the shelter from the KCC Youth Opportunities Fund.

Cycle Path – The cycle path between Bridge and Canterbury had been agreed in principle at the Joint Transportation Committee and three possible routes were being investigated.

Littering of fields by seasonal workers. – No reply had been received to the parish council's letter to Mansfield Farms in April asking for seasonal workers to refrain from littering local fields and the railway embankment. This problem had continued and it was agreed to write to Mansfield Farms again. It was pointed out that most seasonal workers would leave the area this month. However, the council wish to ensure the company act responsibly in this matter next year.

40 mph limit for Bridge Road – It was agreed to support Lower Hardres & Nackington Parish Council's request to Kent Highways that the whole of Bridge Rd, up the end of Station Rd, be given a 40 mph speed limit.

Development Control Procedures Notice had been received from Canterbury City Council that Bridge Parish Council's proposals for alterations to Development Control Committee proceedings would be discussed on 16th.October.

Bridge in Bloom -Mrs Possee of Bridgeway Stores had won the shield for the large retail category. Julie Bennett had again won the trophy for the best individual display. The residents of Mansfield Court had been awarded a special community award for their display.

Kent Village of the Year -Bridge had been awarded 'Commended' in the Business and Environment categories. It was agreed to enter the competition again in two year's time

Annual Parish Audit for 2006/7 -It was noted that the Audit had been certified by the Audit Commission. A Copy of the audited statement would be made available for inspection at Cllr Gulvin's office

Next Meeting of the Parish Council - will be on Thursday 11th. October at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. All residents are very welcome to attend.

Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC

invite you to join us for a



'Knowledge and Nosh' Evening

**Saturday 10th November
Bridge School Hall
7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start**

Tickets £5 per head to include supper.
Tables of eight to be reserved in advance
by phoning Pat Dunderdale (830668) or
Andrea Nicholson (830947) by the
4th November.

Or, come on your own and we can help
you join a table and make up a team of
eight.



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

Vicar: Rev Simon Rowlands, Vicarage 23 High Street Bridge (830250)

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

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

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

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Organist (Patrixbourne) Mr J Harris 1 Riverside Close, Bridge (830631)

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)

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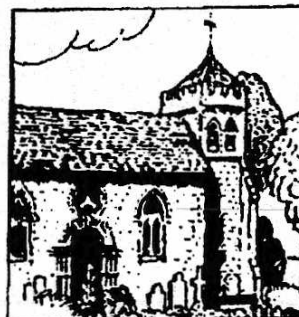
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Services for the month of November 2007**

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekebourne	Readings
Sun 4 th November 4 th before Advent	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	11.00 am Family Communion Revd S Rowlands	6.00 pm All Souls Benefice Service Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Service Mrs. P Kusel	OT: Is 1, 10-18 NT: 2 Thes 1 G: Luke 19, 1-10
Sun 11 th 3 rd before Advent Remembrance Day	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss 10.50 Act of Remembrance	6.00 pm Evensong Revd S Rowlands Mrs. M Clarke <i>Act of Remembrance Joint with Nackington</i>	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Revd S Rowlands <i>Remembrance Service Joint with Patricxbourne</i>	10.50 Remembrance Service Revd S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd K Child	OT: Job 19, 23- 27a NT: 2 Thes 2, 1-5, 13-end G: Luke 20, 27- 38
Sun 18 th 2 nd before Advent	9.30 am Family Service Mrs. M Clarke	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd K Child	9.30 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands	OT: Mal 4, 1-2a NT: 2 Thes 3, 6- 13 G: Luke 21, 5-19
Sun 25 th Sunday before Advent	9.30 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands 11.00 am Family Service Revd S Rowlands Ministry Team	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands 11.00 am Family Service Revd S Rowlands Ministry Team	11.00 am Mattins Mrs. M Clarke		OT: Jer 23, 1-6 NT: Col 1, 11-20 G: Luke 23, 33- 43
Sun 2 nd December Advent 1	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	11.00 am Family Communion Revd S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Service Mrs. P Kusel	OT: Is 2, 1-5 NT: Rom 13, 11- end G: Mat 24, 36- 44

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for November 2007

1st	Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge	7.30pm
5th	Caring and Sharing, 22 Riverside Close, Bridge	7.30pm
6th	Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge	3pm
	After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge	8pm
10th	RSCM Annual Festival, Canterbury Cathedral	5.30pm
	Knowledge and Nosh, Bridge School	7pm
12th	Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge	7.30pm
13th	Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge	2pm
	After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge	8pm
14th	Fish Scheme AGM and Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall	10.15am
19th	Caring and Sharing, 8 Conyngham Lane, Bridge	7.30pm
20th	Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge	3pm
	Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall	7.30pm
	After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge	8pm
22nd	Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC meeting	7.30pm
24th	Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar, Bekesbourne Village Hall	10am
26th	Caring and Sharing, 1 Riverside Mews, Bridge	7.30pm
27th	Holy Communion, Highfield Care Home, Bekesbourne	2.30pm
	After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge	8pm

Forthcoming Events

Bridge - 3rd Dec Salvation Army Carol Concert 7.30pm at
Bridge School

17th Dec Senior Citizens Afternoon of Entertainment at
Bridge School 1.30pm

Bekesbourne - 13th Dec Carols at The Unicorn
27th Jan Jumble Sale

Methodist Church Services at 11am

4th Nov Rev. Barbara Heather
18th Nov Rec. David Marshall



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The Vicar's letter

November a time to Remember.

This month has two major dates which allow us the possibility to stop, think and remember. The first is Remembrance Sunday on the 11th November when across the parishes we have the opportunity to give thanks to God for those who gave their lives in the service of our country. There are some who at this time within our own community have loved ones overseas undertaking active service. Equally there are those whose families lost loved ones both military and civilians in previous conflicts. Together for whatever our reasons we stop and remember. If you wish to join us to do this you would be most welcome.

A special service of Evensong on Sunday 4th November is being held for the feast of All Saints. This is a time to give thanks to God for those family and friends whose lives we remember in our prayers. Sometimes knowing what to pray is difficult, so within the service is an opportunity to light a candle to commemorate the life of a loved one. Alternatively please pass the names of those you wish to be read out to a church warden.

Recently at a confirmation class I was asked what the names of the services meant as they seemed confusing. Also I was asked if people had reserved seats within our churches. I was both surprised and cross with myself for taking such matters for granted. So in answer to the second question first, simply no! Anyone who walks into a church should feel assured that the pew they go to is available for them. As for the services, Holy Communion is sometimes described as the Eucharist, same service by a different name. Family Communion is again a service of Holy Communion but with more children friendly hymns. Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Communion is a communion service generally with no hymns (in the Bridge group of churches) and using traditional language. The Family Service is a service made up of hymns/songs, prayers, bible reading and teaching hopefully as accessible as possible for people exploring church for possibly the first time. Whatever service you attend I hope you will find a warm welcome. If you require any further information about services or questions relating to coming to church for the first time and are not sure what to expect please telephone me (860313) or e-mail me at vicar@bridgechurch.co.uk

Yours in Christ

Simon

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

22/09	Bridge	Anna Karis Soppitt
23/09	Bekesbourne	Katie Beatrice Cutting Leon Jospech Cutting
7/10	Lower Hardres	Emily Alice Heyman Sophie Emma Rosemary Burton William John Day
14/10	Lower Hardres	Mathilda Grace Featherstone

Marriage

15/09	Bridge	James Stuart Paine and Rosemary Claire Argent
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Funeral

14/09	Patricxbourne	Frederick Sage
1/10	Bridge	Doreen Ashenden Ward

Simon Rowlands will be having his 'Day Off' on a Monday each week. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible.

Bridge Church Building Work

Due to health and safety considerations during the building work, September - early December the Bridge church will be closed except for services and special events. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes. The Vicar

Benefice Feast of All Souls Evensong

On Sunday 4th November at 6.00 pm at St Peter's Bridge. This is an opportunity to light a candle and remember a loved one. If you are unable to attend, please pass the name(s) to your churchwardens.

Confirmation

Are you interested in being confirmed? Confirmation preparation will begin in February 2008 with a Deanery Confirmation taking place at Ash in June 2008. If you are interested please contact the Vicar (tel. 830250).

LOWER HARDRES

Harvest Supper

We had an excellent supper and excellent entertainment - a very sincere thank you to all who helped! We really had a FUN evening.

Cycle Ride

Sincere thanks to all who participated. It was great!

Christmas Fair - Dec 1st at JBW Hall 10-1pm

During the morning we shall welcome our CLOWN - PIP! She has not been at all well so we must give her a hearty welcome. So please come children! There will be lots of things to do and buy! - cakes, jams, knick-knacks, toys, books, tombola, raffle, refreshments etc. Please ring (765598) if you need me to pick 'anything up'!

Christmas Workshop

On Thursday December 20th at JBW Hall, Lower Hardres from 9.30am till approximately 12 noon. Please book your place by phoning Margaret Clarke (765598) or Julie Cox (788316). Then you will be given a form to fill in! Parents please stay with your pre-school child. Also it would be appreciated if each child could bring £1 towards materials. Do come - we'll have FUN!

God Bless

Margaret

Advance Notice

The next issue will BE A COMBINED DECEMBER/JANUARY COPY, which will be available by 1st December.

Would all contributors please note this arrangement. Items should reach me by **Thursday 15th November (at the latest)**.

Thanks to all those who submit items. Any local news/items of interest are always welcome.

Laurence Dunderdale, Editor

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FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES
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Le Tour de Benefice Friends of Kent Churches Annual Sponsored Bike Ride

In Bridge we have raised £600 thanks to enthusiastic participants, generous sponsors and supportive welcomers on the day.

Our three young runners (with "minders"!) raised the staggering (? literally) amount of £200 between them, well supported by young (and not quite so young) cyclists and

walkers, one lady cyclist being sponsored for £154.

P.S. I'm still pinching myself in case I'm dreaming,

Derek

Once again the cycle ride was a great success thanks to riders Joan Atkins, Roger Nicholls, Simon Woodhouse and Victoria Greatorex with her sons Richard & Ben. Between them all, they raised £437.10 to be shared equally between St. Peter's Bekesbourne and The Friends of Kent Churches. My thanks also goes to Gill Moon, Pat Nicholls and Ian Gillanders who manned the church and served refreshments. Last but not least a big thank you to all the sponsors for their valuable support. Well done all!

Jill Gillanders

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL Greetings Card Campaign

The Canterbury Amnesty Group is again organising its annual Greetings Card signings, on Saturday 1 December from 10-3 at St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury. This is an opportunity to bring people across the world in touch with each other, by sending a card to someone who is in danger or unjustly imprisoned. These may be prisoners of conscience, people under sentence of death, human rights defenders and others at risk. By sending a card you offer hope and encouragement to people who are suffering unjustly. All support will be greatly appreciated. The event also includes a book and Christmas card sale.

THE RSCM CANTERBURY AREA FESTIVAL SERVICE

Members of Bridge choir will be joining with RSCM choirs from around the Diocese for their Annual Festival in the Cathedral on Saturday 11th November. With this being the eve of Remembrance Day the theme for all the music is 'Peace'. There are anthems by composers from Edward Elgar to Karl Jenkins plus one specially written by the Precentor, Jeremy Frost and four congregational hymns. The service begins at 5.30pm and everyone is warmly welcome.

HEALTH AND HEALING

The next prayer group meeting will be on Thursday 1st November at 7.30pm at 7 Windmill Close.

If you are unable to come in person, please ring me on 830844 and let me have your requests, either for a sick person, or for a bereavement or for any 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.

Kath Pierce

FISH NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) will be during the Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday 14th November in Bridge Village Hall from 10.15am. Do come.

THANKS

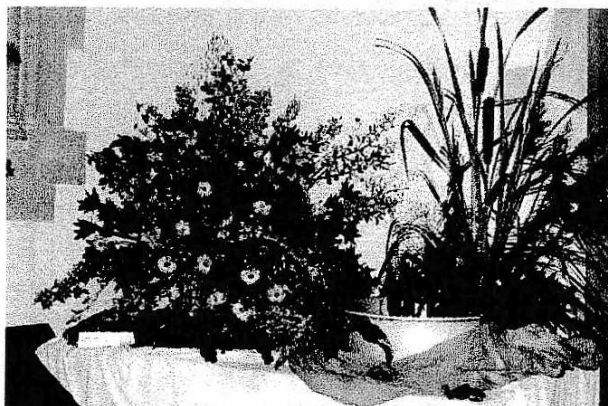
Mrs Dorothy King wishes to thank everyone for the lovely flowers presented to her on 14th October in recognition of playing the organ for about 15 years. This marks the end of her regular playing on the third Sunday of the month in Bridge Church, although she remains in reserve should the need arise.

CYCLE RIDE

A big THANK YOU to all those who helped with the cycle ride in and for Patricxbourne, be you riders, churchsitters or sponsors. The final sums are not yet all in but it looks as if we have raised about £180.

Pauline Pritchard

BRIDGE FLOWER FESTIVAL 2007



"The Vicar and Churchwardens wish to thank Viv Brazier and her dedicated team of flower arrangers for their wonderful displays in Church. Their efforts were much appreciated with masses of congratulatory comments.

The Financial result was splendid too - £1800, all of which is going towards the building works (which visitors saw underway)".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made the flower festival such a success. My fabulous flower ladies worked hard for six months, planning the event, gathering equipment and then putting all the exhibits together, along with members of the Allotment Society. Remembering they are all amateurs, the final result was brilliant.

The tremendous tea ladies, under the direction of Pat Dunderdale, provided the necessary refreshments to keep the workers going and tempt the visitors with tasty cakes and tea.

The perfect paperwork, programmes, posters and labels were all produced by the Andrews family, with help of printing from the school and the vicarage. The stewards did a stirring job, keeping guard over Phil Andrews' beautiful cacti, and persuading all our visitors to part with their money.

The raffle prize, won by Mrs. Jaggard, was very generously donated by David Hover, with nearly 1000 tickets sold, contributed greatly to the income.

A great deal of money was donated before the event by businesses and individuals to which I am very grateful.

My thanks to Richard and Rosemary Whately for their competition, which was creating a few furrowed brows, but that was the idea.

The children of Bridge School worked very hard to make the entrance to the church so beautiful, and there were many complimentary comments on their superb gardens and the Garden of Eden. Canterbury and District Model Engineering Society provided a wonderful source of entertainment for children of all ages including a lot of grown men (and women). As always, with such an event, when it is over there is still a great deal to do, but a band of



great clearers made this a quick and easy job on Monday.

Finally the flower festival owes a great deal to the gentleman who works tirelessly behind the scenes, Laurence, thank you, it would not have happened without you. I have received many telephone calls and letters of congratulations and thanks, but you can see this was a team effort and so very many thanks to you all.

Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC
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'Knowledge and Nosh' Evening

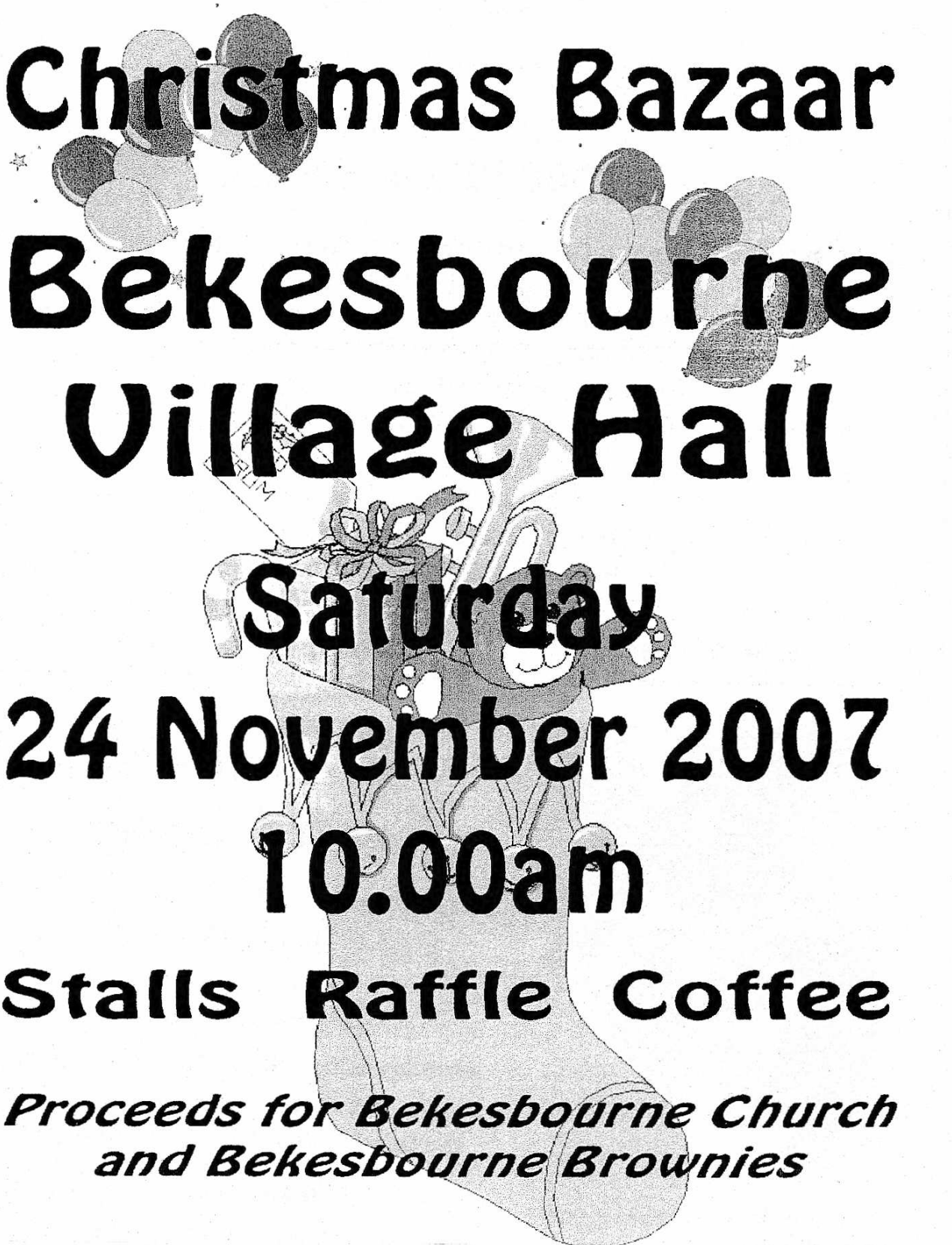
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Most of all we need you to come and support this event, have a coffee and chat whilst being served by the Bekesbourne Brownies.

Tel Gill 832134 for collection of donations.

SALVATION ARMY CAROL CONCERT

Our annual Carol Concert with the Salvation Army Band will be held on Monday 3rd December, 7.30pm in Bridge School Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Entrance is £2.00 - pay at the door - Bridge school children free!

Transport (if needed) can be provided, please contact the school office on 830276 to arrange this.

This is a lovely way to start the Christmas Festivities and all money raised goes to the Salvation Army Christmas Fund, so please come along.

SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT

This annual event is to be held on Monday 17th December, 1.30pm - 3pm, at Bridge School.

All Senior Citizens are invited to come along and listen to the children sing and be served refreshments by our Year 6 pupils.

We can arrange local transport if you need it - please phone the school office on 830276 to arrange transport and to let us know if you wish to come.

BRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Society will take place in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 11 November 2007. Martin Taylor will talk to us about King Ethelbert and Bertha, his Frankish Christian Queen, who received St Augustine of England when he arrived on his mission, to convert the English to Christianity, in 597. Martin was behind the fund raising efforts which took place to commemorate this early king and queen of Kent by the erection of statues on Lady Wootton's Green.

Meriel Connor

APPEAL

Wanted for the Salvation Army - duvets, blankets and warm clothing for the homeless.

For information re collection etc. please contact Laurence Dunderdale 830668.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The December meeting of the Nailbourne Horticultural Society will be held on Tuesday 4th in Bridge Village Hall and will take the form of a quiz followed by a light festive supper. Watch our for more details.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Annual General Meeting of the WI will be held on Tuesday 20 November at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

The competition this month is for a treasured object not seen in the competition so far this year.

Christmas Greetings

A reminder that you can send your season's greetings to your neighbours, 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 Patribourne 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.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

The October meeting was attended by 16 members. The members were sorry to learn that Branch President, Hugh Wheeler, was ill in hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Nominations for Branch officers for the coming year were asked for. It was proposed that these be re-nominated on block and agreed by all present. Chairman - B Guyatt, Vice Chairman - F Bennett, Hon Secretary - B Hunt and Hon Treasurer - W J Hewett.

Poppy Appeal Organiser, Barbara Hunt, indicated that she wished to give up after this year's Poppy Appeal. If anyone feels that they can take on this position next year, please let the Branch know. It is desirable to elect somebody as soon as possible (ideally at the AGM) but please can you all give it some thought.

Our recent Coffee Morning raised approximately £350. Thanks to all who helped with this and to all who came along and supported us on the day. Also to Robert Dickie who exhibited his D-Day model at this event.

Our next two meetings will be on Tues 13th Nov at 7.30pm which is our AGM, (followed immediately afterwards on the same night by the Branch monthly meeting), and 11th December (which is at 8pm). Both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 11th October 2007

Recreation ground - The recreation ground inspection folder was taken over by Cllr Corfield. The path near Mansfield Court was becoming overgrown. It was agreed that cleared vegetation should be moved to the fence on the far side of the ground to rot down. It was also agreed that the remains of the vandalised picnic table could be burnt on the village bonfire. The remaining table, which had been moved by Bridge Football Club, would be returned to its original site. Following complaints from residents, it was agreed to insert a clause in the new lease for Bridge Football Club and to point out to them in a letter that they were obligated to clear up rubbish after each match and to return any furniture that they move to its original location. Cllr Lewis reported that there had been no problems at Canterbury City Football Club's last home game. Cllr Beinder asked for help with planting the wild flower area, which would take place on 1st November. Volunteers were needed at the recreation ground any time after 9.00am.

The Mill Centre- Following the expiry of the current lease, Canterbury City Council had re-assessed the rent. This was formerly £250 p.a. It was now proposing a rent of around £15,000 pa. If the parish council took over the lease with the help of a grant, it would need assurances that the grant would cover the full period of the lease. The parish council needed to resolve the situation with CCC and, if possible, secure the lease soon as the future of uniformed organisations in the village could be threatened.

Affordable Housing - As the Southern Housing Group had not produced a Section 106 agreement approved by themselves and Canterbury City Council, the parish council were unable to formally approve the scheme. It was agreed that two of the single units would be for shared ownership, the remaining 6 units would be for rent.

Cycle Path - Following the Joint Transportation Board meeting, KCC Highways Dept were investigating three possible routes. The parish council had received a letter from the solicitors of S W Mount, the local landowners, asking for further information about the proposals. It was agreed to send the solicitors a copy of the Joint Transportation Committee agenda and point out that while the parish council supports the cycle route, it has no power to proceed until KCC have consulted the relevant local landowners

Local Schools Admissions policy - Cllr Edmonds had met representatives of Kent County Council, the Diocese and Bridge Primary School to discuss the parish council's proposal that proximity to the school should be given higher precedence than denominational preference when allocating places. The school was constrained by the government's policy on parental choice. KCC had explained that ticking the denominational preference box was now regarded only as an acknowledgement that the school provided a Christian ethos. The parish council would consider a proposal to ask Cllr Northey to lobby KCC for change to the admissions priorities at the next meeting.

24 High Street - Following Canterbury City Council's approval of the application for garages and a residential unit to be built in the garden of this Grade II listed building, a resident had sought the advice of a barrister specialising in planning. He had agreed to act in the case. Kent Law Clinic had also agreed to represent local residents and a pre-action protocol letter had been sent to CCC advising of impending future legal action. The city council had been asked either to revoke the planning permission or submit to the authority of the

court. A meeting with the barrister was planned for 18th October and it was agreed that Cllrs Lewis & Hill would represent the parish council at the meeting, when the response of the city council would be discussed with the legal team and local residents.

Development Control Meeting - It was agreed that Cllr Hill would represent the parish council at this meeting on 16th. October and press the case for parish council representatives to speak last and for five minutes at Development Control Committee Meetings in future.

Dog control area - It was decided to ask Canterbury City Council to designate Bridge Recreation Ground a dog control area, apart from the public footpath, and to stipulate that dogs on that path must be kept on leads.

Art in Bridge - Cllr Corfield was congratulated on the excellent Art In Bridge Exhibition. Combining the event with the Church Flower Festival had been particularly successful.

Christmas Trees - It was agreed to erect Christmas trees in the High Street again this year. Cllr Esdale would also investigate the possibility of putting up a large Christmas tree in the churchyard in place of the felled holly tree.

Post Office Campaign - It was agreed to write to the relevant authorities condemning the decision to close three post offices in Canterbury.

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Thursday 8th. November at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. All village residents are very welcome to attend.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

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

CA/07/01292/BRI 9 Union Rd, Bridge CT4 5LN

Replacement of covered walkway with single-storey extension to side of dwelling

CA/07/01265/BRI Land adjacent to 8 Windmill Close, Bridge CT4 5LY

Demolition of garage and erection of detached dwelling (Outline application)

(Revised and additional information)

The Planning Committee noted that the following applications had been approved:

CA/07/00849/BRI The Burrden, 2 Conyngham Lane, Bridge CT4 5JU

Garden shed in garden

CA/07/00687/BRI 24 High St, Bridge

Erection of three bay detached car port with residential annex to side & above

CA/07/01200/BRI Wychecroft, 3 Meadow Close, Bridge CT4 5AT

Replacement Summer House

The Planning Committee noted the following applications had been refused:

CA/07/01065/BRI The Old School House, Patribourne Rd, Bridge CT4 5BL

Dormer windows to front and alterations to porch at rear. (Revised scheme)

CA/07/01148/BRI 8 Bourne View, Bridge CT4 5LJ

Erection of two racing pigeon sheds in rear garden (Retrospective application)

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 8th. November 2007 at 7.15pm in Bridge Village Hall. All residents are very welcome to attend.

The full minutes of the Parish Council and Planning Committee meetings are available on the village notice boards and website www.bridgevillage.org.uk

Clerk to Parish Council Mrs C. Seath 831085

Vicar: Rev Simon Rowlands, Vicarage 23 High Street Bridge (830250)

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

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

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

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

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

Mrs E Andrews, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge (830960)

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) Mr J Harris 1 Riverside Close, Bridge (830631)

BEKESBOURNE

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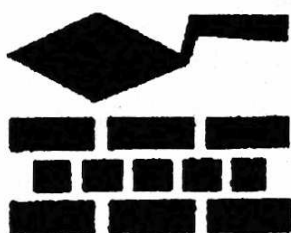


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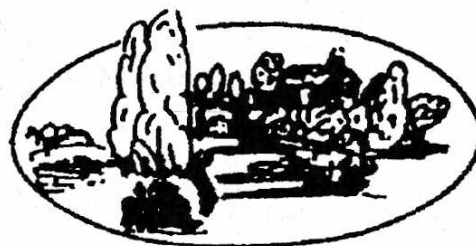
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Diary for December 2007

1st	Lower Hardres and Nackington Christmas Fair, JBW Hall Lower Hardres	10am
3rd	Salvation Army Carol Concert, Bridge School	7.30pm
4th	Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge	3pm
	Horticultural Society Social Event, Bridge Village Hall	7.30pm
	After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge	8pm
6th	Flower Arrangers Meeting, The Archways, Conyngham Lane, Bridge	2pm
	Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge	7.30pm
	Bridge History Society Christmas Evening, Bridge Village Hall	7.30pm
10th	Caring and Sharing Christmas Social, Red Lion, Bridge	7.30pm
11th	After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge	8pm
12th	Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall	10-11.15am
13th	Carols at The Unicorn, Bekesbourne	7pm
14th	Carol Service, Highfield Care Home, Bekesbourne	2.30pm
17th	Senior Citizens Afternoon of Entertainment, Bridge School	1.30pm
	Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge	7.30pm
18th	Carol Singing, Saxon Lodge, Bridge	3pm
	Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall	7.30pm
	After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge	8pm
19th	Carol Service, The New Close, Bridge	3pm
20th	Christmas Workshop, JBW Hall, Lower Hardres	9.30am

Diary for January 2008

3rd	Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge	7.30pm
7th	Caring and Sharing	7.30pm
8th	Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge	2.30pm
	After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge	8pm
14th	Caring and Sharing	7.30pm
15th	Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge	3pm
	Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall	7.30pm
	After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge	8pm
17th	Bridge History Society, Bridge Village Hall	7.30pm
21st	Caring and Sharing	7.30pm
22nd	Holy Communion, Highfield Care Home, Bekesbourne	3pm
	After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge	8pm
26th	Bekesbourne Jumble Sale, Bekesbourne Village Hall	10am
28th	Caring and Sharing	7.30pm
29th	Horticultural Society AGM/Talk, Bridge Village Hall	7.30pm

Forthcoming Event - Bridge

9th Feb Pudding Evening Bridge Village Hall

Village Hall Booking Policy - Cllr Lewis raised the problems caused in the village by gate-crashers who arrived at a Halloween Party in the village hall on 26th October. The parish council agreed that this was an isolated incident and that the policy on hall bookings was a matter for the Bridge Village Hall Committee

Teen shelter - The application for funding had been completed by the Youth Group and submitted for consideration via CCC.

Litter in the fields - This continued to be a problem and no reply had been received to the parish council's letters of complaint to Mansfield Farms. Cllr Esdale had contacted Public Rights of Way officers and they had undertaken to look into the problem.

Street Scene & Litter - Cllr Lewis would be holding a meeting of volunteers next week to decide on how to proceed with additional street cleaning. The parish council now had four litter pickers. It might be necessary to purchase high visibility vests. Cllr Lewis would contact Serco to obtain plastic rubbish bags and arrange for their collection from the village.

Bonfire Night signs - It was noted that a large number of signs had been put up advertising the bonfire on the highway and chicanes. They had not been removed promptly after the event. It was agreed that Cllr Esdale would contact the PTA of Bridge School to pass on the parish council's concerns.

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Thursday 13th December at 7.00 pm in Bridge Village Hall. All village residents are very welcome to attend.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Planning Committee noted that the following applications had been approved:

CA/07/01182/BRI 7 Riverside Close, Bridge, CT4 5BN
Single-storey front extension and conservatory and balcony to rear of dwelling

CA/07/01258/BRI The Paddock, Bridge Hill House, Higham Lane, Bridge CT4 5AY
Single-storey extension to dwelling (Revised scheme)

CA/07/01274/BRI 1 Great Pett Oast, Pett Hill, Bridge, CT4 5AN
Installation of window at first floor level

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 13th December 2007 at 6.45pm in Bridge Village Hall. All residents of Bridge are welcome to attend.

The full minutes of the Parish Council and Planning Committee meetings are available on the village notice boards and website www.bridgevillage.org.uk

**The Bridge Group
Services for the month of January 2008**

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 6 th January Epiphany	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	11.00 am Family Communion Revd S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Sung Eucharist TBA	9.30 am Family Service Mrs. P Kusel	OT: Is 60. 1-6 NT: Eph 3. 1-12 G: Mat 2. 1-12
Sun 13 th Epiphany 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Revd S Rowlands Mrs M Clarke	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Revd S Rowlands		8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	OT: Is 42. 1-9 NT: Acts 10. 34-43 G: Mat 3. 13-end
Sun 20 th Epiphany 3		9.30 am Family Service Mrs. M Clarke	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Canon G Manley	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands	OT: Is 49. 1-7 NT: 1 Cor 1. 1-9 G: John 1. 29-42
Sun 27 th Epiphany 4	9.30 am Holy Communion Revd S Rowlands		8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands 11.00 am Family Service Ministry Team	11.00am Mattins Mrs. M Clarke		OT: Is 9. 1-4 NT: 1 Cor 1. 10-18 G: Mat 4. 12-23
Sun 3 rd February Candelmas	8.00 am BCP Communion Revd S Rowlands	11.00 am Family Communion Revd S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Revd S Rowlands	9.30 am Sung Eucharist TBA	9.30 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Mal 3. 1-5 NT: Heb 2. 14-18 G: Luke 2. 22-40

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Area Dean's Letter

Dear Friends

Almost seven years ago I inherited the tradition of the Area Dean writing a letter for parish magazines in January each year and I have enjoyed doing that. "But it's only December!" I can hear you say. And that's because this will be my last letter as Area Dean before my move to Holy Trinity Broadstairs next month, by which time I hope my successor (as AD) will have been announced.

It has been an interesting ride in the life of the deanery and I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as AD (and will miss it!). We have achieved much and I have enjoyed working with Churchwardens as well as alongside my clergy colleagues in parishes. It has been good to see so much energy in our parishes, even in the smallest; for example I remember taking a service at Chillenden during a vacancy, when there were a few faithful folk present, and now that tiny church has been refurbished through the hard work of local people, and because the growth in the congregation needed better facilities to accommodate them. We have run free activity days for children which have always been highly subscribed and successful thanks to the hard work of volunteers who have made them happen, and we have worshipped together in churches across the deanery.

But the whole diocese is in the midst of a period of change and we don't know how the future will look. What's certain is that whilst deaneries of the future will look different, parishes will continue to be the foundation of our church, and as there will be fewer full-time clergy, local people will have to take more day to day responsibility for the worshipping community of which they are a part. I believe that most of even our smallest parishes have the ability to do that, and to face the future with confidence. All of our parishes are part of a bigger benefice and I believe the key to success is to do what you do well, but don't try to do everything. If traditional language is your thing, then do it well. If you are doing good things with a children's group, don't fret that you're not offering very much BCP – a church down the road will be. And so on. Just as clergy have had to learn the lesson that we cannot be experts in everything, so must we all, and we must remember that the important thing is to be the light of Christ in a dark and disfigured world.

So thank you for having me. May you have a joyful and blessed Christmas and a fruitful 2008.

God bless

David

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

21/10	Bridge	Jacob William Hogben Katie Louise Back
28/10	Nackington	Samuel James Myron Gellatly Abbie Valerie Mary Gellatly

Funeral

12/11	Bridge	Helena May Sanford
14/11	Bridge	William Ernest Love

Simon Rowlands will be having his 'Day Off' on a Monday each week. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible.

Bridge Church Building Work

Due to health and safety considerations during the building work, September - early December the bridge church will be closed except for services and special events. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes. The Vicar

Confirmation

Are you interested in being confirmed? Confirmation preparation will begin in February 2008 with a Deanery Confirmation taking place at Ash in June 2008. If you are interested please contact the Vicar (tel. 830250).

The Advent Message of Hope

5 week course beginning Weds 21st November

To be held at Bridge Methodist Church 7.30-9pm

Traditionally Advent is a time of waiting. Our waiting turns to excitement as we draw closer to the 25th, the day that lights up the whole of December. This is a day for sharing in the celebration of the arrival of baby Jesus, heralding a time of hope, a light in the darkness.

During this Advent course we will draw on the metaphors of light and darkness along with others from the nativity story by way of recognizing that we truly are created in the image of Christ. We are both human and divine. This course is also intended to be an introduction to the classical method of reconciling our human self with our divine self through the psychology and spirituality of the Enneagram. We will look at the 9 fundamentally different ego structures and how they limit us, yet the focus will be on the message of hope that lights the way home through the 9 corresponding virtues. Understanding, compassion and forgiveness are at the very heart of this system, where we learn with and through others as we journey back toward union with God.

This Advent course will be led by Pauline Rogers. Pauline holds a post graduate certificate in religious education and is a professionally qualified teacher of the Spiritual Enneagram. For further information call 01227 833878.

News from The Vicarage garden

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed plants to the ongoing project of improving The Vicarage garden. All are now planted and waiting the opportunity to show their beauty next year.

This summer saw a bumper crop of potatoes, brassicas and sweet corn amongst other produce. Next year I hope to experiment with raised beds...any advice gratefully received!

I have also planted two borders at the front of the house and started to develop a long border at the end of the back garden as well as creating a small woodland area. The major project for next year will be the building of an arbour, paved and circular grassed areas with rhododendron hedges near to the house and the development of a wildflower section in the back corner of the garden. Let me know what you think.

As ever I am always on the lookout for additional plants so if you have any spare at any time I will always find a home for them.

Here's looking forward to warmer days. Gail Rowlands

2nd December
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LOWER HARDRES

Christmas Fair - Dec 1st at JBW Hall 10-1pm

During the morning we shall welcome our CLOWN - PIP! She has not been at all well so we must give her a hearty welcome. So please come children! Also more good news Father Christmas is coming too. There will be lots of things to do and buy! - cakes, jams, knick-knacks, toys, books, tombola, raffle, refreshments etc. Please ring (765598) if you need me to pick 'anything up'!

Christmas Workshop

On Thursday December 20th at JBW Hall, Lower Hardres from 9.30am till approximately 12 noon. Please book your place by phoning Margaret Clarke (765598) or Julie Cox (788316). Then you will be given a form to fill in!

Parents please stay with your pre-school child. Also it would be appreciated if each child could bring £1 towards materials. Do come - we'll have FUN!

Crib Service

The next Lower Hardres Family Service will be on December 16th 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 Day Family Service 9.30 am

Again it will be a FUN service. Bring one of your presents - children and adults too! Then we can celebrate Jesus' birthday.

I would like to wish you all a Very Blessed and Happy Christ-filled Christmas, and a happy, peaceful New Year.

God Bless

Margaret

Fireworks

An impressive turnout at the Bridge Village Fireworks helped raise £8,000. The primary school and charities Macmillan, CLIC and St Johns Ambulance will all benefit from proceeds from the family event on 3rd November, which featured a spectacular fireworks display and bonfire. Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success.

Sarah Dibiase

Bridge & Patricbourne Year 2 Nativity

This year Year 2 children will be performing their Nativity Play to their parents and friends in the Church on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December at 10am.

We would like to invite parishioners to join us - coffee and mince pies will be served after the services.

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Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting will be on Thursday 6th December at 7.30pm and advance notice for January, the Prayer Group will be on Thursday 3rd January so please put the two dates in your diary! Both meetings will be at 7 Windmill Close, Bridge at the usual time, 7.30pm. If you are unable to come in person please ring me on 830844 and let me have your requests, either for a sick person, or for a bereavement, or 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.

Kath Pierce

Fish News

At the Coffee Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday 12th December a representative from Hi-Kent will be there to help with re-tubing and to give any advice wanted with hearing aids.

The supply of knitting wool for making garments for distribution in Canterbury is running low. If you have any spare do please telephone Rosy Green on 830204. thank you.

Bridge Flower Arrangers

There will be a meeting for all flower arrangers at The Archways on Thursday 6th December at 2pm, to discuss Christmas decorations and next years rota for St. Peter's Bridge.

Anyone who might be interested in joining our happy team, please come along for a drink and a chat, or call me on 830981.

Viv Brasier

Friends of Bridge Wildflower Project

A big "Thank You" for all the volunteers who helped with the planting on the Recreation Ground on 1st November. A splendid effort by everyone! Now we can look forward to plants, bulbs and hedgerows bursting into life come the Spring. Many thanks,

Barbara Beinder



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Christingle Services are being held at St. Peter's Church, Bridge on 24th December at 4pm. and at Canterbury Cathedral on 28th December at 3pm.

Collections in aid of The Children's Society

Christmas Greetings

"Tony and Kathy Walder send Season's Greetings to all their friends and neighbours in Bridge".

"Christmas Greetings and happy new Year to friends and neighbours from Peggy, David, Beverly & Rhiannon, 'Fairwinds', Conyngham Lane, Bridge".

Peggy Pryer

SALVATION ARMY CAROL CONCERT

Our annual Carol Concert with the Salvation Army Band will be held on Monday 3rd December, 7.30pm in Bridge School Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Entrance is £2.00 - pay at the door - Bridge school children free!

Transport (if needed) can be provided, please contact the school office on 830276 to arrange this.

This is a lovely way to start the Christmas Festivities and all money raised goes to the Salvation Army Christmas Fund, so please come along.

SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT

This annual event is to be held on Monday 17th December, 1.30pm - 3pm, at Bridge School.

All Senior Citizens are invited to come along and listen to the children sing and be served refreshments by our Year 6 pupils.

We can arrange local transport if you need it - please phone the school office on 830276 to arrange transport and to let us know if you wish to come.

Scout Christmas Post

As in previous years Nailbourne Scouts (based at the Mill Centre, Bridge) will be operating a Christmas post delivery around Bridge village. Posting boxes will be placed as usual at:

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Boxes will be in place from Monday 3 December to Friday 21 December.

Simply place your Christmas mail in the box complete with an appropriate cash donation (for scout funds) either loose in the box, or in an envelope marked "Scouts".

Scouts will be at large in Bridge doing the deliveries on Saturday 15 and Saturday 22 December.

The Lambeth Conference 2008

July 16th to August 4th, 2008

Preparations are well in hand at the Anglican Consultative Council headquarters in London, at the University of Kent and in Canterbury Cathedral for next year's gathering of all the Bishops of our Anglican Communion and their spouses. More information about the Conference can be obtained from the Conference web site www.lambethconference.org Replies to the invitations to attend sent out by Archbishop Rowan are being received and collated. We are stepping up our own efforts to organise the essential contribution which this Diocese, the mother Diocese of the Communion, makes to the success of the event. We are travelling round the Diocese visiting Deanery Synods, sending round posters and prayer cards, encouraging articles in church magazines and of course, seeking prayerful support. Just as your parish church only functions through the voluntary help of many people in all kinds of ways, so this Conference relies on several hundred people stewarding in a variety of roles. Could you think seriously about whether you could be one of them?

If you would like to offer your time and skills, please complete the form, which has more detailed information. In due course we will respond to all the offers of help as and when our exact requirements become clearer. It is now possible to access a form on-line at: www.canterbury.anglican.org/lambeth/form.htm

This can be completed and returned on-line or printed off and the completed form sent by post. Please print off as required and make these forms widely available.

Speaking to those who have been involved before, over and over again we get a very positive response that it was so worthwhile. Will you be with us next year?

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26 January 2008

10 am

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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A reminder that the Society's social event on Tuesday the 4th December at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall will take the form of a quiz evening (we promise it won't be too taxing!) followed by a light festive supper and Christmas raffle. There will be a small entry charge of £4.00 to help with costs.

Do come along on the 4th and start off the festive season at a friendly and enjoyable village event. Members and non-members will be most welcome.

Then on Tuesday 29th January, again at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, the Society will hold a short AGM. This is the time to join or renew your membership: the cost of an annual subscription remains the same at £5 for a family and £3 for single membership. The programme for 2008 is in place, with an additional evening talk arranged for this year. It is also hoped to have schedules for both the Spring and Summer Shows available so that you can make your plans well in advance.

After the business part of the meeting, the Rev Simon Rowlands has kindly agreed to give a talk on Bridge Church's "new look".

As always, we would be very pleased to welcome new blood to the committee. If you would like to become involved please let one of the committee members know or mention it at the AGM.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

The final event of the 2007 calendar will be held on Tuesday 18th December at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when there will be a talk with a festive feel by Alan Stockwell entitled "Puppets, Piers and Pantomime".

The competition is for an object or item associated with panto.

The WI starts off the New Year with a talk on the BBC covering its history and modern day activities on Tuesday 15th January at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

Please note that there will no longer be a monthly competition.

BRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Evening, a convivial gathering in Bridge Village Hall, with festive hot and cold refreshments and a surprise seasonal entertainment. This will take place on Thursday 6 December at 7.30 pm, and the cost will be £7.50 for members and £10 for non-members.

The January meeting is set for Thursday 17 January 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. As a follow-up to our visit last summer to the old workhouse in Union Close, Peter Ewart will give an illustrated talk on the conditions endured in Victorian workhouses throughout Kent. The cost for this event will be £3 for members and £4 for non-members, including refreshments.

Meriel Connor

CAROLS AT THE UNICORN

Monica and Mike will be hosting the annual carol singing evening at The Unicorn Thursday 13th December. Singing will be accompanied as usual by David Cutting and Stuart Field.

The evening is to raise funds for Bekesbourne Church.

It is advisable to book in advance if you want to eat a meal. Tel 830210

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS AT THE UNICORN BEKESBOURNE

Saturday 22nd December	- 12.00 - 3.00pm	6.00pm - 11.00pm
Sunday 23rd December	- 12.00 - 3.00pm	
Thursday 27th December	- 12.00 - 3.00pm	6.00pm - 11.00pm
Friday 28th December	- 12.00 - 3.00pm	6.00pm - 11.00pm
Saturday 29th December	- 12.00 - 3.00pm	6.00pm - 11.00pm
Sunday 30th December	- 12.00 - 3.00pm	
Monday 31st December	- New Years Eve Mask Party With Buffet 8.00pm - 01.00am. Buffet served 9.00pm. Admission by ticket £5 (Tickets NOT available at the door) Telephone 01227 830210	

The Unicorn will be closed for annual holiday, Tuesday 1st January 2008 - Tuesday 22nd January 2008 inc.

Open again as usual from Wednesday 23rd January 2008.

SAM COMBER

My father, Sam Comber passed away at his home in Patricxbourne Road, Bridge on 1 Jan 2007.

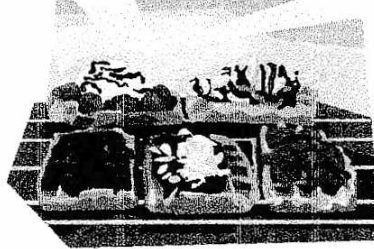
His health had deteriorated over some months but he deteriorated rapidly over the Christmas period and we, his family made a decision to nurse him at home. We were supported at this difficult time by the excellent Doctors and staff from Bridge Health Centre. This included regular visits and contact over the Christmas period. The care and compassion particularly from the District Nurses who contacted us and visited was excellent both towards my father and our family.

To acknowledge this care, in memory of my father and to hopefully give something back to the community we collected money instead of floral tributes and used the funds to purchase a heart monitor. This monitor was presented to the Doctors and staff at Bridge Health Centre on Monday 29 October and was gratefully received.

David Comber

Patixbourne with Bridge PCC

Pudding Evening



Bridge Village Hall
Saturday 9th February
7.00 pm
£5 per person

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A youth choir has been started by the Choral Society which has already attracted many young people - it is hoped that they will be ready to perform a piece during Family Carols. Anyone between the age of 7 and 14 who may be interested in joining should contact Christina Astin on christinaastin@yahoo.co.uk. There is a simple audition to join the choir.

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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 8th. November 2007

Parish Council Budget for 2008/9 Following discussion the Concurrent Funding Function requests were approved and precept and budget set for 2008/9. Among the major items of expenditure was the provision of a skateboard park. £5,000 was proposed as an initial sum but application would be made for grants, some of which would require matched funding.

A rise in rental for sports clubs using the recreation ground, apart from Bridge Junior F C, was approved. Cllr Edmunds thanked Cllr Esdale for his work on the budget and for taking the minutes at the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 2nd November in the absence of the Parish Clerk on holiday.

Primary School Admissions policy – At the recent meeting held at the school to discuss admissions policy it had been explained that ticking the box to request a church school was simply an indication that parents acknowledged the Christian ethos of the school. Non-Christians could ask to withdraw their children from assemblies. All local children had been admitted on appeal. Cllr Beinder pointed out that those admissions had made the Reception Classes very large. Following discussion County Cllr Michael Northey undertook to try to get the policy of priority for children whose parents had expressed a preference for a church school rather than local children changed for 2009. It was agreed that the parish council would write to Mark Dance of KCC again expressing dissatisfaction with the outcome of the meeting at the school and putting forward the strong case for primary age children to go to their local schools. It would also suggest rewording the clause indicating a preference for a church school, as this was currently ambiguous.

Higham Park Planning Appeal – It was agreed to ask Canterbury City Council how best the parish council could assist it in fighting the appeal by the Higham Park developers, which was being lodged with the Secretary of State. The parishes of Bekesbourne with Patricbourne and Bishopsbourne would be contacted with a view to holding a joint meeting to discuss strategy

Mill Centre – Cllr Esdale was continuing to negotiate with Canterbury City Council over the Mill Centre's future. The 2008 rent had been paid so the immediate future was secure but long-term arrangements were under negotiation. Cllr Esdale had suggested the possibility of buying the Centre at a community rate with the condition that it would be sold back to CCC when no longer required. A decision by CCC on the future of the Centre was due to be taken at Executive Committee in December.

Recreation Ground -Complaints had been received again about the amount of litter left on the ground following the Sunday football match. A clause had been added to Bridge Football Club's lease warning that the lease could be terminated if litter was not cleared up after matches. The parish council would monitor the situation. The remaining picnic bench had lost its seat. It was agreed that if the picnic benches were to be replaced next Spring, benches without hinged seats would be purchased.

The Bridge Group

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Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patixbourne	Bekebourne	Readings
Sun 2 nd December	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	11.00 am Family Communion Rev S Rowlands	6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Service Mrs. P Kusel	OT: Is 2. 1-5 NT: Rom 13. 11-end G: Mat 24. 36-44
Sun 9 th Advent 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Rev S Rowlands Mrs. M. Clarke	9.30 am Family Communion with Upper Room Rev S Rowlands	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Child	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev S Rowlands	OT: Is 11. 1-10 NT: Rom 15. 4-13 G: Mat 3. 1-12
Sun 16 th Advent 3		3.00pm Crib Service Mrs. M. Clarke	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley 6.00pm Carol Service	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Child	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	OT: Is 35 NT: James 5. 7-10 G: Mat 11. 2-11
Fri 21 st				7.00 pm Carol Service		
Sun 23 rd Advent 4	9.30 am Carol Service with shortened Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands		8.00 am BCP Communion Rev K Child 11.00 am Benefice Family Service with Nativity Rev S Rowlands Ministry Team	11.00 am Mattins Mrs. M. Clarke		OT: Is 7. 10-16 NT: Rom 1. 1-7 G: Mat 1. 18-end
Mon 24 th Christmas Eve		11.30 pm Holy Communion Canon R Diss	4.00 pm Christingle 11.30 pm Holy Communion Canon G Manley		11.30 pm Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands	OT: Is 9. 2-7 NT: Titus 2. 11-14 G: Luke 2. 1-14
25 th Dec Christmas Day	8.00 am HC Rev S Rowlands	9.30 am Family Service Mrs M. Clarke		9.30 am Holy Communion and Carols Rev S Rowlands	11.00 am Carol Service	OT: Is 52. 7-10 NT: Heb 1. 1-4 G: John 1. 1-14
Sun 30 th 1 st Sunday of Christmas			8.00am Benefice Holy Communion Rev S Rowlands			OT: Is 63. 7-9 NT: Heb 2. 10-end G: Mat 2. 13-end

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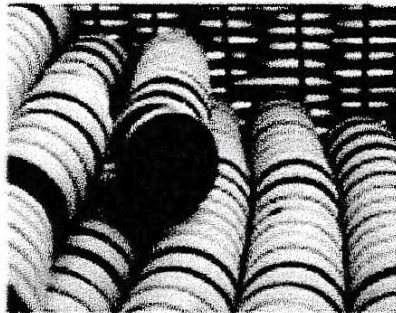
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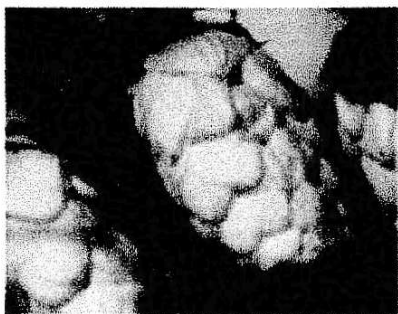
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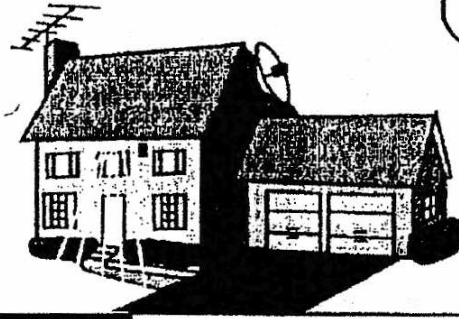
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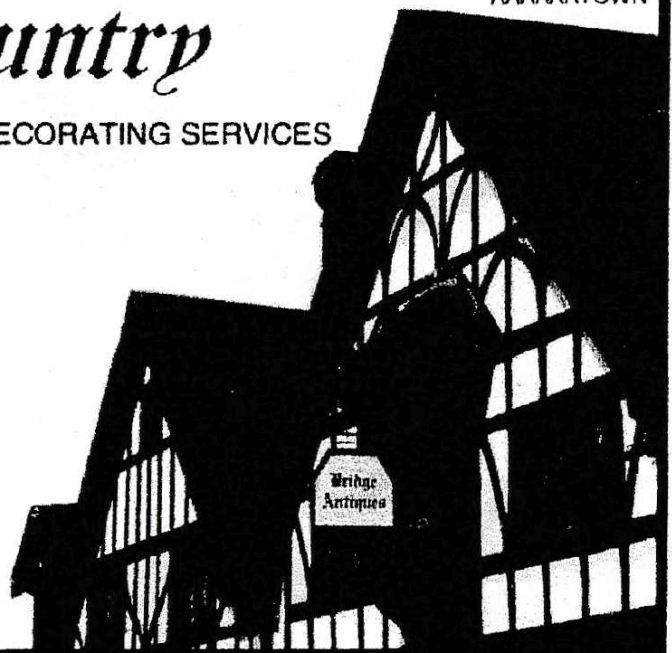
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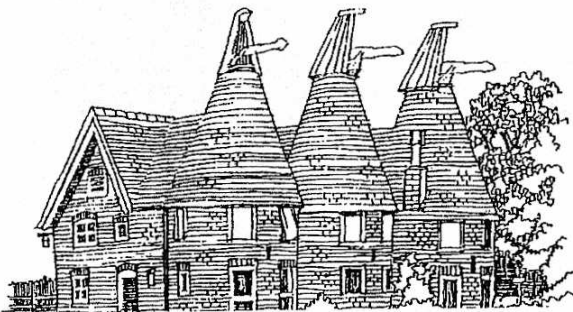


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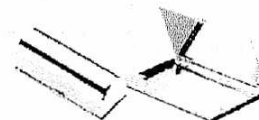
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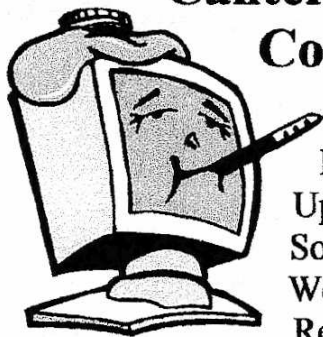
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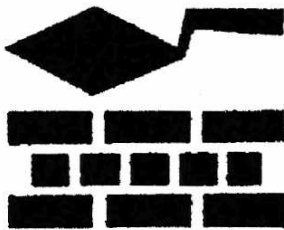
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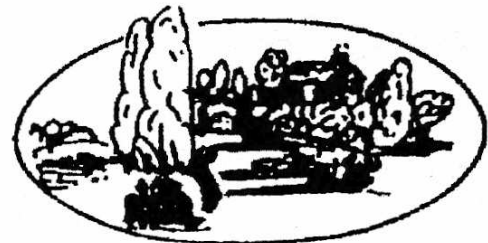
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