

## Youth shelter officially opened



In May, our County Councillor, Michael Northey officially opened the youth shelter accompanied by Parish Councillors and children of the village.

The shelter has been well used and despite some initial concerns there have been no complaints arising from it.

## Youth group closes

Unfortunately, despite funding by the Parish Council for professional youth workers and all the efforts of the volunteer helpers, the Youth Group had to close through lack of enough interested young people.

## Skateboard park

For the next phase of developing the Recreation Ground for young people, the Parish Council are in the early stages of planning for a skateboard park, with hopefully a 'half pipe' and a 'grinding rail'.

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## Parish Council

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## Autumn 2008 Newsletter



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## Next Parish Council meeting

7.15 pm Planning Committee  
7.30 pm Full Council

**Thursday 9th October 2008**

Bridge Village Hall - all welcome

## Art in Bridge exhibition



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 11 am – 7 pm**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 11 am – 5 pm**  
Bridge Village Hall

From 5.00 pm on Saturday, Jon Reeves will give a short classical guitar recital and there will be a free drink for visitors.

As in previous years, we expect some 60 or more local artists to exhibit over 150 paintings, sculptures and craft exhibits by artists of all ages, many by children, and of all abilities from amateur to professional. Many of the exhibits will be for sale. Visit [www.artinbridge.org.uk](http://www.artinbridge.org.uk) for entry form and further information.

The organising and manning of the exhibition is the work of a large team of volunteers. Do come and see the results of all their efforts and show them it is all worthwhile.

## Traffic Calming

Later this year we are promised traffic calming measures on Bridge Hill.

There will be a 'build out' just before Beech Hill, on the field side of the road so that it gives an area to locate the white gate and the 30 mph sign pushed out into the road to give drivers a better line of sight for it.

There will be another kerb build out by the church at Bourne Park Road where a flashing speed sign will be placed. Placed like this they will complement the kerb build outs on the approach from Canterbury and slow down speeds on the approach to the village.



Bridge Hill from the church looking towards Beech Hill

The Parish Council is not convinced that this will deter drivers speeding up Bridge Hill but we defer to the traffic control experts and hope it is effective.

## Dogs

Please, please clean up after your dog. Especially remember that dogs are not allowed to run on the Recreation Ground. This is an area that must be kept clear of dog mess to protect children and others using the facilities.

## Trees in Bridge

Almost all of Bridge is a Conservation Area and in such areas ALL trees are protected.



Before pruning or cutting down ANY tree with a trunk diameter of 75 mm or more measured at 1.5 metres above ground level, approval must be obtained from the City Council.

Further details can be found at [www.canterbury.gov.uk](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk) or by telephoning the City Council on 01227 862 190.

## Bridge in Bloom



33 High Street, Bridge

Congratulations to the winners of the 2008 Bridge in Bloom competition:

Large Business: Bridgeway Stores

Community: Mansfield Court

Residential:-

1st - Julie & Malcolm Bennett, 33 High Street

2nd - Kathy Walder, 17 Union Road

3rd - Jenny Vye, The Dacha, Patricxbourne Rd