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Annual Parish meeting notice

Annual Parish Meeting

7.30 pm Thursday
25th March 2004
Bridge Village Hall

This is not a meeting of the Parish Council. It is an open meeting of the Parish, hosted by the Parish Council.

It is an opportunity for villagers to get together to discuss issues of concern and to hear about progress of organisations in the village.

Any villager is entitled to address the meeting. We already have a list of speakers (which are limited to 3 minutes, please), as well as a guest speaker - DCI Joanna Young from the Kent Police, who recently took over as Area Commander.

If you'd like to speak, please let the Clerk know in advance so she can plan the timing.

Come and meet your Councillors and

join them after the meeting for
free refreshments

We look forward to seeing you there

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Welcome to all our readers

Parish Plan Progress

We now have a Steering Committee and they will shortly be starting to involve as many people as possible in the formation of the Plan.

They will be looking for innovative ways of gathering information and then turning that information into action plans for the village.

From the public meeting held last year, it is apparent that Bridge villagers highly value the shops and amenities and cherish the community spirit and the rural setting. The Plan could look to ensuring these are retained and maintained. On the other hand, the villagers' overwhelming concerns at the moment relate to speeding traffic and to parking. The Plan could propose solutions to those as well as other issues, such as youth services, street lighting and crime.

We hope all villagers will provide input to the Plan and that as many as possible will be actively involved in producing it.

Next Parish Council meeting

7.30 pm Thursday
11th March 2004
In the Village Hall
All welcome

Youth News

Rural Streetrunner meets Bridge Youth Group

More excellent news for young people - a new youth facility, the **Rural Streetrunner**, is to be launched in nine parishes, including Bridge. Funding has come from the Countryside Agency, KCC, CCC and your Parish Council.

Streetrunner is a vehicle full of equipment that will be brought to the Mill Centre by two youth workers who will staff the evening session, in addition to the Bridge Youth Group leaders. All sessions will be free of charge for 10 - 18 year olds, but places will be limited.

Streetrunner begins on 2nd March at 7.30 pm at the Mill Centre and continues on 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month. On the other weeks the Youth Group will meet as normal. Look out for all the information about it on the notices posted throughout the village.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: The Youth Group is seeking volunteers to share the load of providing this really important resource for our young people. If you think you could help in anyway, please contact the **Parish Clerk**.

Traffic monitoring

Volunteers to monitor speeders

If you would like to join a group to monitor traffic speeds in the village then please contact the **Parish Clerk**. The initiative is funded largely by the Police and will involve using their special equipment and receiving training in its use.

City Councillor

Our new City Councillor John Anderson

John was elected, in January, as our new City Councillor for North Nailbourne Ward, which includes Bridge.



“I will endeavour to serve all of you, as valued members of our local community, to the best of my ability and integrity. I have lived in Bridge long enough to understand fully the many problems that beset us. With this in mind I intend to work closely with the Parish Council and other bodies where necessary and to hold monthly surgeries around the ward where anyone may come and discuss their problems should they wish. My first surgery will be in the Methodist Church, Patricxbourne Road on Saturday 21st February between 10.00 am and 12 noon, with I hope a member of the Parish Council present. There is no need to book, just come along on the date, I look forward to seeing you.”

John can be contacted on 01227 830260

Christmas decorations

Christmas lights

A big thank-you to all those who erected and removed the Christmas Trees in the High Street. There were a record 45 trees and many favourable comments. We nearly didn't get them after a last-minute hitch from Allianz Cornhill, the Parish Council's insurance company, who did their best to stop the trees being put up. However, the Bridge Village spirit prevailed and the trees stood proud as ever.

Village websites

Village Web Sites

There are several organisations and businesses in the village, including the School and the Church, that have web sites. They are all accessible through the web site **www.bridgevillage.org.uk** - once there - click on Village Links. Let us know if there are other links we should include and any other information you would like to see on the web site.

Floral Competition

Bridge in Bloom

It seems no time at all since we were judging last year's entries. Spring is only just around the corner, however, and it is time to organise the competition for 2004. We plan to divide the entries into three categories - large Businesses, Small Traders & Private Dwellings.

We would like as many households as possible to take part, so please start planning your tubs, hanging baskets etc. and help to make Bridge a riot of colour. If you wish to participate, please contact a Council member before the end of June.

Illegal Parking

Parking on Zig-Zags

A reminder that parking on the zig-zags by zebra crossings is a criminal offence and that our Street monitor is reporting registration numbers of offenders to the Police.