
You are invited to the

Annual Parish Meeting

Open to all in the village

7.30 pm Thursday 12th April 2007
Bridge Village Hall

It is planned to have brief talks by the new Vicar and a representative from Bridge School. Also reports from Parish, City and County Councillors and from organisations in the village.

Refreshments provided after the meeting, when you can meet your Councillors and other parishioners.

Parish Council elections

Parish Council elections take place on 3rd May 2007 when the present Council ceases and anyone (who is eligible) can stand for election to the Parish Council.

Further information from Canterbury City Council and on their web site www.canterbury.gov.uk

"Yes, I will stand for the Parish Council.
Off I go, to get my nomination papers
from Military Road."



To contact the Council

Please write, telephone or email the **Parish Clerk**:
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Bridge Parish Councillors

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(Julie Bennett	Resigned, November 2006))

Bridge village web site

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www.bridgevillage.org.uk

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Parish Council

Caring for the village



Spring 2007 Newsletter

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Could you do it better? If so, why not stand for election to the Parish Council on 3rd May?



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Bye, bye Cat

Un-framed

Next Parish Council meeting

7.15 pm Planning Committee
7.30 pm Full Council

Thursday 19th April 2007
Bridge Village Hall - All welcome

Friends of Bridge Wild Flower Project



Plans are coming together for the planting of wild flowers and natural hedgerows on the Recreation Ground.

A keen group of residents and a representative from the school met to formulate a work plan under the guidance of the project manager from 'Kentish Stour Countryside Project'.

Funding has been applied for from 'Awards for All' so fingers crossed something should happen in April. However more helpers are needed for the preparation of the ground and subsequent planting. The work wouldn't be arduous and the more volunteers there are the easier the task. Please let me have your name for my list!!

Barbara Beinder 830514

Restoration of old road names



Enquiries are still taking place about the restoration of some of the old street names in Bridge. An example of what the signs would look like is shown above. Residents will have the opportunity to comment on the designs at the **Annual Parish meeting** in April.

Any private householder wishing to reinstate their 'old' house name would be warmly applauded.

Affordable housing site

The site chosen for the new houses is likely to be on the Brick Field, in front of Bourne View with access from Mill Lane.



Negotiations are still in progress but it is hoped soon to be able to write to every household inviting them to express interest and show a need.

The exact criteria for eligibility have still to be decided but will be based on having a strong family connection with Bridge.

Open Gardens

After the success of the Garden Opening in 2006, the opening of the Village Gardens in 2007 will be combined with the Flower Festival in the Church, at the end of June.



If you would like to open your garden, please contact Pat Dunderdale (830668) or Evelyn Andrews (830960)

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Art in Bridge has held an open exhibition for the last six years.

Our aim is to encourage everyone, young and old, from novice to accomplished artist, to make and exhibit their work. All forms of visual arts and crafts (painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, craftwork, etc.) are welcome. The work can be un-framed, un-conventional or even unfinished!

Now is the time to make your art so that it is ready to exhibit in October. Further details in September and on the web site www.artinbridge.org.uk



Bridge in Bloom 2006



Presentation of the awards for Bridge in Bloom 2006.

From the left: John Hill (Parish Council, Vice Chairman), Julie Bennett (winner of the Private Residence category), Mr & Mrs Possee (accepting on behalf of Bridgeway Stores, for the Large Commercial category), Ann Edmonds (Parish Council, Chairman) and Barbara Timlett (accepting on behalf of Colebrook Sturrock, Estate Agents, for the Small Commercial category).

Bye, bye Cat!

The Cat on the Recreation Ground is no more, it has had it's day! A poll on the village website was overwhelmingly in favour of replacing the Cat with a roundabout instead of a see-saw.



No



Yes

The Council have agreed, a roundabout it shall be.