

Summer on the Recreation Ground



It is great to see so many families enjoying the Recreation Ground.



Please don't dispose of household waste and large numbers of bottles in the litter bins, take them to the dump.

Art in Bridge exhibition

Saturday 10th October 11 am – 7 pm

Sunday 11th October 11 am – 5 pm

Bridge Village Hall



From 5.00 pm on Saturday, Michael Chandler will give a short piano recital and there will be a free drink for visitors.

As in previous years, we expect some 60 or more local artists of all ages and of all abilities to exhibit over 150 paintings, sculptures and craft exhibits - many will be for sale.

The artist's Entry Form can be collected from Colebrook Sturrock, Estate Agents, High Street, Bridge or downloaded from www.artinbridge.org.uk

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Caring for the village

Autumn 2009 Newsletter



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Next Parish Council meeting

7.15 pm Planning Committee
7.30 pm Full Council

Thursday 8th October 2009
Bridge Village Hall - all welcome

Friends of Bridge Wild Flower Project

“Ask not what your Parish Council can do for you – but ask what you can do for Bridge” (apologies to JFK)

We urgently need volunteers in October to help with weeding the two areas by the Pavilion and also to plant daffodils along the river bank. The work is not difficult but we do want lots of helpers. Do come along with gardening tools and wear suitable clothing. A good opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Please contact me on 830514 or 17 High Street, Bridge. I look forward to seeing you by the Pavilion at 9.30 am on **24th October 2009**. Fingers crossed for a fine morning. Thank you.

Barbara Beinder

Recycling centre



For some years, the unsightly conditions at the recycle centre on Town Hill have given cause for concern.

It is of even greater concern to we litter clearers who remove the accumulated rubbish, on a weekly basis. Serco also do a wonderful job with their team of dedicated employees, but they and we, should not be expected to clear away on a routine basis rubbish that has been 'fly tipped'. All too often such rubbish spreads along the sides of Town Hill making the whole area unsightly, resulting in a time-consuming clearance.

Please do NOT leave materials at the site if there is no provision for them, such as garden waste, old clothes and household waste. Please use your own bins instead.

If the position does not improve, we may have to consider asking the local authority to remove the recycle centre. Whatever is to happen, it is up to you.

Bridge in Bloom competition



Congratulations to the winners of the 2009 Bridge in Bloom competition:

Large Business: **The White Horse Inn**
Community: **Mansfield Court**
Residential: **Julie Bennett, 33 High Street**

2nd place in the residential section went to Mr & Mrs Alison (10 Filmer Road) and 3rd place to Mr & Mrs Spencer (1 Dering Close)

The village, especially the High Street, has looked lovely once again, despite the weather. The competition which has been held for a number of years, was instigated by the late Margaret Jones when she was a member of the Council. Should you wish to enter next year, just plant up your baskets and tubs. A short list of the contenders will

be drawn up, from the whole village, and final judging will take place in late July. Good luck.

Ann Edmonds

Thanks to Bridge Volunteers



We have a loyal group of volunteers in the village that do sterling work.

They do many jobs to support the Parish Council and their contributions are much appreciated. The village is a much better place to live in because of their efforts.

We would appreciate further help from young, or not so young, villagers who could spare just a little time in the following areas:-

- Litter Picking
- Traffic Calming duties i.e. Speedwatch
- Planting and weeding
- Delivery of Newsletter
- Christmas trees

Please contact the Parish Clerk on 831085 for enquiries.

Obstructed pavements



Please could you ensure that there are no overhanging branches or shrubbery encroaching on to pathways. A number of people have complained that overgrown greenery is becoming a hazard. Those with walking or sight problems are experiencing particular difficulties.

Thank you