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## Parish Council

Caring for the village

Newsletter  
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## Parish Plan meeting

Bridge Village Hall

7.30 pm Thursday

### 23rd October 2003

Open to all living or working in  
the Village

Do come and find out more about how we could all benefit from having a Parish Plan and what is involved in producing it.

There will be a speaker from the Kent Rural Community Council to explain it all and answer your questions.

**Refreshments will be provided after  
the meeting**

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Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter

Every household and business in Bridge should have received a copy, please let us know if you know of any that have not.

The Parish Council is seeking to both keep you informed and make more contact with you via the Newsletter, the Website, notice boards etc.. Occasionally we have informative posters and leaflets that need a 'home' in the village - any ideas as to where they could go? Has any business a space for community information? Let us know if you have any ideas.

The Parish Plan (see inside and on the back) will be an excellent opportunity to find out what we all want for the future in Bridge.

Your Parish Council

## Next Council meeting

7.30 pm Thursday

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2003**

In the Village Hall

**All welcome**

## Great news for young people in Bridge

Firstly, there is to be a new youth group for 12 - 18 year olds on Tuesdays from 7.00 - 9.00 pm in the Mill Centre, starting on 28<sup>th</sup> October. An enormous thank you to the leaders Tricia Coker, Helen Daley and Rouge. Well done to all concerned.

Secondly, we are very hopeful that the Rural Youth Bus will be up & running by late Autumn, visiting the new group once a fortnight, to enhance their facilities.

## Allotments

### New Allotments taking shape

All of the new Allotments are currently taken and everything is taking shape up there - take a walk and have a look.

The running of the allotments is now in the hands of the Bridge Allotment Association and if you would like to go on the waiting list please contact the secretary, Julie Morgan on (01227) 831481.

## Xmas decorations

### High Street Christmas trees

We hope to have trees on the High Street again this year during the festive season. Everyone on the High Street will receive a letter asking if they would like to host a tree.

## What is a Parish Plan?

Can you help Bridge produce its Parish Plan?

Every village is being encouraged to produce and act on their own Parish Plan.

A Parish Plan aims to help us take stock of the village, identify ways of enhancing it and makes sure that we all have a voice in the future of Bridge. It is up to you to decide what is important to you.

Whilst the Parish Council will assist, the Plan will be prepared by a group drawn from all sections of the village. After everyone in the village has been consulted the Plan is drawn up for the Parish Council and others to implement.

It will be a great chance to bring people together and foster a sense of community.

There will be a meeting on 23rd October to present and explain the plan (see the reverse for details). Please come along, it is really up to you to decide whether to go ahead with this project to keep Bridge a great place to live in.

## Planning Committee

### Planning Committee to meet in public

It has been decided that the Planning Committee will hold its meetings in public at 7.00 pm, preceding the full Council meeting at 7.30 pm. They will consider Bridge Planning Applications passed to them for comment from the City Council.

## Tree cutting

Just a reminder that the majority of us in Bridge live in a Conservation Area, so-called because the area has a special character and identity which is worth protecting. This means that as well as complying with normal planning controls, extra controls apply. In respect of trees you must not fell or cut branches off most trees unless you have given Canterbury City Council six week's notice and have obtained written approval for the work. If you fail to comply you could be liable to prosecution. We are currently displaying a leaflet on Conservation Areas on the Parish Council notice board, beside the White Horse Inn.

## Listed Buildings

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Listed buildings are subject to further planning controls. Many houses in Bridge High Street are listed, so please check before making alterations. Consent is needed before any external or INTERNAL alterations are made. Penalties for infringement can be severe.

## Floral Competition

### Congratulations to the Floral Competition winners

Thank you to all who took part in the Floral competition this year. The winners of the small business section was the Harrow B&B, and the White Horse in the large business section. The judges also wanted to commend 33 High Street and other excellent displays.