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Parish Plan progress report

This is a government sponsored initiative affecting rural communities. It really is a great opportunity for us, as people of Bridge, to contribute to our community. Through questionnaires and open days at the village hall we hope to be able to demonstrate to regional and City Council what it is that the people of Bridge really care about.

The success of our recent camera survey with over 20 community groups taking part was thrilling and encouraging. It is interesting to note that Bridge is a village of 1800 people of whom 80% belong to one or more community groups based within the village. Bridge is no 'dormitory' village; it is vibrant and articulate with a strong democratic voice. So please join us and complete the questionnaire, which will be sent to every house in Bridge. It really affects the choices and facilities that are being planned for the future of our village.

The committee is made up of the following people: Chris Coshall, Pam Dobson, Joan Hill, John Hill, Ian Macneill (Secretary), Bill Oakey (Chairman), Ailsa William Powell, David Powell and Amanda Sparks, from the City Council.

Ian Macneill

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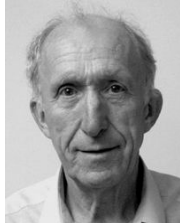
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Welcome to all our readers

New Chairman elected



Congratulations to Selwyn Lewis who was elected Chairman of Bridge Parish Council at the meeting on 1st May.

John Hill was elected as Vice-Chairman and all the councillors look forward to an exciting and productive year.

Congratulations also to our Clerk, Tina Burchell, who is expecting a baby in August.

So, for the next year, while Tina is on maternity leave, we welcome Carol Baker who will be our clerk. Carol can be contacted on the usual Clerk's number (831085) or by e-mail (clerk@bridgevillage.org.uk).

A reminder that there is no Council meeting in August but we look forward to seeing you in September. The Planning Committee meets at 7.15 pm and the full Council at 7.30 pm.

Next Parish Council meeting

7.30 pm Thursday
9th September 2004
In the Village Hall
All welcome



Rural Streetrunner

Can you help out at the new Streetrunner sessions?

Streetrunner youth sessions for 10 - 18 year-olds began at the Mill Centre in early March. We are now running successfully on the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

The sessions are run by two qualified youth workers but require two volunteers to work alongside them. One of our volunteers, Gemma Wood, has been so successful that she is now working at Canterbury City Council as part of their Children and Youth team (well done Gemma!). We now need extra volunteers to make the sessions work and keep the project going.

Could you give up 90 minutes of your time once a month, or every other month, to keep a youth group in Bridge?

If you can help, or want more details, please contact Helen Daley (832527) or Pam Dobson (832369).

Pam Dobson

Illegal Parking

Parking on Zig-Zags

People are still parking on the pedestrian crossing by the Post Office. Such behaviour is putting lives at risk and is a criminal offence. There are no excuses for parking there - Not "I'll only be a minute", not "I just need to pick up a prescription", not even "I've got a disabled badge"

Mark Esdale

Laurie's Way named



We were delighted to learn that, in honour of Laurie Shirley, who went to that great jazz club in the sky early last year, the footpath that runs between Union Road and Filmer Road has been named "Laurie's Way".

It was one of the routes he often used, walking or cycling from his home by the ford on Mill Lane, to the Post Office. Except when away on County Council business or working on one of his building projects (invariably in a battered straw hat, threadbare shirt and ancient grey trousers). He made this journey between home and Post Office four times a day over several decades, popping home between one and two o'clock for lunch followed by a short nap.

One of the walls of the Old Close borders Laurie's Way, who's conversion from old people's home to individual households Laurence warmly supported.

Perhaps we can think of Laurie's Way in a more spiritual sense, symbolic of the way he did things at the Post Office, where he would often take the opportunity to discuss matters of the day with his customers from behind the counter usually with a joke, a teasing word and a smile. Similarly, this was the manner in which he approached his voluntary activities which he continued almost to the last.

The Shirley family

Broadband in Bridge

BT have announced that the Bridge exchange will be enabled for broadband on 6th October 2004. Many residents may have received e-mail from companies asking them to sign up with them. As with most things in life, shop around and make sure you get not only the best financial deal, but also good support.

If you can't wait until October for Broadband, you can get it right now using Telabria's wireless network (www.telabria.com).

Mark Esdale

Untaxed and old cars

Canterbury City Council, in conjunction with the DVLA, are going to be running "Operation Cubit" over the next couple of weeks - looking for untaxed cars on public highways. The City Council have extended their free car disposal, so if you've got an old untaxed car you want rid off, give the City Council a call, before you get a heavy fine.

Mark Esdale

Allotments taking shape



The allotments are now taking shape. The sheds are in place and lots of crops are growing well. We have two pesky pheasants that have a taste for young cabbages, but otherwise everything is running smoothly. We have a short waiting list; if anyone is interested in putting their name down, please contact the secretary on 831481

Julie Morgan