



BRIDGE PARISH NEWS

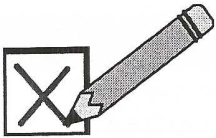
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Autumn/Winter 2002

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Welcome to the Autumn/ Winter 2002 Parish Council newsletter; an opportunity for us to keep you in touch with some of the issues that we have recently been involved in.

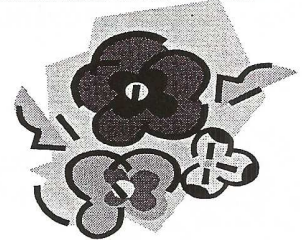
In this issue we look more closely at the work of the Village Hall Management Committee in addition to the work of the Parish Council itself.



We would also like to take the opportunity to remind you that the Parish Council elections will be in May 2003, and if you think you might be interested in standing for election, why not come along to a few meetings to get a feel for the type of issues that we deal with. We look forward to seeing you soon. The next meeting will be on November 14th at 730pm in the Hunter room.

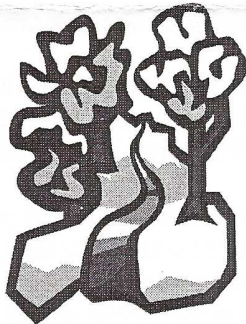
FLORAL COMPETITION

A big thank you to all the businesses that participated in the floral competition this year, the displays were outstanding. Margaret Jones and Ann Edmonds had a difficult task in selecting overall winners, however the White Horse was chosen as the winner of the large business frontage and Colebrook and Sturrock as the small business frontage.



RECREATION GROUND FOOTPATH

We are pleased to inform you that the widening of the recreation ground footpath is now complete and we hope that this will provide a safer and more pleasant journey for those of you who use this route.



GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

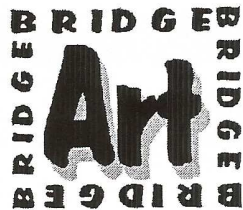
On a delightful June day Bridge celebrated the Queen's Golden Jubilee. A wonderful parade started a day of festivities with a huge array of events including the church and school fair, live music, a talent contest, morris dancers, the duck race on the Nailbourne and a wine and wisdom evening. Many thanks to all those on the two committees for collating all the events. It has been suggested that Bridge continues the festival theme by making this a biennial event. Do you think this is a good idea?



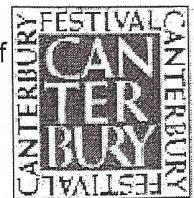
NEW CLERK

Sadly we must inform you that our clerk, Geraldine McCombe, has resigned and will leave at the end of the year. We are therefore seeking a new clerk and would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in the position. Please contact our present clerk or John Anderson (830260) for more details. The closing date for applications is 7th November 2002.

ART IN BRIDGE



The Art in Bridge group are hosting a second open exhibition in Bridge on the 19th and 20th of October. Everyone who lives or works in the village may exhibit up to three works that can be hung on the wall or pinned to a display board. Please come along and share the talents of your fellow villagers, and have a coffee and a chat too. For further information please contact John Corfield(830976), Emily Shirley or Pam Dobson or log on to www.artinbridge.org.uk





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Once again we would like Bridge to be festooned with trees and lights during the festive season. Those of you who live on the High Street will soon receive a letter asking if you would like us to provide a tree. It is planned to erect them on Saturday 7th December. There will be a limited number, so availability will be on a first come first served basis.

CHRISTMAS TREES



We hope that your children will by now have received their Golden Jubilee mug. If for some reason you are not in receipt of your mug/s please contact the clerk or Pam Dobson.

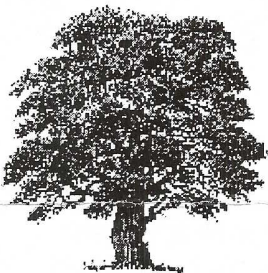
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FOCUS ON THE VILLAGE HALL

The village hall in Bridge is owned by the Parish Council and run on their behalf by the Village Hall Management Committee. The committee is chaired by Janet Horsley who also fulfils the role of booking secretary. Mervyn Gulvin is the Treasurer and Mark Esdale is the Secretary. There are four other officers, John Round, Joan Monk, John Corfield and Pam Dobson.

The committee meets for an annual general meeting in March to which all the users of the hall and members of the public are invited to attend, and there are a number of ordinary meetings during the year to discuss routine matters and any other issues. The idea of a new hall, although not a new one, was put forward at a recent meeting and on 17th September an open meeting was held to find out the opinion of the village. Around sixty of you were able to attend the meeting and share your ideas and wishes for a village hall. Many ideas were brainstormed and their general consensus was that the idea of a new hall is worth pursuing. The committee will now meet again to discuss possibilities, and we will keep you informed of their progress. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to share your thoughts please contact Janet, Mark or any committee member, or contact via the website at www.bridgehall.org.uk

TREES



We are pleased to announce that Simon Knights has volunteered to join the tree warden scheme alongside Joan Monk and Pam Dobson. As a team they will be undertaking a survey of the trees in our parish over the coming months. If you have any information that you feel would be relevant to the survey please contact one of the wardens directly.

FEEDBACK

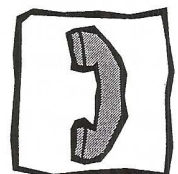
We value all communication and would love to hear more of your views about any village matters. Write, telephone, fax or e-mail us at the address below or contact any councillor direct.

CONTACT



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