

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Fellow Residents of Tinkers Bridge

Summer is finally here and we have some beautiful photos of swans and their young cygnets this month, submitted by Allie Short who monitors the well-being and progress of a family of local swans. Thank you Allie.

The Residents' Association, despite having very few active members to assist (and we are always begging for people to join in!) has been busy applying for funds to make sure the estate has some fun activities during the summer months. We are hoping to raise funds for a coach outing to the sea-side.

We are applying for funds for a Sumer Fun Day. Wayne Clements has suggested a Family Fun Dog Show to raise money for animal charities. Wayne will describe this to the Tinkers Bridge Residents Association meeting on 29 June so please come to that if you are interested in supporting Wayne's idea. The date suggested is July 22 so put that date on your calendar if you like dogs - and family fun. This event has been held in the past and was a great success. Look out on the notice board at the Meeting Place and on the TB Facebook page for more details if and when we know this will happen.

We are happy to report that funds were raised through the Tesco bags of Help scheme and the Residents Association received £2000. So thanks everybody who supported TB in this way.

Some funds will be needed to pay for printing costs for this newsletter and the Committee will decide how best to spend money to help to improve estate life. Join the Association - and the committee to make your input. We keep asking!

Finally - there have been reports of very large rats living and roaming about in some streets. If you want rats in your neighbourhood leave food out and leave it around in your bin cupboards or in rubbish bags on the street. Also, you can pile up newspapers in your bin cupboard. Rats love access to piles of newspapers. Also, do not clean out the rubbish in your bin cupboard - rats love places to hide. If you do not want rats - keep the spaces around your property free of food and rubbish. If you want some assistance to clean out a bin cupboard Ron will help you - phone 07736325073 or email [thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk). Summer is here - rats and mice will breed in the warm weather. Do not feed them. Do not give them homes. Do not make them welcome.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER



The Editor

## Monthly Meeting of the Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

Thursday 29th Jun 2017,

7:30 to 9.00 p.m.

Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place, Marshworth

## OPPORTUNITIES

We particularly need a person to type up the Minutes of our Residents' Association meetings – **type them up from neatly written notes that the secretary produces** and email them to a committee member for circulation. That would be a great help as we are struggling with this task. Phone Nicky on 07736325073 or Kathy 07523427073 email: [thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk). You can also contact us through the Tinkers Bridge FaceBook page. <https://www.facebook.com/> and search Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

**TBRA WORKING GROUP MEETING for committee members only:** 13<sup>th</sup> June 7:00–9 pm at The Link, Charles Warren Academy.

**TBRA MONTHLY MEETING at the Meeting Place:** The Monthly meeting is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7:30pm.

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**WCC DROP IN ADVICE SESSIONS** first Tues of every month until further notice 11 am–1 pm No appointment necessary. **NB:** Woughton Community Council Offices are now open at their **brand new offices at 44 Garraways, Coffee Hall** in the local centre next door to the Vine Church.

**RAINBOWS', BROWNIES' AND GUIDES' GROUPS MEET IN THE WARREN EVERY TUESDAY DURING TERM TIME ONLY. RAINBOWS 5–6 PM; BROWNIES 6–7:30 PM; GUIDES 7:30–9 PM**

### HEDGEROWS FAMILY CENTRE

**MONDAYS, 9–10 AM & 11:30 AM–3 PM CAFE AND**

**FULLERS SLADE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**BACK TO THE FUTURE' PARTY**

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### Saturday June 24 in Fullers Slade Spider Park. 12:00-16:00

Free fun family retro 1960s-70s party in the park. A with a free BBQ provided. The many attractions will include: Children's craft making, organised retro games for all ages, professional face painting, MK Dons football games, Stony Stratford in Bloom Making Flower Baskets, Morris Dancers, Children's Choir, The House of Champions Ministries Church Choir, clothes swap shop, an exhibition of Fullers Slade vintage photos and memorabilia. Attending organisations will include: MK Digital Inclusion, YourMK, MK Play Association, Loan Sharks Team, MK Community Bank (Swan Credit Union), CAPE (Community Action Platform for Energy), Community Action MK, representatives of neighbouring communities.



## MK FUTURES CONNECTORS 2050

This is your opportunity to get involved in the  
MK Futures 2050 Programme



If you are interested in  
representing our community  
Phone Nicky on 07736325073 or  
Kathy 07523427073 email:  
[thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk).

We are looking for enthusiastic representatives from community groups  
like yours to be part of the MK Futures Connectors Group, who can:

- Contribute to the development of the MK Futures projects
- Represent their community's views in up to four meetings over the next 18 months
- Be the link back to their community to share information

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## THE RIGHT WAY TO RECYCLE IN MK



### FOOD WASTE goes in the GREEN CADDY

Food waste placed in black sacks attracts rats, cats, foxes & birds to tear open and make a mess in your street. Place in the green food waste caddy, this will then be made into compost and used to grow new crops, as well as helping to keep your street clean.

No one likes a split bin bag. Make sure to put your food waste in a lockable caddy - problem solved! Order yours free of charge here: <http://ow.ly/apKP30cfB9Q>

## PARKING ISSUES

*Parking issues are causing problems on the estate. Please don't park in front of someone's car port, even for a few moments.*

*Driving on to green areas destroys the surface, which could lead to damage of services below the soil such as gas, electric and water pipes. It also makes it difficult for our landscaping team to cut the grass, especially if there are deep ruts*

The **WCC Advice Service** at Coffee Hall continues to offer advice on all kinds of issues you might be having problems with, or they will put you in touch with appropriate organisations: Benefits; Job seeking; mental Health; Money Matters; the Swan Credit Union. Pop over or give them a call 01098395681.

Any men out there interested in learning practical skills? Or teaching practical skills? Try **MEN IN SHEDS** at Coffee Hall Community Centre. Call Lorraine 07983599279 or Jim 01098 670475.

## BIN CUPBOARDS

Some of the bin cupboards are full of rubbish that needs removing. Doors are broken, some have no doors. **THEY ARE A SAFE PLACE FOR RATS AND MICE TO BREED. DO NOT GIVE VERMIN SAFE PLACES.** If you are a council tenant or a housing association tenant YourMK will repair them but you need to phone them to get it done (see left). If you live in a privately rented home, please ask your landlord about repair.

If you need help contact Ron or John, the Residents Association Environment Team have offered to help.

**Neasham Galloway and his wife** have very kindly donated plants for the planting boxes. Ron has planted them in the Bascote box and by the shop. Pop by and have a look. **Many thanks from the people of Tinkers Bridge!** Beautiful in this sunny weather!

## FLY TIPPING

Areas that are heavily littered or which suffer from fly-tipping can be a safety hazard, encourage pests and give the perception of increased crime levels in the area. Even minor instances of fly-tipping can encourage others to dump their rubbish there. Dumping waste illegally is a serious criminal offense (Environmental Protection Act 1990) and carries a fine of up to £50,000 and a prison sentence up to 5 years. **DO NOT DEGRADE OUR ESTATE BY PUTTING OUT YOUR RUBBISH IN ANY WAY YOU PLEASE. REPORT THOSE WHO DO.**

### Report fly-tipping

Dumped waste and fly-tipping can be reported easily using online by setting up an 'my council' account.

[mycouncil.milton-keynes.gov.uk](http://mycouncil.milton-keynes.gov.uk)

### Getting rid of waste

There are 3 Community Recycling Centres in MK (formerly known as tips!) which accept household waste for free from Milton Keynes residents.

**Bleak Hall, Chesney Wold MK6 1NE**

**New Bradwell, Newport Road MK13 0AH**

**Newport Pagnell, North Crawley MK16 9HG**

Use MKC's bulky waste collection service (charges apply)

[www.reusemk.org](http://www.reusemk.org) is a community project that may collect items that are in a good condition to be reused.

More disposal methods and prices can be found online.



## TINKERS BRIDGE

## JUNIOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR ESTATE?**

**ARE YOU AGED 8-21?**

Come along and join us, we meet the third Thursday of the month **6:00pm-7:00pm**

We have organised activities during half term and would like to do more, however we are unable to do activities during the summer without more members.

We are also having a fun raising stall at Woughton MK50 bash on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July and will be organising some Saturday morning sessions in preparation for this

**KEEP A LOOK OUT ON FACEBOOK AND THE NOTICE BOARD!** Next meeting:

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**We look forward to seeing you!**



## COOKS CORNER

### AVOCADO AND TUNA SALAD FOR 4 PEOPLE

#### INGREDIENTS



- 1 cucumber
- 1 large or two small ripe avocados
- 1 large or 2 small red onions
- About 2 tablespoonful of washed and chopped coriander leaves
- 1 can of tuna
- Salt
- Olive oil
- Juice of half a lemon or 1 table spoonful of Lemon juice

#### METHOD

- Wash the cucumber, cut in half lengthways and cut into equal bite size pieces
- Remove the skin and the stone from the avocado. (see tip)
- Cut the avocado into bite size pieces
- Chop the washed coriander leaves
- Peel and slice the onion - again into bite size pieces
- Open a can of tuna and break up the pieces
- Gently turn all the salad ingredients into a glass bowl
- Add the tuna
- Add a pinch of salt
- Add half to a tablespoonful of olive oil according to taste
- Add the juice of half a lemon or about a tablespoonful of lemon juice
- Gently mix the ingredients together
- Serve as soon as possible after making. Serve with baguette or wraps

#### Tip.

- You can tell if an avocado is ripe by gently pressing at both ends - it should give to your fingers but not be squashy
- Cut the avocado in half lengthways; it should then be easy to remove the stone with the edge of a dessert spoon and to remove the skin.



Food suitable for swans, geese and ducks would be peas, sweetcorn, lettuce, tomatoes.

## NATURE NOTES

Allie Short has been taking interest in, and formed a rather unusual friendship – with two swans! The pair, who Allie has named Sage and Missy, have nested on the bank of a local lake and allows Allie, our local wildlife expert, to get close enough to give them bedding for the nest and food. Take care, you shouldn't approach swans though, they are big birds and can be quite dangerous if they feel threatened.

## THE SWAN DIARIES,

### Tales from the lakeside



Worrying times at the lakeside this in March as the seemingly annual flood arrived and threatened the safety of the nest, and the seven swan eggs in it.

Almost 24 hours of non-stop heavy rain caused a sudden and very severe increase in the water level

which almost reached the top of the nest.

Thankfully we were able to provide enough dry bedding to help Missy swan build up the nest and raise her eggs to a safe level until the water level returned to normal. After an anxious wait, the first cygnet arrived at 1730 on May 25th - 33 days after the final egg was laid.

Welcome little one ❤️



TEXT AND PICTURES:  
ALLIE SHORT

