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Hello and welcome to the September newsletter for residents of Tinkers Bridge.

September sees the children back to school and new challenges as they start in a new year. The weather has changed and the leaves are falling off the trees fast, mainly due to the recent strong winds, please remember to check your garden trees for potential broken branches that may cause damage or injury during storms in the coming months. There will, no doubt be some flooding in the coming Autumn and Winter months, so ensure you have done all you can to prevent any leaks. You can contact the WCC with any concerns.

There has recently been a couple of extremely loud events in Tinkers Bridge which have caused distress to residents with very loud music, lots of cars, people and litter. Noise nuisance is very annoying and irritating when it is exceptionally loud. We are a small residential area full of families and older people who don't want to have to suffer for someone else's fun. It can be very upsetting for older residents as well as pets. Please always be considerate and respectful to residents. Thank you.

Huge thanks once again to the Payback Team who worked extremely hard cutting down and clearing overgrown bushes around the estate. We are very grateful for all their help keeping the estate tidy.

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Halloween Trick or Treat Map

There will be a Halloween Trick or Treat Map this year which was suggested by a resident. Houses which will be decorating their houses and/or giving out sweets will be on the map so that other residents not wishing to be disturbed won't have children knocking on their doors. Thank you to those of you who have already contacted Sarah through Facebook. The map will be available from Sunday 28th October. If you wish to be included please contact Sarah at 23 Hatton before then. Thank you.

Halloween Event

Excitingly, there will be another fabulous Halloween event this year, thanks to funding from the Tinkers Bridge Residents Association. This year, there will be a fantastic **Horror Hunt** being held in the woods at Colne Park. Your scary monsters and wicked witches children will have to hunt through the scary woody path and find items before claiming their treat bag at the end!

Costumed children only!! Beware of the scare!! WOOOooooooohh!!!

Look out for posters around the estate nearer the time!!



What's on in the local area

Mondays

Tuesdays:

Rainbows 4.45pm- 5.45pm

Brownies 6pm-7.15pm

Guides 7.30- 9pm

All are on during term time only at Charles Warren Academy, Groveway, MK6 3AZ

Contact Tawny Owl Cheryl by email on

pricecheryl20@hotmail.com

Wednesdays:

Thursdays:

Tinkers Bridge Residents Meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month at the meeting place next to Tesco's.

7pm till 9pm

Come and have your say, put ideas across or find out about setting up a club for residents as well as finding out about local issues. Above all GET INVOLVED!!

Fridays:

If you have a fantastic idea for a club, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are available at the meeting place.

Woughton Community Council Advice Services

The Local Centre, Garraways, Coffee Hall
01908 395681

This is open everyday at the offices. It can give you advice on all kinds of issues including:

- Benefit advice and support
- Benefit checks
- Bus pass application
- Computer access
- Consumer problems
- Debt/ money advice
- Employment issues
- Employment support allowance
- Housing advice
- Mental health support

Hedgerow Children's Centre

Langland Road, Netherfield. MK6 4NP
01908 239000

It is part of the Family Centre there that supports local families. There is a nursery for 2 year olds, a baby clinic, dental care for children, a cafe, and pregnancy testing.

They are also able to put you in touch with other agencies that offer support and advice such as Job Centre Plus, Relate, and Citizens Advice Bureau.

Open 8.30am- 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and until 4pm on Friday.

WCC Community Centre, Coffee Hall

Tuesdays- Busy Bees Over 50's Lunch Club
10.30am- 1.30pm. Lunch is served at 12.30
Two courses £6.50 including tea and biscuits on arrival at 10.30am

Everyday- Chatter Natter 10.30am- 12pm
Come in for a cuppa! Tea and coffee and a natter!

Wednesday 17th October- Afternoon Tea Dance
Tea and coffee and goodies to eat. Dress to impress!!
2pm- 4pm £2.00 per person.



Woughton Advice Service

Free confidential advice and support,
a non judgemental listening ear
contact us for a friendly chat

Appointments and drop-in's available in
different locations around the Woughton
area

Contact us

WAS@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Call or text and we will call you back

01908 395681 07525 808657

Or pop in

Woughton Community Council Hub Local Centre
Garraways Coffee Hall
Milton Keynes
MK6 5EG



The Swan Diaries.

Tales from the Lakeside.

(but not really!)

We still have a noticeable lack of swans at the lake, actually things there are rather quiet in general. There's Cookie always shouting for pellets, and Tommy the Canada goose flying over to me honking like crazy before almost diving head-first into the feed bucket. Last weekend there were well over 100 geese at the lake, including Candy the greylag goose that was adopted and raised by the big Canadian family, which really caught me out as I had only taken enough grain for a normal visit, but they were mostly just passing through and when I went over this morning there were only about fifteen geese. They were still very pleased to see me though, especially as they'd had a frightening night due to the stormy weather.

To update you on Little Hen, the moorhen chick who was stuck on the tree branch last month, he quickly learnt to fly properly after his adventure and has now left the nest to fend for himself; although he's still close enough to his parents to be helped if need be and I can see they keep a close eye on him and their other chick. Unlike most of the water birds, the moorhens have had a very good year for breeding with some families hatching as many as six chicks at once.



Another recent success is Indi (short for Individual) who is also a Canada goose. There's no way to know the cause, maybe a stroke or an injury of some sort, but Indi has a sunken right eye and was unable to lift his right wing at all which of course meant he couldn't fly and was at risk from predators. For a couple of months I went out of my way to make sure Indi got his share of the food to get him as strong as possible, and I had a rescue place agreed for him in case he was unable to remain in the wild. Gradually I noticed Indi was starting to use the wing more and more, and the last day I saw him, he flew across the lake with two other geese before landing in front of me – and then he was gone, along with the majority of the Canadians. It's difficult as I get so attached to the birds that need a bit of extra care, but they're wild and free and if Indi now feels

strong enough to go off travelling with his own kind, then it is the best thing for him. ♥

By Allie Short.

Rubbish Issues-A reminder



What should go in a pink or clear recycling sack

- Washed plastic bottles
- Washed plastic food containers
- Washed food and drink cans or tins
- Aluminum tin foil
- Empty spray cans
- Paper, Newspaper, Envelopes-not padded
- Washed yoghurt pots and margarine tubs
- Washed rigid meat trays and fruit punnets



What should NOT go in a pink or clear recycling sack

- Textiles, Clothes or Shoes
- Food or garden waste
- Crisp packets or Sweet wrappings
- Glass
- Nappies or any Sanitary Products
- Pet Waste
- Food Waste
- Polystyrene packaging

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO KEEP THE ESTATE CLEAN BY PUTTING THE CORRECT ITEMS INTO YOUR RECYCLING SACKS!!

Cookery Corner

Apples are available to collect from the orchard at Woughton on the Green Community Orchard. Why not grab a few bags and get picking and take them to the Apple Day Event in Netherfield or just rustle up this tasty recipe to enjoy!

If you would like to submit seasonal recipes to be included in this newsletter, please email the editor. Thank you.



Dorset Apple Traybake

450g cooking apples
Juice of half a lemon
225g butter, softened
280g sugar
4 eggs
2 tsp vanilla extract
350g self raising flour
2 tsp baking powder
Demerara sugar, to sprinkle

Heat oven to 180c/fan 160c/gas mark 4

Butter and line a rectangular baking tin. Peel, core and thinly slice the apples then squeeze the lemon juice over. Set to one side.

Place the butter, sugar, eggs, vanilla, flour and baking powder into a large bowl and mix well until smooth. Spread half the mixture into the tin. Arrange half the apples over the top of the mixture, then repeat the layers. Sprinkle over the demerara sugar. Bake for 45-50 minutes until golden and springy to the touch. Leave to cool then turn out of the tin and remove paper. Cut into squares and enjoy. Serve warm with custard or cream or eat cold.



The T.B.R.A are thinking about putting a Welcome Pack together for new Tinkers Bridge residents.

What important information do you think it should contain? What questions did you have when you first moved here? If you have any suggestions please contact the editor or Kathy on 07523 427073.

CONTACT US

Email the Editor at editorthethebridge@yahoo.com. Ring or text JOHN ORR on 07565 922368

FACEBOOK

Tinkers Bridge Residents Association is active on Facebook. Please check out **Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP**

Also, check out our very own Free page on Facebook- **Tinkers Bridge-Free To A Good Home**

YOUR INPUT

What would you like to see in this newsletter?

What events or clubs would you like to see on the estate?

Any suggestions you have please forward to the editor, we would love to hear your ideas!!