

Hello and welcome to the August newsletter.

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The summer holidays seem to have flown past this year. I wonder if it was because of the lack of restrictions and the freedom to roam beyond our front doors. Hopefully you and your families got to make up for lost time. A change of scenery certainly helps lift the mood. You may have sat for hours stuck in caravan jams, dashed through throngs of people at the services, desperate for the toilet, wishing you hadn't stopped at the very first services off that long motorway. Maybe you sat on a crowded beach pretending that it was wonderful that the very nearby family's rugrat, keeps flicking sand on your tuna sarnies. Maybe you lugged all your belongings-save the kitchen sink- to the amazing quiet beach you had heard about, only to find the way down is the most treacherous, steepest route you could ever imagine! But we made the best of it because that is our Covid freedom...Hoping you all enjoyed your freedom.

The T.B.R.A Meeting

This month's meeting will be held using our favourite Zoom as usual. There will be a link on our facebook page before the actual time, so you can get the kettle on. It will be held on Thursday 26th August at 7:30pm. Grab your cuppa and join in!

Yard Sale

On the 14th August, we had our very first Yard Sale. Michelle on Colne, came forward with the excellent idea, inspired by Netherfield's recent successful yard sale. Michelle did a great job organising it, collecting addresses for the map and sharing the event many times, on every local Facebook group. There were stalls selling all sorts of items as well as several residents setting up their small businesses. At 10.30am, it was tables at the ready, as everyone's table went on to our Facebook page. Lots of residents did really well, some didn't sell very much and that is down to placement in their individual roads. It would be fabulous to hold another Yard Sale in the future. It has been suggested that houses further down each road may want to move their sale tables to the grass verges, running along Aldenham (the main road through the estate). Let us know your thoughts on this. Many thanks to Michelle for your hard work.

Summer Gala

On Sunday, there was a Summer Gala, held at the meeting place and grassed area. There was a stage with live music the whole afternoon, featuring Tim Heights, an Elvis Presley act and Tinkers Lane, who performed their original tracks. There was a barbeque and refreshments. The weather wasn't great but we made the best of it. Lots of residents and their families came throughout the day to enjoy free burgers and have a singalong and a boogie. Huge thanks to the W.C.C for supplying the stage and set up and supporting the day with funding. It is very much appreciated.

More thanks must go to John Orr for all his hard work organising the gala. Lastly, a delicious thank you to our chefs on the day, Derek, Terry and Cliff, for making fabulous burgers all day!



Seaside Trip

Our annual seaside trip is taking place on Wednesday 25th August. The coach is fully booked for the day at Bournemouth's gorgeous sandy beach. The weather is looking to be a sunny 22 celsius so let's hope the weather doesn't lie, and you all have a fabulous day. We would like to thank the W.C.C for funding this trip and keeping prices low per seat. This makes it more affordable for all families, and residents to get a day at the seaside, during Summer.. Thank you very much for your support. Look out for photos in the next month's newsletter.

Moving up to Secondary School

It can be scary going up to secondary school, so we have put together some top tips to help your children get through their first days.

- Be prepared, make sure you have your pencil case and whatever else you need. It is a good idea to take a little notebook to jot down notes on lessons, rules and other information you may want to keep.
- Be yourself, don't be fake or boastful.
- Wear the correct uniform at all times. Put your phone away and keep it on silent.
- Smile at everyone and try to start conversations with other people in your class, who will be feeling as nervous as you.
- Check your route, if you're cycling and find out where to lock your bike. If you are bussing to school, check buses to make sure you get the right one at the time you need. Do a practice run to gain confidence. Check on your friends to see how they are travelling to school. A bus buddy can really help.
- Teachers are lovely, and they do understand how nervous you may be.
- Don't worry about getting lost, ask a teacher for directions. Keep an eye on where your classmates go, and follow them. Schools will often give Year 7's a tour of the school on the first day.

Facebook

We are on Facebook and now have several pages. Thanks to Gemma and Amee for creating our new page to help support our local businesses. Please message the admins to include your local business. You can add updates, new stock and special offers, and you can post twice a week! Free advertising to your neighbours, can't be bad. Check it out.

Tinkers Bridge - Supporting our local businesses.

Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP

For local news, lost and found, and anything else of interest. Check it out for any local updates. If you need assistance or help it can be a good place to ask. We have lots of lovely, caring people here, so please ask! It can be used to help combat loneliness, if you just want a friendly chat or to make new friends! All posts are previewed before posting. We are unable to advertise your business on this page.

Tinkers Bridge - Free To A Good Home

Is for all giveaways, freebies and unwanted items and in date food.

Tinkers Bridge For Sale

Is for items you are wanting to sell locally to friends and neighbours.

You can also access our Facebook page by using this link~ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TBRA.MK>