

*May 2016*

*Dear fellow residents of Tinkers Bridge,*

*We've been producing this newsletter for six months now! We hope that you find it both useful and enjoyable. This month we include our usual cookery item and a competition in addition to advertising community events and valuable information.*

*So let us remind you too of the young people's essay competition that we featured in the April issue.*

*Write a 250 to 500 word essay on ONE of the following topics: Springtime in Tinkers Bridge OR My Favourite Hobby OR My Ambition. Then submit the handwritten essay, with your title, name, age, and address clearly written at the top and submit it by 2nd June 2016 to 19 Bascote. There are 3 age groups - 4-8; 9-13; and 14-18. The closing date for this is 2nd June 2016. Late entries will NOT be considered. So if you want one of those prizes, now is the time to get thinking and writing. Our decision is final.*

*Which leads me to the important matter of finding a deputy editor for The Bridge. We desperately need someone to back me up and also make an active contribution to future issues and deliver the copy to the printer etc.. This is a commitment but NOT a heavy one. We are pleased to announce that we have a new design consultant: Katherine Clark. Welcome aboard, Katherine.*

**Remember to check the calendar in our FaceBook group page for stop press items.**

Black swan with her sygnets.



*Happy Springtime*

*The Editor*

## Diary of Events

One reason for going to Council meetings is to show the MK Council that we mean business, so it is important that they can see that we are from Tinkers Bridge. We have had some T-shirts printed with the message, 'I Love Tinkers Bridge'. If you would like to have a T-shirt please let me know, including what size you would like.

**For further information or if you would like a T-shirt and/or a lift to a meeting, please contact TinkersBridge@gmail.com or ring Sheila on 07599 321448**

### Monthly Meeting of the Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

Thursday 26th May 2016 7-30 to 9.0 p.m.  
Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place, Marshworth



There will be a big welcome for all Tinkers Bridge residents.



**John Orr, Chairperson of TBRA**

### Environmental Team

Ron Ellis and the team thank SERCO, WCC & Community Payback Team for their help in keeping the environment pleasant for us all. PLEASE keep the estate tidy and safe; we all benefit.

### May & June Activities and Events

**TBRA working group meeting for committee members only**

Thursday 12th May & 9th June 2016, 7-30 to 9.0 p.m. at the Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place.

### TBRA monthly meeting:

Thursday 26th May & 30th June 2016 See opposite box for details

**Woughton Walk: Saturday 7th May**  
Registration starts at WCC Offices, Farthing Grove, Netherfield at 10-45 a.m. Walk starts promptly at 11 a.m.

### Woughton Carnival Saturday 18 June

For further info contact WCC offices before 6 June and asap

### Regular Activities

**WCC Advice Drop in - currently every Monday 9-11 a.m. no appointments necessary.**

**Mobile Library visits TB Meeting Place on alternate Fridays**

**6, 20 May; 3, 17 June**

**RAINBOWS', BROWNIES' AND GUIDES' GROUPS** meet in the TB Meeting Place every Tuesday during term time

Rainbows 5-6 p.m.

Brownies 6-5-7-70 p.m.

Guides 7-30 - 9.0 p.m.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS GROUP** For news about this group please look at Facebook Page: Tinkers Arts and Crafts

**FOOTBALL PRACTICE** on Sunday afternoons at Colne Park from 2-30 p.m. Contacts: John Orr and Gideon Clark or turn up.

# Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association Initiatives

TBRA is anxious to improve Tinkers Bridge for its residents. It successfully applied for a First Steps grant to help it to do this.

## **Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association: the Working Group and its responsibilities**

TBRA has decided to use the First Steps assistance to develop a Community Action Plan.

TBRA has commissioned a Working Group of residents who volunteered to draw up the community plan, which has now been approved and accepted. The Working Group reports to the TBRA Committee.

Volunteers are welcome, but must commit to regular attendance.

Contact: Lesley Berry on 0794 1498762 or 25 Hatton

## **Do you need a Day Nursery or Child Clinics? Try Hedgerows Children's Centre, Langland Rd, Netherfield, MK6 4NP Tel: 01908 239000**

Hedgerows Children's Centre offers an enormous range of support for families with children under 5 yrs. this includes a day nursery for 2 year olds, a baby clinic, dental care for children, pregnancy testing, a cafe, and pregnancy testing.

## **Want to save a bit? Need a loan? Join a Credit Union**

There's no better time to try to get your finances in order than NOW!

**Swan Credit Union** is designed for anyone who is resident in or works in the Local Authority area of Milton Keynes or some other local postcodes..

## **What next - a plan to improve Tinkers Bridge in line with YOUR wishes**

The Working Group used your answers to the Tinkers Bridge Survey to help it to draw up a plan for improving Tinkers Bridge as a place in which to live. We consulted YOUR views before submitting a revised version of the Tinkers Bridge Community Plan in late February. We are now seeing to implement the plan with YOUR help.

## **Our response to RegenerationMK**

TBRA voted by 20 to 1 against any plan to regenerate Tinkers Bridge using demolition and/or compulsory purchase. We hope you signed the **TBRA Petition** to oppose any such plan.

## **The Link**

**Help needed with the new Tinkers Bridge website. If you have experience creating websites please contact Dave at [tinkersbridge@gmail.com](mailto:tinkersbridge@gmail.com)**

Facebook page at Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP for up-to-the-minute estate news and comment

Did you know that TBRA now produces an online calendar of events in Tinkers Bridge? David Lee plans to display this on the Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP page. Please consult it for any late changes to meeting details. Thanks, David for organizing this.

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Become a member, save regularly according to your means on a monthly basis, and apply for ethical and affordable loans. Avoid paying huge amounts of interest on small loans and consequent spiralling debt. The safety of your savings is guaranteed by the government. You can even open a special Christmas savings plan, where your savings are absolutely safe. For details see <http://www.swancreditunion.org.uk>

## Slow Cooks' Corner

### Recipe for Slow Cook Fajitas for 4-6 people

#### Ingredients

Mixed fresh green, red and yellow peppers - 3 - cut into strips  
1 large onion - sliced  
2 kilos of boneless chicken breasts  
1 can of chopped Italian tomatoes, drained  
Taco seasoning - packet  
1 lime  
4 cloves of garlic - crushed  
grated mild cheddar  
dollops of sour cream, creme fresh or Greek yogurt  
pack of fajitas

#### Method

Heat slow cooker on high  
Place half the peppers in the slow cooker  
Add 1/2 the sliced onion

Add 1/2 the chicken breasts  
Sprinkle 2 dessertspoons of taco seasoning evenly over chicken  
Add rest of the chicken  
Sprinkle evenly with remainder of Taco seasoning  
Sprinkle with garlic and 1/2 lime juice  
Add can of drained tomatoes  
Add remaining peppers  
Add remaining onion  
Sprinkle with remaining lime juice  
Place lid on slow cooker tightly

Cook for 3 hours without removing lid

After 3 hours remove the chicken onto a plate and cut it up  
Replace chicken in cooker and stir ingredients

Cook for a further 10 minutes in covered slow cooker

Prepare fajitas as per pack instructions  
Serve loaded with filling, a scattering of grated cheese and a dollop of sour cream etc, and enjoy

## Young People's Essay Competition! Closing Date is 2nd June 2016

Write a 250 to 500 word essay on one of the following topics: Springtime in Tinkers Bridge OR My favourite hobby OR My ambition. We are flexible on word limits for the youngest age group.

3 age groups: 4-8; 9-13; 13-18

Submit in writing to no.19 Bascote BY 2nd June 2016. with the title, your name, address and age clearly stated at the top or on the back.

Prizes given to the top essay in each age group. Editor's decision is final

## We desperately need a Deputy Editor for The Bridge

The need is for someone with good English and writing skills to back up the editor. At first this person would take copy to the Woburn Sands printshop and collect the copies each month, and collect and insert last minute news items into existing copy. Eventually a more active role could develop as the person became familiar with the processes. Reliability and commitment are essential qualifications for this job. **If interested please contact the Editor via [tinkersbridge@gmail.com](mailto:tinkersbridge@gmail.com)**

## The Environmental Team say a big thank you

Many thanks to Ian and Lorraine of Woughton Parish Council for arranging with Martin of the Community Payback Team to come and help with clearing up leaves and cutting back shrubs on the estate. As a result, the estate looks much tidier and more pleasant.