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TINKERS BRIDGE Residents Association

The newsletter of the Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

September 2016

# Monthly Meeting of the Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

Thursday 29th September 2016 7:30 to 9.0 p.m.

Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place, Marshworth

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

An opportunity for you to raise issues important to you and yours.

A chance to make friends. Do come along and bring a neighbour.



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# **Diary of Events**

#### TEA DANCE

At Morelands Centre on 5th Oct 2016

Contact 01908 679819 for tickets, which cost approximately £2–£3.

#### **NEW PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

We invite residents to submit their best **digital** photographs. There are three age groups - under 13s; 13 -19, over 19. The subject is: **Autumn**. Each person may enter only **one** photograph and it must be your **OWN** work. Prizes will be awarded; the editor's decision is final. We hope to be able to publish the best entries; by submitting an entry you give us permission to publish the photograph should we so wish and also to name you in print. Submit your entry by 30 November to **thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk**; please include your name, address, phone number and email address as well as your age group, category and title/description of the photograph.

# **September Activities and Events**

**TBRA** working group meeting for committee members only: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept & 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016 7:30 to 9 pm at the Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place.

**TBRA** monthly meeting: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept & 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016 See front cover box for details of this month's meeting

# **Regular Activities**

WCC ADVICE SERVICE OPEN ACCESS: Everyday between 11am – 2pm at WCC Offices in Netherfield.

**WCC JOB CLUB:** Every Monday between 1pm and 3pm at WCC Offices in Netherfield.

**MOBILE LIBRARY** visits TB Meeting Place on alternate Fridays: 9, 23 Sept; 7th, 21st Oct

#### **RAINBOWS' GROUP**

In the TB Meeting Place Tuesday 5 - 6pm, **term time only.** 

**BROWNIES' GROUP** In the Meeting Place, Tuesdays 6 pm - 7:30 pm, **term time only.** 

**GUIDES' GROUP** meet in the TB Meeting Place every Tuesday **during term time only** 7:30 – 9 pm

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

**GENTLE YOGA FOR BEGINNERS** on Monday evenings, 7–8 p.m. at the Meeting Place

The initial six week period has been extended for this successful initiative! (Ring 07523427073 to check if the session is taking place on Monday evenings at the meeting place 7:00 to 8:00 pm as usual). Free to residents of Tinkers Bridge.

#### The Environmental Team

Ron Ellis and the team thank SERCO for support



in clearing up broken glass all over the estate. Ron has supplies of pink sacks, green food waste caddies, blue glass boxes. For dog poo bags contact WCC The leaves have already started to fall and this reminds us yet again

how much we owe to Ron and his able team of helpers. They need more people to help with gardening and clearing. Please contact Ron via <a href="mailto:chair@tinkersbridge.org.uk">chair@tinkersbridge.org.uk</a>

### TINKERS BRIDGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INITIATIVES



We **URGENTLY** need a Treasurer for Tinkers Bridge Residents Association. If you are reasonably good with figures, please contact **info@tinkersbridge.org.uk** 

TBRA thanks Unite union for help funding a security light and security paint this month.

#### IT MATTERS!

# Our new website is LIVE! http://www.tinkersbridge.org.uk

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

Please consult the calendar on the website for any late changes to meeting details and new events. Thanks, David, for organizing this.

#### http://tinkersbridge.org.uk/tbra/calendar

David welcomes volunteers to help, especially those who have experience. Contact info@tinkersbridge.org.uk

#### CHARLES WARREN ACADEMY

#### **COFFEE MORNING, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2016**

There will be a coffee morning at Charles Warren Academy on Friday morning, 30<sup>th</sup> September from 8-30-10.00 a.m. This will be held in The Link, the school's excellent community space.

#### THE ALLOTMENT, CHARLES WARREN ACADEMY

Adult volunteers required on Wednesday afternoons to help a group of children garden the school's allotment. Contact kholland@charleswarrenacademy.org

#### MACMILLAN EVENING: CAKE, CAKE AND MORE CAKE!

Tuesday 4 October 18.15 - 20:30 at the Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place.

#### **NATURE CORNER**



I was surprised to learn that Tiggywinkles had difficulty finding places to release hedgehogs they

have cared for. The requirement is that the garden they release them to, has access to ten other gardens. If you would like to volunteer your garden as a release place for recovered hedgehogs, give them a ring or visit their website: <a href="http://www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk/">http://www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk/</a>

#### **Cooks' Corner**

Courgette and minced beef bake



Sufficient for 4 people – with vegetarian option

#### **Ingredients**

1 tablespoonful of olive or rapeseed oil 600 grams of minced beef (as low fat as you can afford) (or vegetarian mince)

3 large courgettes - sliced

2x 400gr.cans of chopped Italian tomatoes with juice OR fresh tomatoes and 1/2 pt of stock

2 large onion -chopped

garlic - crushed; salt, pepper; fresh or dried basil or mixed herbs

75 gr. grated cheddar cheese (or vegetarian cheese)

#### Method

Heat oven at 200°/fan 180°/gas 6. Grease a deep oval or oblong oven-proof dish.

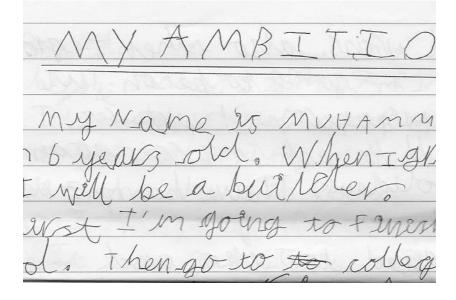
Wash and slice the courgettes -about ½ inch thickness. Brown the minced beef in a pan in the oil on medium heat. Add the chopped onion, garlic, tomatoes and juice or stock, and herbs, bring to the boil, then simmer for about 5 mins on a low heat: do not allow to burn. Remove from the stove and add 50 grams of grated cheese and let it melt on top. Put a third of the mixture at the base of the oven-proof dish. Add 1/2 of courgettes on top. Put a third of the meat mixture over this. Arrange a layer of courgettes over the top. Put a third of the meat mixture over the top. Scatter 25 grams of grated cheese to cover the dish. Cook in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. Serve with warm crusty baguette. An excellent way to use up those courgettes and tomatoes left over in your fridge.

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#### **ESSAY COMPETITION:**

## **Congratulations Muhammad Miah!**

We are pleased to announce the winner of our summer essay competition. The prize went to Muhammad Miah, aged 6 (now 7) in the age group 4-8 years. Muhammad won a £15 voucher. We shall be printing Muhammad's essay in an issue of The Bridge. Unfortunately there were NO entries in the older age groups.





### Farewell Service for George Lanigan on 21 August 2016

Around 40 friends turned out to celebrate George's life at a moving service of hymns and prayers led by The Jesus Army. Participants gathered about the flower boxes that George had so faithfully tended; these had been decorated by George's friends. A memorial plaque paid for by residents was put in place. Coffee, tea and juice were served from Ali's van and a delicious array of cakes, provided by The Jesus Army were on offer. Friends wrote messages on helium balloons, which were released in George's memory.



WE RELEASED BALLOONS IN GEORGE'S MEMORY. A MOVING MOMENT.