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Hello and welcome to the May newsletter!

We have had some gorgeous weather this month and the raised flower beds are looking great, remember if you want to join in and help out, and make new friends, speak to Ron or John! We have been lucky enough to have outdoor fun and barbecues in the hot weather but please remember to be respectful when barbecuing, e.g checking your neighbours doesn't have washing out and keeping loud music to a respectful volume. We are sure you were all enjoying the nuptials of Prince Harry and Megan on that hot weekend! Unfortunately the weather also wreaked havoc when we had the worst storm ever and the resulting flooding has caused lots of stress to residents. We have managed to pull together as a community and we are all very grateful to everyone who pitched and tried to get help for the estate

SPECIAL T.B.R.A MEETING on Thursday 7th June 7.30-9pm at The Meeting Place
We are pleased to announce Michael Kellehar, the most senior MKC officer on Housing and Regeneration is attending a special TBRA meeting to answer questions from residents about housing and regeneration.

Anti Social Behaviour Dumped Rubbish Overcrowding Repairs
Secure Tenancies Rodent Control Home Improvements Regeneration Refurbishment

if you can't make it or would like others to ask your question for you, then you can submit your question to John Orr or any other T.B.R.A. officers, verbally or on paper. Or text John Orr on 07565 922368!!! Or post your question onto Tinkers Bridge Official Group on Facebook!!! Or email your question to info@tinkersbridge.org.uk or editorthebridge@yahoo.com

However you communicate your question, just make sure you do it or attend if possible!! No slacking off allowed!! Make sure Mr Michael Kellehar knows how you feel and what is bothering you about housing and regeneration!! **Let your voices be heard!! Make sure you attend to add your voice!!**

Unfortunately, we haven't had much interest for the proposed Culture Day to be held in summer! If you would like to get involved, please come forward and email the editor or text John Orr on 07565 922368
Would residents prefer a Family Fun Day? Let us know your thoughts!!!

Great News!!

There will be a coach trip to Southend on Saturday 4th August for residents! Further details will appear in The Bridge and on our Facebook page and website. Huge thanks to Woughton Community Council for the funding for this trip!

Rubbish Issues

There is a huge problem on the estate with Serco leaving behind recycling sacks when they come round for the weekly collection. The reason this is happening is that these bags are **CONTAMINATED!!** There are items in them which **CANNOT** be recycled. They can see these items because they are visible through the new clear bags. It has a list of items which can be recycled on the bags, so please follow these guidelines. If in doubt... **LEAVE IT OUT!** Put it in a black bag instead. If these bags are left, they will attract rats, birds, cats and other animals. which will rip open the bags and the rubbish then gets spread around the estate, making it look extremely dirty and untidy.

WHAT TO PUT WHERE

Pink/Clear sacks:- Be guided by list on bags and leaflets available from Council. Generally - paper, plastic (but not polythene) cans and tins, foil.

Green bin:- Food waste and garden waste.

Blue box:- this is for glass bottles and jars.

General rubbish, nappies, cat litter and plastic wrappers (biscuit and sweet packs) all go in Black bag.

Cardboard boxes now need to be broken down and placed into recycling bags, Serco will not collect complete boxes now!

WHERE TO PUT YOUR RUBBISH

Your rubbish should be put at the edge of your boundary, not piled up outside someone else's house! If your rubbish is ripped open and spilling over it is your job to tidy up your rubbish

WHEN TO PUT YOUR RUBBISH OUT

Your rubbish should be put out **AFTER 5PM** on the day before your collection (which is Wednesday, except after Bank Holidays which will generally be a day later) and **BEFORE 7AM** on the day of collection. If you have any queries/questions please call Woughton Community Council on 01908 395681. Any bulk items which you need to dispose of, please contact MK council to arrange a collection **Yes, it's a lot to remember but it's important!! Thank you for your help in keeping OUR estate clean!**

Stolen Bike Request

In the early hours of Monday morning, we had our ktm 200 motorbike stolen from our rear garden on Congreve now that they are easy access since being cleared!

The bike is a 1999 ktm 200 fully road legal. The bike is very distinctive with an orange frame and front head light and mud guard. We do have cctv of 2 people seen walking around/down congreve in the direction of the rear alleyway. If anyone has any information as to the bikes whereabouts or the return of the bike, there is a reward. Thank you. **Please contact Carley on 07732 821558**



The Swan Diaries ***Tales from the Lakeside***

I'm not sure where to start this month's update as everything is a bit up in the air.

OK, here goes...

Major has settled in beautifully. He and I clicked instantly and in recent months the bond has developed to the point where he will take flight when he sees me to get to me as quickly as possible. He has finally realised that there is plentiful food here so no longer gorges himself, but still has a healthy appetite and especially enjoys mixed corn and rolled oats.

Normally by this time of year Missy will be hatching her eggs, but things are very different this year. Generally with swans the female will build the nest using materials gathered by the male and Sage was very experienced in this role, but Major is very young and hasn't yet learnt about nest building and associated matters. Poor Missy has been waiting and waiting. The whole nest building process takes about three weeks as it takes quite a lot of work to get it right, but because of Major's inexperience, it hasn't even begun. Missy did lay an unexpected egg last week, but without the safety and warmth of a nest, it sadly didn't survive and both swans had abandoned it by the next morning... and that morning was the last time I saw Missy; it's been five days now and no sign of her but I'm hopeful she will return soon. It's possible she may have gone to find a new mate as Major isn't ready to breed, but I hope this isn't the case as he is a lovely boy who just needs a bit more time to mature.

I will continue my daily visits to the lake and will keep looking after Major as best as I can, the poor lad looks lost and lonely on his own and doesn't seem to understand where Missy has gone. I really hope she is just having some time to herself and will come back when she feels better as it's not just Major who is missing her ♥

By Allie Short

Lakeside with the gorgeous creatures.



Here in MK we are very fortunate to be able to enjoy the plentiful green areas and the wildlife that inhabits them. We have various species of water bird – swans, geese, moorhens, coots, and various duck species to name just a few, and our lakes provide them with safe havens in which they can live and breed peacefully... or at least they should.

The majority of people are respectful and caring around these birds and most take extra care around the new hatchlings that are nervously clinging to their parents as they first start learning about the world they have just arrived into. However, this is sadly not always the case and on recent visits to Mount Farm Lake I have encountered multiple unsupervised children being deliberately cruel and terrifying the geese by chasing them, shouting at them, and throwing things at them; not just the adult geese, but families with newly hatched goslings.

This behaviour is unnecessary and unacceptable, and I respectfully request parents to keep a closer watch on their children in these areas and to educate them in how to behave appropriately around the wildlife so we can ALL enjoy our beautiful green areas in the way we should be able to. Thank you!

Summer Cookery Corner

Frozen Chocolate and Hazelnut Cheesecake

200g Full fat soft cheese
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 eggs, large
125g Nutella
100g Caster sugar
300ml Whipping cream
75g Hazelnuts, roasted and roughly chopped
250g Bourbon biscuits
75g Butter



Method

Line a loaf tin with lightly oiled cling film.

Put the soft cheese, vanilla, egg yolks, nutella and 50g of the sugar into a mixing bowl and whisk until smooth. In another bowl beat the egg whites until stiff. Add the remaining sugar, beat until glossy and thick, then gently fold into the soft cheese mixture. Finally, whisk the cream until thick and fold into the mixture.

Spread the hazelnuts evenly into the base of the tin, scrape the cheesecake mixture on top and flatten. Freeze for 3 hours.

Next, crush the bourbon biscuits and mix in the melted butter. Scatter the base onto the frozen cheesecake, press to compact, and return to the freezer overnight.

To serve, remove cheesecake from freezer 15 mins prior to serving, invert onto serving plate and slice. Serve with single cream. Scoff!!

Facebook

Don't forget Tinkers Bridge Residents Association is active on Facebook. Please check out Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP for the latest news, events, lost and founds, and anything else you can think of!

For local freebies check out Tinkers Bridge Free To A Good Home on Facebook, it is a great page to get rid of your unwanted items to your local community for free!! Great reason to not dump your items and fly tip, after all one person's unwanted items are another person's treasures!

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Rainbows 4.45pm- 5.45pm

Brownies 6pm-7.15pm

Guides 7.30pm-9pm Every Tuesday.....Term time only! Held at Charles Warren Academy in Old Groveway. For more info contact pricecheryl120@hotmail.com

