

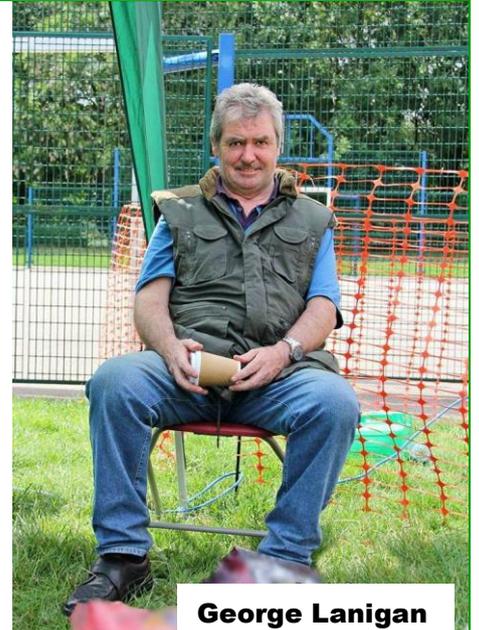
Dear fellow residents of Tinkers Bridge,

*It was with great sadness that we learnt of George Lanigan's death this month. After being missing since early June, he was found in Newton Longville. Our thoughts go out to his family at this sad time. April Rennie is organizing a celebration of his life for August. Please get in touch with April for details.*

*After a particularly wet June we have been plunged into a mini heatwave in July in time for the school holidays. Please remember that many of the children will be walking and playing around the estate while you are driving through it. Please keep your speed to under 20mph. It could save a child's life.*

*Do you have a business on Tinkers Bridge? If you would like to have your business advertised in The Bridge for a small donation, email [thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk).*

The Editor



George Lanigan

## 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). See our Facebook page at Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP for up-to-the-minute estate news and comment. TBRA produces an online calendar of events in Tinkers Bridge. Available now at <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=tinkersbridge%40gmail.com>, posted on the Facebook page, and to be included in the web site. Please consult it for any late changes to meeting details. Thanks, David for organizing this

## The Environmental Team

Ron has asked that you remember to put your black and pink sacks out **after 5pm** the day before the bin collection. Waste food should be put into green bins (preferably wrapped in newspaper).

Using the green bins for this purpose keeps the cats away from the black bags and stops them getting ripped open.

All garden waste can go into the green bins which are **free** from the council. If you regularly have a lot, you can ask for two! If you only have a little to get rid of ask a neighbor if they mind you using spare space in theirs.

**RON STILL urgently needs someone** to help him paint the raised flower beds and do some weeding. Please contact him via [thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk)



## Flytipping

Flytipping seems to be on the increase on the estate. Do you recognize this furniture dumped on Aldenham? There is no need for this. Call the council on 01908 252570 it operates on a point system. This chair **plus a sofa or a wardrobe or a mattress**

or any other item worth 2 points could have been removed for £20. **CLUB TOGETHER WITH A NEIGHBOUR – its cheaper for both of you!** See the point system at: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-recycling/bulky-waste-collections#How to arrange a collection> Get in touch with each other through the FaceBook page. It is illegal and could pose a heavy fine to leave it on the side of the road. Where the frontage belongs to the council, it is also considered to be fly tipping..

## August Activities and Events

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

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016,**

**7:30 to 9.00 p.m.**

#### **Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place, Marshworth**

There will be a big welcome for all Tinkers Bridge residents. Please turn up. These meetings are for us to meet as a community, share good ideas about ways to improve life on Tinkers Bridge, get to know each other. It's where the coach outings are discussed, the children's' activities, gardening and keeping our estate in good shape and anything else you want to bring up. Don't leave it to a few to work for you – come and join in!!

#### **HELP NEEDED:**

If you are a **bookkeeper**, or good with figures we need you for a couple of hours each month. Can you help?



**GEORGE'S GORGEOUS DISPLAY OF SPRING FLOWERS WAS MUCH APPRECIATED. PHOTO: J. HATHAWAY**

#### **TBRA working group meeting (for committee members only – please offer to join the committee!)**

Thursday 11 August and 8<sup>th</sup> September 7:30 to 9.00 p.m. at the Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place.

#### **TBRA monthly meeting:**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and 29 September  
(See box for details)

7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place

#### **Adventurer's MK (Youth Troop)**

Wayne Clements an honorary member of TBRA, would like to run an introductory session to see if there is interest in setting up a group of adventurers for young people in Tinkers Bridge for 6–13 year olds. If you would like more information on this, contact Wayne at: [info@adventurersmk.com](mailto:info@adventurersmk.com) or tel 07747716453. You can even message on facebook: Adventurer's MK (Youth Troop).

### 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:**

the mobile library visits TB Meeting Place on alternate Fridays 1, 15, 29 July

#### **FOOTBALL PRACTICE:**

on Sunday afternoons at Colne Park from 2:30 p.m. Contact: John Orr and Gideon Clark or just turn up.

#### **GENTLE YOGA FOR BEGINNERS:**

The initial six week period has been extended for this successful initiative! (Ring to check 07523427073 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.

#### **RAINBOWS', BROWNIES' AND GUIDES':**

meet in the TB Meeting Place every Tuesday after term start in September

## TBRA: The Working Group

The Working Group was set up to take forward ideas that come from Residents to make the estate a better place to live. Many of you completed the Questionnaire last year and we have developed an Action Plan with your ideas in it. Now and then we will need your help to work on these. Each GOOD IDEA needs a Champion to head it up.

One idea is to lobby the Council to establish a 20mph limit on the estate. We are looking for a Champion for this worthy cause. The Working Group will give masses of support and help to the Champion but we cannot do everything without assistance. Call the Chairs of the Working Group: Kathy on 07523427073 or Lesley on 07941 498762

Another Action is needed to prompt the Council into repairing the terrible state of the roads and paths on Tinkers Bridge. **We want to know of any injuries caused by the state of the roads and pathways.** If you have been injured or know of someone who has, we will assist in making your claim against Milton Keynes Council. Email: [thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk) or speak to Ron, John or Dave Lee about it.

### The Link

We are currently working on a website with a photo Gallery. If you have a picture of life on Tinkers Bridge or historic views of Tinkers Bridge that you would like to see in this Gallery, send it to [thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk) by email or give it to Nicky at 36 Brent. The best of the photos will be printed in this newsletter too.

### Keeping the Newsletter going

We all enjoy seeing the newsletter on a monthly basis. All 350 houses on the estate receive it through their letterbox thanks to volunteers. Copies are also left next to the Post Office Counter in Tesco Express. However there are costs involved in printing it and these cannot be met entirely by funding from the Residents Association or grants. If you have a business you would like to see promoted in the newsletter for a small donation of £20, let us know: [thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk) or speak to Ron.

### Woughton Community Council

**Youth Manager plans to take 14 local young people (15+) on a three week trip to UGANDA, East Africa in July 2017. Uganda is a beautiful country. The River Nile starts its journey to Egypt and the Mediterranean Sea from here.**

This is an exciting opportunity for a young person from our estate!!

They will work on a community project which will enrich the lives of the neediest whilst developing their own life experience. At least one young person from each estate will go. You will need your parents' permission and will complete challenges/training and prep/planning sessions. With help from the youth team you will need to fundraise. Contact Tash at: **01908 392945/07853 590546** or

**tash.darling@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk**  
more details:

<http://www.woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Co re/Woughton-CC/Pages/uganda-1609.aspx>

**Sarah Power has been appointed as the new Family and communications officer** at the Parish Council. She has been in place since April. Contact her with ideas on things you would like to see put in place for families in the area. E:

[sarah.power@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.power@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk) T: 01908 609146/07983 599259

**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, a cafe, and pregnancy testing.

**School Holidays! Will they drive your crazy? Service Six** is offering an extended range of services throughout the summer of 2016 which have been developed in consultation with the local community services. They are hosted at Service Six's Community Centre at Chapter House, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EE. call Billie Calland or Kimmy Stuart on 07813 366259 / 07813 366255, or email [reception@servicesix.co.uk](mailto:reception@servicesix.co.uk)

## TPAS Conference

Two delegates from Tinkers Bridge attended the TPAS annual conference in July, funded by YouMK. There were several interesting and useful workshops. Diane Bellinger, Chief Executive of Community Gateway Association was inspirational and really gave a framework of the type of community engagement that would be so useful and constructive for the estate in the consultation program leading up to the expected regeneration. Diane included details of how the housing association that she belongs to consulted with the tenants and how the tenants lead their work through scrutiny panels and having residents on the board of the housing association.

There was also a session on the Housing Ombudsman. If you have a problem that is not getting resolved within 8 weeks with the council and you would like to take it further up the ladder. Speak email [thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk) or speak to Nicky on 07736325073 to find out how to take it up with the ombudsman.

## Don't get bitten by a Loan Shark



Have you or anyone you know:

- **Been offered a cash loan without paperwork?**
- **Been threatened when you couldn't pay?**
- **Had your benefit or bank card taken from you?**
- **Had a loan which keeps growing even though you are making payments?**

If you can answer yes to the above you may have been bitten by a Loan Shark.

For confidential help and advice contact the Illegal Money Lending Team: 0300 555 22 22 (local rates).  
Email: [reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk](mailto:reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk);  
Web: [www.gov.uk/stoploansharks](http://www.gov.uk/stoploansharks)

## Tinkers Bridge Tea Dance

On the 20th July a Tea Dance was held at Hedgerows organized by Lesley Berry and YouMK. As the weather was very hot, there tended to be more tea than dance, but the atmosphere was lovely and Hedgerows staff did an excellent job of making people welcome. The hall



was decorated with bunting and there were freshly baked scones with jam and cream and homemade cakes and biscuits plus some that had been donated by the residents association.

Music was provided from CDs featuring Vera Lynn and wartime songs and even a spot of Tom Jones!. A raffle was held to cap the afternoon off, which was much appreciated by all.

Plans are in place for another dance – so watch this space!

## Slow Cooks' Corner

### Recipe for Slow Cook Dried Fruit Compote

#### Ingredients

8 oz mixed dried fruit (apricots, prunes, peaches, apple rings, raisins etc)  
1 - 2 tablespoonsful of demerara or brown sugar  
1 pint of mixed water and cider or wine  
grated rind of half a lemon  
grated rind of half an orange

#### Method

Heat slow cooker on LOW  
Arrange the dried fruits in the slow cooker and sprinkle the sugar over the top  
Mix the remaining ingredients and pour over the top of the fruit.  
Put on the lid tightly.  
Cook on **low** for 8-10 hours.  
Serve hot with either hot custard or ice cream.  
ideal for after the BBQ.