

The Bridge

Hello and welcome to the June newsletter

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At last summer has started as I am typing this on Summer Solstice Day, otherwise known as the longest day. Today, the sun rose at 04.42 and is going down at 9.27pm this evening, so no chance of getting the children to bed early!

Seaside Trip

The Annual Seaside Coach Trip is going to **Hunstanton beach on Saturday 10th August**. Huge thanks to the Woughton Community Council for the funding once again. Deanna has done a fabulous job organising this trip and every one of the 61 seats are sold pending payments. She has a reserve list for any cancellations. The coach will be leaving at 8am so you and your bikinis will need to be at the meeting place at 7.50am, at the latest to be registered and get settled on board. The coach will leave Hunstanton at 5pm with everyone needing to be at the arranged meeting place at 4.50pm at the latest. Let's hope the sun plays nicely and beams all day for the trip.

Summer Arts and Crafts Afternoons

There will again be a Summer Arts and Crafts afternoon for children during the school summer holidays. This will be held in the Community Garden. A drink and biscuits are also supplied for free! This is not just for young children, there will be paints and materials for everyone to get arty. We are also hoping to have a water fun afternoon, for children, with some den building, if we get some hot weather. Parents, send your children along if they are old enough to play out alone. Sarah and the TBRA volunteers are DBS registered and Sarah is trained in First Aid. If you would like to send your mobile number down with your child, this will be used to contact you if necessary.

Look out for the posters for the dates and times.

Rubbish Issues

Once again we are having to have a bit of a moan at residents who are fly tipping and dumping their unwanted items. It messes up the estate, it can harm local children and is detrimental to wildlife and it saddens the wonderful volunteers immensely. Please do not dump your junk! Recycle it, advertise it, give it away, take it to charity, upcycle it or just keep it! Thank you.

Here's a reminder of what to put in your bins. Please remember to squash down any large boxes and put into a recycling bag as they will not pick up a large box and throw it in!!

What should go in a pink or clear recycling sack

What should NOT go in a pink or clear recycling sack

Washed plastic bottles

Textiles, Clothes or Shoes

Washed plastic food containers

Food or garden waste

Washed food and drink cans or tins

Crisp packets or Sweet wrappings

Aluminum tin foil

Glass

Empty spray cans

Nappies or any Sanitary Products

Paper, Newspaper, Envelopes-not padded

Pet Waste

Washed yoghurt pots and margarine tubs

Food Waste

Washed rigid meat trays and fruit punnets

Polystyrene packaging

Cookery Corner

Scotch Eggs

4 large eggs
275g sausage meat
2 tsp dried Thyme
1 spring onion, thinly chopped
Salt and pepper
125g plain flour
125g breadcrumbs
1 egg, beaten
Vegetable oil for deep fat frying



Method

Boil the eggs in a pan of hot water, then let simmer for 5 minutes. Drain and cool the eggs in ice water to avoid the grey ring. Mix the sausage meat with the thyme, onion and season well with salt and pepper. Divide the sausage meat into four and flatten out into circles. Season the flour with salt and pepper and spread onto a plate.

Smother the eggs in the flour and place in the sausage meat circles. Wrap it around the egg, ensuring there are no gaps. Next, roll each egg onto the beaten egg, coating completely, and then roll the eggs in breadcrumbs and

Set aside. Heat the oil in a heavy bottom saucepan until a breadcube turns brown when dropped in. Using a slotted spoon, carefully lower each egg into the oil. Deep fry until golden and crispy. Remove and drain on kitchen paper. Eat hot with chips and baked beans or allow to cool and take on picnics or packed lunches. Enjoy!

What's on in the local area (Term Time unless stated)

Mondays

Netherfield Youth Club
9-12 years old
5.30pm-7pm
Meeting Place, Farmborough, Netherfield

Gardening Club
Everyone is welcome. Under 10 must be accompanied.
No 95, The Youth Centre, Coffee Hall
3.30pm-4.30pm

Tuesdays:

Rainbows 4.45pm- 5.45pm
Brownies 6pm-7.15pm
Guides 7.30pm- 9pm
All are on during term time only at Charles Warren Academy, Groveway, MK6 3AZ
Contact Tawny Owl Cheryl by email on pricecheryl20@hotmail.com

Wednesdays:

Tinkers Bridge Youth Club
8-12 years old
4.15pm-5.45pm
Meeting Place, Tinkers Bridge

Thursdays: 27th JUNE Tinkers Bridge Residents Association Meeting

Tinkers Bridge Residents Meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month at the meeting place next to Tesco. 7.30pm till 9.30pm. Come and have your say, put ideas across for a community event or find out about setting up a club for residents as well as finding out about local issues. We are hoping for ideas for fun family event so please come along if you have an idea or want to run a stall etc... Above all GET INVOLVED!

The Four Bridges Family Festival

Saturday 13th July 12pm-4pm at Two Halls Park, behind Rochfords, Coffee Hall. MK65DL.
There will be live bands, charity stalls and food stalls. There will be various information stands in the area. There will also be fabulous family activities, including Face Painting and Bouncy Castles. It will sure to be a fun filled afternoon so go along and join the fun!

The National Playday Event

Wednesday 7th August 11am-4pm at Campbell Park, C.M.K
This fun free event is usually held every year but had a year off last year. This year promises to be better than ever with lots of fun accessible activities for all children and young people across Milton Keynes.

Congratulations to Tinkers Bridge Residents Association!

We are very lucky to have been awarded the Gold Level Accreditation by Milton Keynes Council for 2019/20.

We are very proud of all the volunteers who work hard to make Tinkers Bridge a great community. Keep up the good work. Thank you!

Certificate of Recognition

2019/2020

This is to certify that

Tinkers Bridge Residents Association

has been awarded Gold level accreditation for 2019 / 2020 as a constituted residents association recognised by Milton Keynes Council



Mhay Green
Resident Engagement Team
Awarded on the 13th June 2019



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Community Sports Day Event

Roll up! Roll up!

Get a team together and compete in the Tinkers Bridge Sports Day!!

We are looking for help and ideas to help organise and run a fantastic sporty day for residents. Maybe in road teams or just friends and families teams? Tug of War? 5-a-side football? Or fun childhood races like the egg and spoon race, the three legged race or a sack run? What do you want? Send in your ideas to editorthethebridge@yahoo.com



Charles Warren Academy

Our local school is holding their Summer Fete on Monday 1st July at 3.30pm until 4.30pm.

This year, they are raising money for an in school Defibrillator. So please go along and join the fun!

There will be homemade stalls as well as class game stalls such as the old favorites- Guess the name of the Teddy, How many sweets in the jar, and Face Painting. There is always a bouncy castle, tea and coffee, an ice cream van, and cake stall.

We are on Facebook! Check out [Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP](#) for local news, lost and found, and anything else you think would be interesting to residents.

[Tinkers Bridge - Free To A Good Home](#) is for all giveaways, freebies and unwanted items, food stuffs, whatever, as long as it is free and in a safe condition.

If you wish to submit an article, a recipe, a poem, a request or local news please contact the editor by email at editorthethebridge@yahoo.com Many thanks.

The Swan Diaries

Tales from the lakeside

Fluffy season is in full swing and they are growing at an amazing rate this year! The earliest goslings, both Greylag and Canada geese, already have a lot of adult feathers and are close to full grown size in just a few weeks.

It's now about seven years since I first started feeding the water birds at Ashland Lake, initially just the swans but the geese very quickly made themselves known to me and with each year that passes, they get more and more confident with me. The Greylags are more timid by nature, so have always been a lot more reserved than the Canada geese, but last year I worked extra hard to win the trust of two Greylag families and it has really paid off as this year the Greylags have been as happy to bring me their fluffies as the always confident Canadians.

Every year the fluffies are very quick to learn that I'm friendly and they're always pleased to see me. When I arrive they rush towards me with their tiny little wings outstretched excitedly, until they've grown enough to actually fly to me and that is always a magical moment. This year though, they are even more familiar with me than usual and have been hand-feeding (even the Greylags) and climbing all over me too. Yesterday I had about fifteen assorted fluffies crowding around the mixed corn container happily devouring the food like a big game of Hungry Hippos, one even used the lid of the container as a ramp to climb up the side and get to the food!

Fred and Wilma still don't seem to be any closer to finishing their nest and laying eggs, but on the canal we have a very welcome new pair of swans with two cygnets. I've seen them several times now so it's looking hopeful they will stay close by, and I think they'll be known as Rosie and Jim because of the canal connection. By Allie Short



Feeding time at the lake.

Speed Limit Petition

If you would like to add your name to the petition for the 20mph speed limit, please complete and return this tear off slip and post through the door of 23 Hatton. We will also ask Tesco's if they could have a little postbox in the shop for slips. Thank you.

Please tear here.....

Name.....

Address.....

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I, the above signed, would like to add my name to the petition for a 20mph speed limit in Tinkers Bridge.

Thank you.