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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Councillor April Rennie and the **TBRA** would like to wish Residents a very Happy New Year. If you wish to make contact you can find April on Facebook and at the meeting place every Friday afternoon.

Need help?

If you are struggling, Councillor April Rennie is here to help in any way she possibly can. Also lookout for neighbours too, if you have any concerns let April know. Know that you are not alone and there is always someone to turn to. We are lucky to have 2 other councillors living on Tinkers Bridge - **Councillor Donna Fuller** and **Councillor Deanna Norris**.

Get Well Ron

We would like to send **Ron Ellis** get well wishes. He's played a big part on Tinkers Bridge as former chair of TBRA and Environment Officer.



Congratulations It's our 2nd Anniversary!

We never imagined the Community Fridge/ Larder/Cafe would become so successful and we are very proud of our achievements. Over the Christmas period we saved over 4 tons of food from going to landfill and helped so many families. A huge thank you to all the volunteers for the time and effort they put into this.

For clarification, we run a few projects on a Saturday morning:

COMMUNITY FRIDGE - This is a free service which is open to everyone and it stops food and items going to landfill. You do not have to be on benefits or low income and there is no stigma attached to attending. We ask for a small donation of 50p, if you can afford it, to help with fuel costs incurred when we collect from various locations.

COMMUNITY LARDER - This is a paid membership (monthly direct debit). At the present time we aren't taking on new members because we are full to capacity. The Friday video on our FB page shows Larder members what's available that week.

INDIVIDUAL - Membership £3.50 per week (10 items - plus fruit and veg).

FAMILY - Membership £7 per week (20 items plus fruit and veg).

COMMUNITY CAFE - £1 - bacon/sausage and/or egg roll & a drink.

Recommended price to cover our costs and keep the cafe running.



You are never alone....if you have something bothering you share it.

There is always someone to listen.

Do you have enough food? Does your pet have enough food?

Are you warm? Are your debts spiralling out of control?

Do you need help checking you're on the right benefits?

Are you lonely?

There is always someone here for you.

Thank you

THANK YOU to the following for making our Christmas event on December 19th special. **MK Council, Cllr Sue Smith and Woughton Community Council** for making it possible. **Michelle Chafer** for her beautiful fire place and grotto. **Terry and Derek Weller** for the amazing children's cards. Mitte for their donation. A massive thank you to **Brandon Rennie** for agreeing at the very last minute to be Santa. Unfortunately our Santa **Bill Fuller** fell ill. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him at Christmas this year.

Thanks to **Terry and Derek Weller.**

The flower beds outside Tesco have been planted with bulbs. Please do not stand on the emerging bulbs. Help us to keep them pretty.



Lower your speed

Did you know there is a speed limit on Tinkers Bridge? It's 30 mph. Please follow the speed limit and ask your visitors to do so too.



Councillor April Rennie has been asked by residents to take up the issue of speeding by lowering the speed limit or installing speed humps.

Pets

CAT MICRO CHIPPING will place on the **3rd February 2024**

The fee is £5 per cat. Book with April Rennie. Please note that all pet cats in England must be microchipped by **10 June 2024**. You will be given 21 days to get your cat chipped or face a fine of up to £500 if you don't comply.

PET FOOD If you are on BENEFITS the RSPCA food bank is free and open every Monday from 10.30am until noon at The Little Bookshop, Great Linford Community Hub, MK14 5HA (Proof of benefits will be required. Bring your own bag)

If you are on a LOW INCOME, not benefits, and need help with pet food, please come and see the person in charge at our Community Fridge. If you are struggling and need help, please speak to us and we can advise or help when we can.

Thank you to **JOLLEYS**, Westcroft for the dog food donation. Dog food is so hard for us to source so this is a MASSIVE help.



DOG FOULING This is becoming an issue. Poo bags are available at the Community Fridge every Saturday morning. Please use them! You cannot simply put your dog's waste into someone else's bin as you pass by. If you repeatedly let your dog foul public areas we will get the Environmental Crime Unit to investigate in order to issue a fine. You have been warned!

Rubbish and recycling

Recycling is NOT an option anymore. It is compulsory. There are people who will now check, so use the correct bins or run the risk of being fined.

Bags are not permitted and can only be used in the black bins.

No loose bags or boxes are permitted. Please close bin lids and take your bin following collection.

Dates for your Diary

All events are at the Tinkers Bridge meeting place unless stated otherwise.

BIN COLLECTION

Every Tuesday from 7am

COMMUNITY FRIDGE/LARDER & CAFE

Every Saturday, 9am - 11am

TINKERS BRIDGE RESIDENTS' MEETING

Thursday January 25th, 7.30pm