

*Dear fellow residents of Tinkers Bridge,*

*We advertise any forthcoming events for your calendar, with dates, times and locations. Please keep your back copies of The Bridge for future reference.*

*We want to flag especially the working group meeting on 14th April as well as the **TBRA grand launch of the Action Plan on Thursday 28th of April**. If you want to see what happened to a similar former council estate that was 'regenerated' do watch this on BBC IPlayer: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00t0ydd/the-estate-were-in> This programme is available only till 15th April. This month's issue also contains a **Slow Cooks' Corner** item and our first **Competition for young people**.*

*We'll consider residents' contributions for future issues, depending on space availability, and on suitability. The Council has withdrawn funding of printing this newsletter (and others) but we hope to keep going and there may still be room for letters to the editor. The deadline for submission of short items for the May edition is **20th April 2016**. Please submit the item, your name, address, and email address and telephone number to either no. 36 Brent or 14 Marshworth or to [TinkersBridge@gmail.com](mailto:TinkersBridge@gmail.com). The editor's decision is final.*

*The Editor*

## Monthly Meeting of the Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

Thursday 28th April 7-30 to  
9-00 p.m. at Tinkers Bridge  
Meeting Place, Marshworth

## GRAND LAUNCH OF THE TINKERS BRIDGE ACTION PLAN

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

## Diary of Events

### April and May Activities

Drop-in for advice at Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place,  
Mondays 9.0 -11 a.m. until further notice:

Helen Hawkins of WCC has agreed to hold this advice session each week for a trial period, starting Monday 4th January. Come along with your problems.

TBRA Working Group Meetings for committee members only

14th Apr & 12th May 2016 7-30 to 9-00 p.m.

TBRA meeting: for all residents  
28th Apr & 26th May 2016 See opposite box for details

TBRA Juniors for residents aged 8-21 years meets at the Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Look out for details of events on the noticeboard and on the FaceBook calendar.

## Regular Activities

### MOBILE LIBRARY OUTSIDE MEETING PLACE ON ALTERNATE FRIDAYS

Presumably on 12th & 29th April from 10-15 to 10-45 a.m. Please check noticeboard outside the meeting place and/or the Tinkers Bridge interactive calendar.

**RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, GUIDES** meet in the TB Meeting Place every Tuesday during term time  
Rainbows 5-6 p.m.; Brownies 6-15 -7-30 p.m.; Guides 7-30 -9.0 p.m.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS GROUP** - for news about this look at Facebook Page: Tinkers Arts and Crafts

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

## Environmental Team Volunteers wanted



Ron Ellis (above) leader of our volunteer environmental team, which helps to keep our estate tidy, pleasant to live on, and safe. Help is always required to assist on a regular basis in such activities as litter picking, hedge clipping, clearing paths etc .  
**Please contact Ron at 48 Brent or at [TinkersBridge@gmail.com](mailto:TinkersBridge@gmail.com) to find out more.**

## Waste Collections

Milton Keynes Council ask residents to remove pink and black sacks from their bin cupboards after 5 p.m. on Tuesday evenings and place them and green composting bins at the kerb for collection by 7 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. Make sure they don't obstruct the pavements or roads. This is to make the collections quicker and safer. Please put the correct items in the right bags. Always tie your bags and close your bins.

If you are unable to put your waste at the kerb because of age or disability please ask for assisted collections at Waste Services at 01908 252570.

## How to complain to Milton Keynes Council

1. Prepare what you want to say BEFORE you telephone
2. Have a note pad and ballpoint pen beside you when you call
3. Phone 01908 691691 and ask for the department you want OR you may complain online. This is the link:  
<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/comments-compliments-and-complaints/what-is-a-complaint>
4. Ask for and note down a reference number. Note the date and time of your call and the name of the person you spoke with. Keep these details and refer to them in further complaints about the *same* issue.
5. **Tell us and give us details if you've been injured on the estate. Contact: [TinkersBridge@gmail.com](mailto:TinkersBridge@gmail.com) or 36 Brent.**

## RegenerationMK

As part of our scrutiny of the actions of the Regeneration Partnership, we will try to attend other meetings where Regeneration is discussed. **We do not yet know when and where this will happen but there could be some discussion at Executive Scrutiny on 12th April.** Sheila will keep an eye on the agendas. **If you would like to attend these meetings or if you would like a T-shirt please contact her - [TinkersBridge@gmail.com](mailto:TinkersBridge@gmail.com) or 07599 321448.**

# Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association Initiatives

TBRA is anxious to improve Tinkers Bridge for its residents. It successfully applied for a First Steps grant to help it to do this.

## Launching and Implementing the Tinkers Bridge Community Action Plan

TBRA has developed a Community Action Plan. This will be launched at TBRA on Thursday 28th April in the Meeting Place at 7-30 p.m.

For further details please contact: Lesley Berry on 0794 1498762 or 25 Hatton

### A plan to improve Tinkers Bridge in line with YOUR wishes

**More classes and activities.**

#### 1. We hope to be able to offer Gentle Yoga For

**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, pregnancy testing, a cafe, and pregnancy testing.

## Want to save a bit? Need a loan? Join a Credit Union

There's no better time to try to get your finances in order than NOW!

**Swan Credit Union** is designed for anyone who is resident in or works in the Local Authority area of Milton Keynes or some other local postcodes.

### **Beginners in May and June. We need a viable group.**

If you are interested, please contact Kathy via [Tinkers.Bridge@gmail.com](mailto:Tinkers.Bridge@gmail.com) or via our FaceBook page at Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP. Please state your preferred times (Day or Evening) and days of the week.

### **2. We could offer a 3-hour St John's Ambulance First Aid Course if we had a group of between 8 and 14 people interested.**

This costs £30 per person but we would aim to subsidise this if at all possible. Again contact us at [Tinkers.Bridge@gmail.com](mailto:Tinkers.Bridge@gmail.com) or FB at Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP

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

Did you know that TBRA now produces an online calendar of events in Tinkers Bridge? David Lee plans to display this on the Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP page. Please consult it for any late changes to meeting details. Thanks, David for organizing this.

Become a member, save regularly according to your means on a monthly basis, and apply for ethical and affordable loans. The government guarantees the safety of your savings. You can even open a special Christmas savings plan, where your savings are absolutely safe. For details see <http://www.swancreditunion.org.uk>

## Slow Cooks' Corner

### Recipe for Pork and Pineapple Curry

#### Ingredients (enough for 6 people)

A paper bag  
1 and a 1/2 ounces of flour  
2 lbs of lean cubed pork  
1 large chopped onion  
1 tablespoonful of medium curry powder  
1 tablespoonful of paprika pepper  
1/2 pint of vegetable or chicken stock  
2 medium hot red chillies  
1 tablespoonful of mango chutney  
1 teaspoonful of Worcester Sauce  
2 bay leaves slightly torn  
1 lb can of pineapple cubes and natural juice or syrup  
a little salt to taste  
2 tablespoonsful of vegetable oil

## Essay Competition!

Write a 500 word essay on one of the following topics: 'Springtime in Tinkers Bridge' OR 'My favourite hobby' OR 'My ambition'.

3 age groups: 4-8; 9-13; 14-19

**Submit** in writing to no.19 Bascote **BY 2nd June 2016**. with the title, your name, address and age clearly stated at the top or on the back.

Prizes given to the top essay in each age group.  
Editor's decision is final.

### Method

Preheat the slow cooker on high  
Collect together and prepare all the ingredients  
Toss the pork in the flour and salt in the bag.  
Brown the meat gently in the hot oil.  
Transfer the meat to the slow cooker.  
Soften the onion in the hot oil in a separate pan for a few minutes.  
Do NOT burn.  
Add the stock and remaining ingredients.  
Bring the mixture to the boil.  
Add the mixture to the slow cooker and stir well.  
Cover tightly with the slow cooker lid.  
**Turn the slow cooker on to its low heating.**  
**Leave to cook for 5 to 8 hours without removing the lid.**

Remove bay leaves.  
Serve meat, pineapple and sauce over boiled wholegrain rice.

## Environmental Team says thank you.

Ron Ellis and the volunteer team give a big vote of thanks to Lorraine Essam and SERCO for providing several litter pickers and pairs of gloves for them to work with. The whole community is grateful.