

*Dear fellow residents of Tinkers Bridge,*

*I hope that you have had a good Summer and are now appreciating crisp and frequently sunny Autumn days. This month make sure you look at our Nature Table item and get busy in the kitchen with our warming casserole from Slow Cooks' Corner. Charles Warren Academy is holding a Bonfire Party on 5th November from 6 p.m. Bonfire Night food will be on sale.*

### **WCC neighbourhood Plan**

*This issue is particularly big. Look at the next page for the reason.*

*Each year The Jesus Army organises a Christmas Day Lunch for residents. We are very grateful to our WCC Councillor, Pauline Prop, for making this possible this Christmas by donating her Councillor money.*

*We are beginning to think ahead to Winter and Christmas activities and a committee is working hard to obtain grants to subsidise these (See Funding News). We will need help to organise such events; this help could be on a 'one off' basis or otherwise. Please contact [thebridge@tinkersbrdge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@tinkersbrdge.org.uk) as soon as possible to find out more. It is an excellent way to make friends.*

*Thank you Terry, Derek and Barbara for volunteering to join the delivery team that makes sure you get The Bridge newsletter and other information leaflets from TBRA. We are also extremely grateful to Terry and Derek for stepping up and volunteering to plant and maintain the raised garden box near the Community Garden. If you are interested in gardening please do volunteer to care for one of the raised garden boxes. For this please contact [tinkersbridge@gmail.com](mailto:tinkersbridge@gmail.com)*

*Best wishes*

*The Editor*

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

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016,**

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

**Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place, Marshworth**

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

# Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association Initiatives

## WCC Neighbourhood Plan

We have delivered along with The Bridge a *summary of the WCC Neighbourhood Plan* with a short questionnaire. There is also an *example document*, read this carefully as it shows the points that the people of Tinkers Bridge highlighted as important to them in 2015. You do not have to write a lot, just the bits that are important to you. You can tick 'agree' or 'disagree'. **Please have your say about this plan which affects us all and feeds in to the plans for our area.**

By submitting it you will be entered into a draw for a £25 Tesco voucher!

**Have it ready for collection by Friday 28th October.**

Or drop it in to 36 Brent.

Or hand it in at the TBRA meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> October.

## Help needed:

We urgently need a **TREASURER** for TBRA. | contact [info@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:info@tinkersbridge.org.uk)

We desperately need an **EDITOR** for 'The Bridge' The need is for someone with good English and writing skills to replace the editor who is leaving in December. The outgoing editor would give training. If interested please contact [thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk)



See the Facebook page at 'TINKERS BRIDGE OFFICIAL GROUP' for up-to-the-minute estate news and comment and an up to date calendar of events in Tinkers Bridge. Please consult it for any late changes to meeting details. Thanks, David Lee for organizing this.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

One reason for going to Council meetings is to show the MK Council that we mean business, so it is important that they can see that we are from Tinkers Bridge. We have had some T-shirts printed with the message, 'I Love Tinkers Bridge'. If you would like to have a T-shirt please let me know, including what size you would like.

**For further information or if you would like a T-shirt and/or a lift to a meeting, please contact [TinkersBridge@gmail.com](mailto:TinkersBridge@gmail.com) or ring Sheila on 07599 321448**

## Environmental Team

Ron Ellis and the team say 'Thanks to the "A Team", our landscape team from WCC. They have been doing a great job clearing alleyways and cutting back shrubs. TBRA is grateful for all their endeavours. Thank you too to SERCO for clearing a lot of clutter on Tinkers Bridge.'

## Funding news

We have now received a £700 grant from Milton Keynes Council towards the cost of printing our monthly newsletter.



We have received a grant of £500 from Woughton Community Council to buy timber to refurbish the planting boxes around the estate. If you would like to help with the refurbishment or to plant and maintain the boxes, please contact Ron via [chair@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:chair@tinkersbridge.org.uk) We are extremely grateful to MKC and to WCC for these grants.



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## Activities and Events

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

Wednesday 9th Nov 2016 7:30 to 9.00 p.m. at the Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place.

### **TBRA monthly meeting:**

Thursday 27th Oct & 24th Nov 2016 See front cover box for details of this month's meeting.

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

## **Charles Warren Academy**

### **BONFIRE PARTY**



Charles Warren Academy will be celebrating Saturday 5th November with a bonfire, sparklers and fireworks event!

6pm–7.30pm. £5

for family entry ticket, includes a sparkler for children. Soup to go £1.50 / Hot dogs £2. All welcome! Tickets available from the school office.

## **Regular Activities**

### **WCC ADVICE SERVICE OPEN ACCESS**

Everyday between 11am - 2pm at WCC Offices in Netherfield.

### **WCC JOB CLUB**

Every Monday between 1 pm and 3 pm at WCC Offices in Netherfield.

## **Essay Competition: First Prize! Well done, Muhammad.**

### **'My Ambition' by Muhammad Miah**

My name is Muhammad. I am 6 years old. When I grow up I will be a builder. But first I'm going to finish school. Then go to college. Then go to university. And it's going to be exciting. I have to do all my exams correct.

I am fantastic with lego I can make Lego cities and then when I grow up I will make new real cities. I need 1000 builders to help and I need 800 diggers. When I have finished building the new cities I am going to travel every single county on cars, boats and trains. also when I grow up I'm

### **Mobile Library visits TB Meeting Place on alternate Fridays**

7th, 21st Oct; 4th & 18th Nov.

### **RAINBOWS' GROUP**

In the TB Meeting Place Tuesday 5–6pm, **term time only.**

### **BROWNIES' GROUP**

In the Meeting Place, Tuesdays 6 pm–7:30 pm, **term time only.**

**GUIDES' GROUP** meet in the TB Meeting Place every Tuesday **during term time only** 7:30–9 pm

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

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.

## **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.

going to be on TVs, newspapers and pictures. I will be rich so I can go on holidays. I have been on 7 aeroplanes.

When I'm 30 years old I will get married to JSora and I will live in London number 8 Diamond place. Sometimes I will visit my Mum and dad and sisters but they may be old or dead I support Liverpool football and when I grow up I will play in another team. After I have done all that work because it will be quite hard. I will work in London in Liverpool Street and get the underground. But before when I am 17 I will get the High Speed and get some flowers for my old friend Ellie who lives in Dover. I am looking forward to growing up but I am going to be very busy.



## Nature Table – Hibernation

When winter comes there isn't much food available for wild animals. A few animals survive by hibernating: this means they go into a torpor (similar to a deep sleep) to save energy and survive without eating much. The animal's body temperature drops and its heart beat and breathing slow down.

Only a few of our animals are true hibernators. The Bat is one of them. Snakes, frogs, toads and newts are others. The Hedgehog is another. In a harsh winter hedgehogs will hibernate from October through to April but in a milder year they can be active right through December. A mild spell Mid-winter may spur them into activity too so hedgehogs can sometimes be seen outside their nests, 'moving home'.

Hedgehogs need to stock up on food BEFORE they hibernate. So now is the time to put food outside for them. Meat-based cat or dog food, dried meal worms, sunflower hearts and unsalted chopped or crushed peanuts are ideal, placed inside a shallow dish alongside a shallow bowl of fresh water. Put it inside a piece of old pipe or in a fox and cat proof location.

### TAKE CARE!

Hedgehogs (and other hibernators) need to find a snug place to nest for the winter. A favourite place is deep within a pile of garden twigs and leaves – ***So please check your bonfires etc. before lighting and leave wildlife undisturbed and unharmed!***

Try [www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org) and [www.bbowt.org.uk](http://www.bbowt.org.uk) for more information.



## Slow Cooks' Corner

### Recipe for Pork and Prunes casserole for 4 people

#### INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoonful of olive or rapeseed oil  
500g of lean pork in chunks (shoulder or leg)  
1 large onion -chopped  
250g of chopped potatoes  
250g of chopped swede  
3 large carrots - sliced  
100g of ready to eat prunes (remove stones)  
Pinch of sea salt  
Ground black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
2 teaspoons of cornflour mixed with 2 teaspoons of water

#### METHOD

Heat oven at 190o/fan 170o/gas 5 or heat slow cooker on high

In a large pan, brown the pork chunks on all sides in the hot oil

Add the chopped onion, garlic, vegetables and herbs.

Pour in the water. Bring to the boil and add the crumbled stock cube, stirring until dissolved

Add the prunes and ginger and stir.

Now is the time to add the blended cornflour and stir until the sauce is thickened.

Bring to a gentle boil and transfer to slow cooker or to ovenproof casserole dish.

Make sure the lid is a tight fit.

Either cook in slow cooker on LOW for 6-8 hours or cook in the pre-heated oven for 1 hour.

TIPS: For slow cooking make sure you reduce the water to 1/2 pint

You may use chopped dried apricots instead of prunes  
Chop the vegetables fairly small (bite sized) and make sure they are covered by the stock before cooking.

## Digital Photography Competition

We invite residents to submit their best **digital** photographs. There are three age groups - under 13s; 13 - 19; adults over 19. The subject is **AUTUMN**. Each person may enter only **one** photograph. Prizes will be awarded for each age group, where there are worthy winners. We hope to be able to publish the best entries; by submitting an entry you give us permission to publish the photograph should we so wish and also to name you in print. Submit your entry by 30 November to [thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@tinkersbridge.org.uk); please include your name, address, phone number and email address as well as your age group, category and title/description of the photograph.