

Hello and welcome to the June newsletter.

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This is our very first online newsletter! How exciting!

It has been a strangely hot yet very wet month, where we have been getting sunburnt and flooded in the same week! It doesn't seem possible, but then again that's British weather for you. Some parts of our lives are going back to normal, slowly. It is nice to see some country flags up on houses for the Euro 2020 football tournament, an inkling of some hope just around the corner. We are still having to wear masks of course, but with so many residents getting their vaccinations done, we can certainly hope for a normal future.

There have been some concerns over the height of the grass on the verges, around the estate. Due to the weather and a later cutting schedule, the grass has shot right up. Milton Keynes Council have now begun mowing within estates and will get to Tinkers bridge in due course.

The Scarecrow Festival

Our Springtime Scarecrow Festival had five entrants this time. The winning scarecrow was by John Orr. He was very pleased to win the festival, adding that he had never won anything before, and he was very happy with his prize. Thank you to the entrants and everybody who voted.



Mural Damaged

Sadly, the newly painted mural at the meeting place was vandalised recently, by some person or persons who don't appreciate the work that goes into murals like these. Maybe they are just jealous of the artist's talent, what a shame. Huge thank you to **Arkade** and **Pie-face**.

The Book Swap Table

The table and bookshelf has now been moved back to its original position, thanks to **Cliff** and **Kathy**. It was moved to allow for the repainting of the mural. We hope it will continue to be popular with residents. We welcome books of all genres and for all ages. Many thanks to those of you who donate and borrow books. Apart from the odd strange item left there, our book swap table is a huge success.



We are thinking of returning to real life residents meetings held in person with real people (!!!) after July. It is a huge concern and a decision won't be taken lightly. It will be fabulous to see you all again, even in your masks. We will let you know as soon as we have a date.

August Summer Gala

There are some plans being made, behind the scenes, to hold a Summer Gala in August. To celebrate getting through some tough times and to bring the community together. We are hoping to have a Fun day filled with music, food, games and anything else we can think of!

If you would like to join in the fun and help organise our summer event, please contact John Orr on 07565922368 or Sarah on Messenger.

Cookery Corner- Bacon and Onion Tart

Pastry- 100g butter, chilled and diced

225g plain flour

½ tsp English mustard

2 tbsp cheese, grated

1 large egg, beaten

Filling- 225g smoked bacon bits

1 tbsp oil

2 large onions

4 large eggs

4 tbsp creme fraiche

100g cheese, grated.



To make the pastry, rub the butter into the flour until it resembles breadcrumbs, stir in mustard and cheese. Add the egg and 2 tbsp of water to form a dough. Knead lightly until smooth then wrap and chill for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 200C. Roll out the pastry and line a flan tin around 11 by 7 inches. Prick all over with a fork, chill for 30 mins and then bake using foil and baking beans. Cool. Now, dry fry the bacon bits, remove and drain. Using the oil, gently fry the onions until soft and golden. Cool. Beat the egg and the creme fraiche, together then add salt and pepper to season. Spread the bacon and onions onto the pastry base, pour on the egg mixture, and scatter the cheese. Bake for 25 mins until golden and set. Serve hot or cold

Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP for local news, lost and found, and anything else of interest. Check it out for any local updates. If you need assistance or help it can be a good place to ask. We have lots of lovely, caring people here, so please ask! It can be used to help combat loneliness, if you just want a friendly chat or to make new friends!

Tinkers Bridge - Free To A Good Home is for all giveaways, freebies and unwanted items and in date food.

Tinkers Bridge For Sale is for items you are wanting to sell locally to friends and neighbours.

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