

The Bridge Newsletter



Hello and welcome to the March newsletter.

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Spring has most definitely sprung, and the daffodils spread throughout the estate look lovely. Look out for the tulips that will soon be making a colourful appearance.

Unfortunately, a huge blight on Tinkers Bridge is the constant littering, fly tipping and dog poop everywhere. There has been a sharp rise in the amount of dog poop, despite there being dog poo bins dotted around the estate. If you have a dog, please clean up after your beloved furry family member. You may love and adore your pooch, but your neighbours do not. It is disgusting and a health hazard to humans and animals alike. Milton Keynes Council recently employed litter enforcement officers who can issue £125 on-the-spot fines. They are also able to fine dog owners who don't pick up their dog's poop. Please be mindful when you are spoiling our estate, and think about the effect it has on your neighbours and wildlife!

T.B.R.A Annual General Meeting.

It is an important time of the year, here at Tinkers Bridge Residents Association, as it is our Annual General Meeting where we can vote for new members to take on roles within the association. This takes place at the meeting place on **Thursday 31st March at 7.30pm**. All residents are invited to attend and vote. Residents can also stand for the positions available.

Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer are the three principal officers.

[Chairperson](#) duties include chairing the Association meetings, representing the Association at functions and meetings with the council and other related businesses or charities upon invitation and acting as spokesperson for the group when required.

[Treasurer](#) duties include keeping proper accounts that show all monies collected and paid out by the Association. Supervise all financial affairs of the association and support any applications for grants and other funding sources. Lastly, the [Secretary](#) role includes the taking of minutes, keeping and distributing the minutes. Prepare the agenda for the Association meeting in conjunction with the chairperson. Deal with any correspondence and circulate any relevant information as necessary

Other roles and areas of interest within the Association include [Vice Chairperson](#), [Funding](#), [Environmental](#), and [Events Coordinator](#). Please come along and join in, cast a vote or just pop down to see what it's all about.

Community Cafe

Our very own Community Cafe is doing really well. They are open from 11 am until 1pm. It is perfect for a bite to eat or just a cuppa and a catch up with neighbours. It is very friendly and welcoming. There are also arts and crafts available for the children.

The **Community Larder** is now in the office space so there is more room for cafe customers. Deanna, and Nat and April are on hand to tick you off their list and help with items. You can sign up for 10 or 20 items per week. Doors open at 11am. There is a lot of choice and different fruit and vegetables are available and not part of the 10 or 20 items.

The **Community Fridge** is also available here. These food items include bread, cakes and rolls, which are free to take. It is chiefly to stop food going to landfill. You do not have to be a Larder member to use the Community Fridge or the Community Cafe. Don't forget Girl Pack is available here if you are or know a teenage girl in need, There are often times when people are really struggling and don't know who to turn to. April is very good at putting together **welfare parcels** to help you with food and toiletries, you may be desperate for. Pets are not forgotten either! You can also ask for a **pet welfare pack**, which will provide food for your pet for up to a week. We are very lucky to have so much support on our lovely little estate, so please reach out. Find April on our Facebook page or ask for her at the Community Cafe every Saturday.

Easter Events

We have lots going on this Easter in Tinkers Bridge with huge thanks to Woughton Community Council.

We are finally able to hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt' just like we used to before Covid struck. Although we never stopped doing an Easter event for the children, even through lockdown!

Our amazing **Easter Egg Hunt takes place at Colne Park on Thursday 14th April at 2pm.** Children over the age of 3 will need to find 5 different coloured plastic eggs before coming to the gazebo to be checked and collect their Easter egg. Children under 3 years old have their hunt in the little park to keep them safe from the crazies running around. They will need to find 10 little chicks hidden around the park to win their Easter egg. This year you will need to register your children or grandchildren with April on our Facebook page post in order to take part. You can also pop a note through the door of 23 Hatton if you are not on the internet. We are hoping for great weather so fingers crossed. Unless there is literally a danger to life, this event will not be cancelled due to weather! The show must go on! Register and join in the fun!

We are also holding an **Easter Bingo afternoon at the meeting place on Saturday 16th April from 3pm to 6.30pm. This event is £1 per person, this covers your bingo card and a tasty home cooked meal of curry and rice.** Families are welcome to bring children to join in with the bingo, this may not be suitable for younger children. Places are limited due to space so please book in advance with April on our Facebook page. Again, you can post a note through the door of 23 Hatton, if you are not on the internet. Prizes are Easter eggs and hopefully some other goodies.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We have some exciting plans in the pipeline for this special occasion to mark the Queen's 70 year reign. We will be holding an event at the meeting place and adjacent field. This will be on Saturday 4 th June on Jubilee bank holiday weekend. There will be some live music, a BBQ, tea, coffee and sandwiches and cakes. There will be fun and games, including fancy dress. If you have some ideas or would just like to get involved with this event, please contact April, or Deanna.

Facebook

Tinkers Bridge Community Larder

This is a new page set up for members of the Community Larder, it features what is available at the next session, member's recipes and other related topics.

Tinkers Bridge - Supporting our local businesses.

This page is in support of local businesses, based on the estate. Free advertising to your neighbours, can't be bad.

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For local news, lost and found, and anything else of interest. Check it out for any local updates. All posts are previewed before posting. We are unable to advertise your business on this page.

Tinkers Bridge - Free To A Good Home

Is for all giveaways, freebies and unwanted items and in date food. Please use this page rather than fly tipping your unwanted items.

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