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Great Locality
Proud Community

autumn 2017

comment



Changes

As I write this, looking out on a beautiful morning with the sun glinting on the burnished gold of nature's new Autumn collection, it strikes me that we have again reached that time when we reflect on what we have achieved during the last year and start to plan for what may be ahead.

In addition to the day to day work of running the Parish Office and services, this year our team have delivered community partnership projects and has worked with local charities to provide community benefits. Our Ranger team has been increased to two (see article on page 4) so we can deliver more of the tangible benefits that you value so much and our Enforcement Officer has significantly reduced instances of dog fouling. The Summer of Fun and Community Fun Day were magnificently attended and received enthusiastic feedback.

Less welcome changes are however starting to appear. Milton Keynes Council's enforced cut-backs are becoming more evident and the effects of reduced or delayed maintenance are being brought to our attention. Information suggests more dramatic reductions in services such as landscaping are not likely in the short term. However, it is probable going forward, that some or indeed many of the services that make the places where we live so pleasant may start to be reduced.

As a Parish Council we have to consider, that, if called upon, can we practically or financially pick up some of the work MKC can no longer afford to supply or indeed will our residents wish us to do so. As we learn more, we will engage with our local communities to inform how cuts may affect you and discuss jointly what we as a community can do to minimize the impact.

GLPC is of course under its own responsibilities and restraints to deliver best value for money and we too have to carefully consider how best to structure our resources to ensure we continue to deliver key services.

Notwithstanding the above, we are still keen to hear your thoughts for improving facilities and services that will genuinely benefit our residents. Funding may not always be available, but our support as a facilitator may help bring your ideas to reality. If therefore you want to help improve the lives of your community or the place where you live, do contact us. Together we may just be able to make it work.

Tony Bedford

Lead Councillor for Communication

ABOVE: Fun day photo by Eirwen Tagg.

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SUNFLOWER CITY

Grand Opening of Conniburrow Community Orchard

Imagine walking through streets close to the centre of the city. Houses rise on either side of you. Suddenly a sign appears encouraging you to turn the corner and discover Conniburrow's new Community Orchard tucked away behind Conniburrow Boulevard, Speedwell Place, Ramsons Avenue and Yarrow Place. Sunflowers rise up and nasturtiums tumble out of the raised beds, rhubarb and raspberries jostle each other in this peaceful oasis in the heart of the city.

Big Local Conniburrow (BLC) and local volunteers have been working hard to create a really special place for all residents and visitors to enjoy. Recently a grand opening ceremony was held with leader of the Council Peter Marland cutting the official ribbon and over 100 people turned out to look around and take part in activities such as stone painting, apple pressing, sunflower sculpture-making and badge-making.

Sarah Wright, local resident and Community Artist for

Conniburrow shared with us the story of the Orchard's creation and

how you can visit and get involved.

When BLC started around 5 years ago, the whole estate was canvassed for their views on how they would like to see the community develop and a plan was drawn up from feedback and ideas. A key area of focus was green spaces. This encouraged the steering group to look at how the green spaces were originally proposed to be used such as mini golf area, greenhouses and a maze. This got the group thinking and Stuart Turner, architect



TOP: Sunflower by Olia Gozha.

ABOVE: Sunflowers in the Orchard. Councillor Peter Marland cuts the ribbon to officially open the Orchard. Photos by Alissa Pemberton.

and consultant for BLC, progressed the design for an orchard with the involvement of others. Making Conniburrow proud and bringing the community together were also key aims.

In March 2017 planting began and Sarah decided to document the progress. Interest was sought from the community and people planted out the herbs and other plants. BLC asked Sarah to start a friends of the Orchard group. As someone who loves green spaces and how relaxing and enjoyable they can be, she agreed. The year began with lots of seed sowing and talking to people who visited and walked by. Information was sent to people who expressed an interest and people started to become engaged in the project. Having a welcoming outdoor space to visit has proven incredibly good for the physical and mental wellbeing of residents. As a resident too, Sarah feels really grateful to have the space so nearby.

The Orchard hosted an MK50 'flower power' event back in June which gave them a focus on growing flowers while the trees are establishing. Recently they have worked with MK Gallery in bringing artists to the estate and developing links to the local schools and the children's centre. A children's gardening club was set up over summer holidays and there are hopes to turn it into an after school club in the future.

Sarah's 'seed project' saw her planting lots of sunflowers this year to cheer the estate up and she'd love to see them all over Conniburrow. Perhaps eventually Conniburrow will become known for its sunflowers!

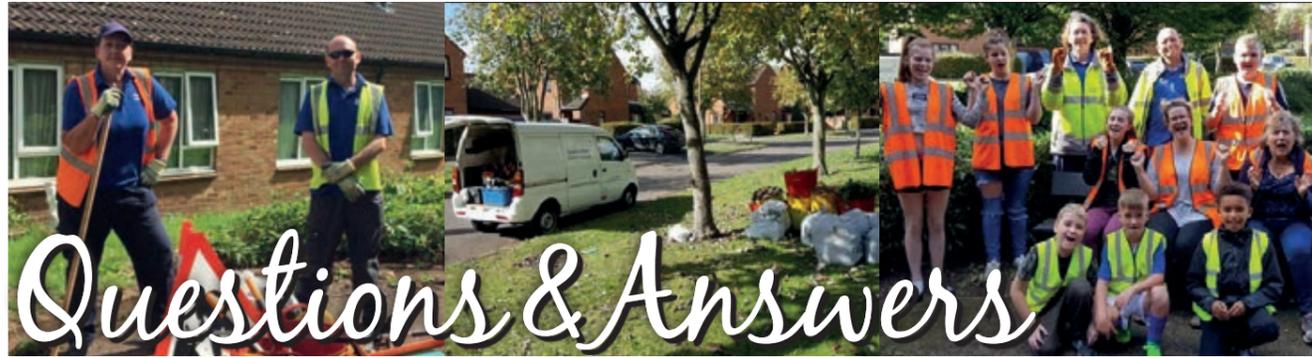
The project would love more involvement from anyone who is interested.

Visit their facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/309568302809527/

Or just come along to the work days on the last Sunday of every month - all welcome from 1-3pm.

Keep an eye on noticeboards and when the community hub on Bramble Avenue opens there will be lots of information about the Orchard there too.





with Great Linford Parish Council Ranger Team

The Parish Council employs rangers to maintain a good clean and tidy environment, focusing on open spaces, sports facilities, pavilions, offices and estates within the parish boundary. As the person out in the community, the ranger is the 'eyes and ears' for GLPC, and acts as an ambassador for the neighbourhood.

The role involves patrolling and inspecting the estates, checking and maintaining the Parish Council's assets, reporting issues of anti-social behaviour and working with a variety of community partners, to find solutions to local problems.

We would like to say goodbye to popular outgoing ranger Simon Bates and offer a big thank you for all his hard work for the parish over the past five years and welcome new rangers, Steve Lilley and Wendy Searle who have been getting stuck in with keeping the whole parish looking clean and tidy. Here they share a bit more about their role and what they get up to on ranger duties.

FROM LEFT: Rangers Wendy Searle and Steve Lilley, Giffard Park. Parish rangers helping local residents with a tidy up day in Giffard Park.

Q Can you tell us a bit about your role as parish ranger please?

We are the eyes and ears of the community, proactively problem solving issues and concerns. We actively maintain open spaces, allotments and Parish community facilities.

Q What does a typical day look like for you?

We start work at 9am, we'll log on to our computer system and speak to our colleagues in the office to check for any new work or tasks. We would normally like to plan our work days in advance but this isn't always possible as we may receive a report from a resident or outside organisation and we like to be able to respond as quickly as we can – for example offensive graffiti, drug paraphernalia or broken glass in play park, obviously we'd like to get rid of that as soon as we can.

We often have work groups with a local organisation or school but without any specific reports we will patrol the Parish. We have estates we each concentrate on. Steve focuses on Great Linford, Neath Hill, Willen Park, Bolbeck Park, Blakelands and Redhouse Park. Wendy looks after Giffard Park, Pennylands, Downhead Park, Downs Barn, Conniburrow, and Tongwell. We will try to tackle any issue we come across; graffiti, overgrown bushes, litter etc. As such the day often ends with a trip to the tip!

Q What's your favourite area in the Parish?

Neither of us really has a favourite area. We are very lucky to work in a parish that has such a wide variety of residential and recreational areas. There are plenty of green spaces, public works of art and historical landmarks.

Q Do you work in partnership with other organisations?

Yes, we do. We are regularly in contact with MK Council and SERCO to tackle larger problems we may find; particularly very large areas of encroaching landscape, fly tipped rubbish, graffiti or vandalism that we can't easily deal with ourselves.

We regularly work with schools, youth groups, charities, local organisations and volunteer groups to support projects in the community.

We work with Thames Valley Police, the local community policing team in particular, mainly in terms of anti-social behaviour and regular crime hot spots.

Q What's the most rewarding aspect of your role?

Just being able to get on and make a difference. Often problems or concerns are reported to us and we are able to resolve them by working with residents either by supporting reports to other organisations or often just getting on with doing the work ourselves. It is particularly rewarding when local residents support us, often coming out and working with us to improve their local area.

Q How can people contact you?

Anyone can call into the Parish Offices in St Leger Court, Great Linford to speak to any of the staff in person or leave a message. Opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 09:00-16:00 and Wednesday 09:00-12:00. You can call the Parish Office on 01908 606613 or email directly ranger.steve@great-linford.gov.uk or ranger.wendy@great-linford.gov.uk

The Parish Council has a Facebook page and a website: www.great-linford.gov.uk

Of course if you see either of them out and about please say hello!

Milton Keynes Arts Centre Makes Art Affordable

Milton Keynes Arts Centre has launched its first annual art market, Studio Edition.

Featuring Milton Keynes artists and designers offering a unique, high quality collection of ceramics, silver, prints, fashion, paintings, textiles and more on sale to the public until Thursday 21 December 2017. Prices range up to £100.

Alongside the art market, we will run a free events programme on Sunday 26 November, 3 and 10 December, 11am–3pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a glass of mulled wine and mince pies as we celebrate the work of our artist associates in Studio Edition. All have contributed a set of one-off artworks or limited editions for you to view and buy in the lead up to Christmas 2017.

Artists and makers will meet the public, giving talks and presentations on their practice, enabling consumers to make meaningful connections to the artwork on sale. Work can be purchased Mondays to Saturdays 10am – 4pm, until 21st December or at the Sunday events listed.

A 20% donation from sales contributes to the Arts Centre's year-round outreach programme, helping us continue to provide life enriching encounters between audiences and artists by engaging our public in dynamic conversations around craft, design and the visual arts. The remainder of the sale goes directly to the artist.

Artist associates include Daniel Chehade, Thomas Cuthbertson, Richard Harrison, Aaron Head, Joe Highton, Kyle Kirkpatrick, Andrew Macdermott, Gabrielle Radiguet, Wai Wai Pang, Annabelle Shelton, Alexandra Smith, Chantelle Stephenson, Debi-Sara Wilkinson and Rosemary Wright.

Milton Keynes Arts Centre is a multidisciplinary arts centre and charity situated within the historic Linford Manor Park, Great Linford. We present a programme of exhibitions, live events and educational activities inspired by our unique location. We provide artists with access to specialist resources and the space to explore new ideas, often developed in tandem with our communities.

How to get to Milton Keynes Arts Centre:

By car from A5:

Leave A5 at A422 (Monks Way H3) towards Newport Pagnell/Bedford (the Abbey Hill roundabout).

Take Monks Way H3 until left onto B4034 (Marlborough Street V8) at fourth roundabout (Redbridge Roundabout).

Third right onto St. Leger Drive.

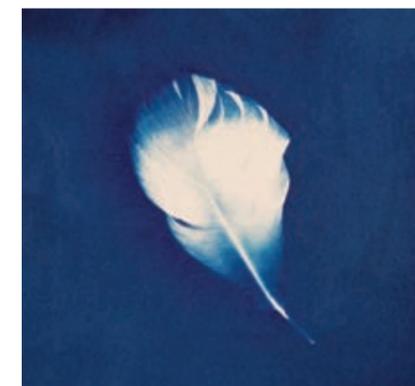
Take third left into Parklands, straight ahead, over pond roundabout and through iron gateway.

By Bus:

Bus 7 or 7A from Central Milton Keynes to Great Linford, then walk towards Parklands.

The centre is located in the grounds of Great Linford Manor Park.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Watercolour by Debi-Sara Wilkinson, cyanotype print by Gabrielle Radiguet, handmade silver and pearl earrings by Alexandra Louise Smith, Icelandic inspired Ceramics by Andrew Macdermott, hand drawn wrapping paper by Daniel Chehade.



Milton Keynes Arts Centre

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

20-26 November 2017



Parish residents have raised serious concerns about traffic issues that are affecting whether children can safely cross roads to go to the park or elderly people can get to the shops. Speeding vehicles, inconsiderate parking and general thoughtless disregard of some road users cause problems to those around them.

GLPC have listened to these concerns and have helped coordinate an action plan with Ward Cllr Alex Walker, Thames Valley Police, MK Road Safety Officers and input from residents. The plan focuses on identifying the issues, gathering data and finding ways to tackle the problems and opportunities to educate drivers.

St Leger Drive is the starting place for something we could repeat in other areas. This road is close to the primary school and has two units for the elderly; both groups who need more consideration from drivers but the road is also busy because of the local centre.

As Cllr Alex Walker points out St Leger Drive is not unique in experiencing these problems and to resolve the issues "there is a need to look holistically at the problem for the whole area. Working together is the way forward."

Actions and Activities

- Data gathering**
 We are using Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs) to gather speeds and volume, and using speed radars to log speeding drivers. All this information will go to the police and MK Council to integrate and set priorities and enforcement if necessary.
- Driver Education**
 As part of the Road Safety week GLPC is holding various events around the parish:
Winter Driver advice and tyre checks will be run from Great Linford Centre Thursday 23rd November 10am to 4pm.
Reminders about speed will run through social media, notice boards and banners to remind people there is a limit for a reason!

MK Council are reviewing the physical area to consider traffic calming and the sort of measures that might be suitable.

Getting involved

GLPC is supporting Road Safety Week from 20th to 26th November by helping to raise driver awareness. Details can be found online at roadsafetyweek.org.uk

Events will be advertised on the Parish Council website and on our Facebook page or you can come in and talk to us to find out what's happening.

Could you help with speed awareness sessions?

Residents like Jackie and Mike took part in our recent speed check sessions. These take a couple of hours and will be held during road safety week, and at other times, working with concerned residents. Training and support is given throughout the sessions and they offer an excellent opportunity to help you educate others.

Jackie Williamson from local community group Safety on St Leger Drive said, "We are relying on Milton Keynes Council with the help and support of our Parish Council to take positive action to ensure that our requests are taken seriously and implemented before a serious accident occurs." If you would like to get in touch with the group please email stlegerdrivesafety@btinternet.com

IT'S 30MPH FOR A REASON

- Speeding causes death and serious injuries on our roads.
- Going slow = stopping in time.
- Speed is scary and noisy. It stops communities being enjoyable places for children and families to walk, talk and play.

Driving can be unpredictable, no matter how experienced a driver you are, if something unexpected happens on the road ahead – a child stepping out from between parked cars – it is speed that will determine if you can stop in time and, if you can't stop, how hard you will hit.

DID YOU KNOW?

Stopping distances INCREASE with vehicle speed

Speed (mph)	Total stopping distance (metres)	Total stopping distance (car lengths)
20	12 metres	3 car lengths
30	23 metres	5.75 car lengths
40	36 metres	9 car lengths
50	53 metres	13.25 car lengths
60	73 metres	18.25 car lengths
70	96 metres	24 car lengths

Coordinated by: **Brake** the road safety charity | Sponsored by: **AVIVA** Good thinking | **BriteAngle**

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING CHANGES LIVES



MacIntyre were delighted to be a part of the Great Linford Parish Council Community Family Fun Day in August. A huge £1,224.63 was raised to support their important work.

The money raised from the Fun Day was donated to Fletchers Mews Activity Centre in Neath Hill to revamp the service, and to give more opportunities to the people whom MacIntyre support there.

MacIntyre is a national charity, with their Central Office in Milton Keynes who provide learning, support and care in the surrounding area and for 1,500 children, young people and adults with a learning disability or autism, at more than 150 locations across England and Wales. At the centre of what they do is a vision for all people with a learning disability to live a life that makes sense to them.

These include Registered Care and Supported Living services, Lifelong Learning, No Limits (further education provision) and two cafés; one of which is based in Great Holm and the other in Stony Stratford. The MacIntyre catering team is fast becoming known as one of the best local providers for events, business meetings and parties.

MacIntyre's Lifelong Learning service, which is based at different locations across Milton Keynes, offers a wide variety of activities for people with learning disabilities. These include arts and crafts, education, sports and exercise, drama and gardening. The drama group loves to put on a show; you might have seen them in last year's Jubilee Variety Show or at many other local events. The team also has access to a therapy pool and well-equipped sensory room and are happy to welcome new people to join the service.

The organisation really values the connections they have within Milton Keynes and the surrounding area; Corporate Partners provide incredible support and vital funds, all of which are donated to their chosen service or project.

MacIntyre's annual Christmas Fair takes place on 2 December, which this year is being held in the exclusive Antiques Centre in the grounds of Woburn Abbey, with its beautiful cobbled streets. With over 50 stalls including crafts, jewellery, sweets, cards, mince pies and mulled wine, it's the perfect opportunity to get into the festive spirit and find all of your Christmas presents. Tickets can be purchased through their website www.macintyrecharity.org/get-involved/events

Get in touch with our fundraising team by emailing fund@macintyrecharity.org to find out more about our upcoming events. For other enquiries, please email hello@macintyrecharity.org.



MacIntyre

Providing support...your way

MACINTYRE COFFEE SHOPS

Great Holm Coffee Shop: 54 Haddon, Great Holm, Milton Keynes, MK8 9HP
Tel: 01908 563754. Open: Monday to Friday – 9am to 4pm; Saturday – 10am to 3pm

Stony Stratford Coffee Shop: 7 High Street, Stony Stratford, MK11 1AA
Tel: 01908 568267. Open: Monday to Friday – 9am to 4pm; Saturday – 10am to 3pm

MACINTYRE CATERING Tel: 01908 227111. Email: mk.catering@macintyrecharity.org

Linford Manor Restoration MOVES AHEAD



Since the Summer edition of North by North East significant progress has been made in the development stage of the work to better understand Great Linford Manor Park.

This has included several technical surveys to better understand the history and evolution of how the park has been used. Alongside this, the local community has helped guide the design proposals and the team from The Parks Trust have put on a series of activities and events for everyone to enjoy the grandeur of your local heritage parkland.

BELOW AND TOP RIGHT: Linford Quarry Conservation.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Woodland Conservation.

Community engagement and events

A primary focus of the project is to implement an activity and events programme to give the local and wider Milton Keynes community the opportunity to get involved in this project. Since June 2017 heritage walks, canal boat rides, outdoor sketching sessions, education sessions, practical volunteering days, and more have all taken place.

The Parks Trust sees this project as an opportunity to reach communities who may not currently engage with the natural environment or do not have the support to get outside regularly. They are keen to set up a series of dementia friendly walks, aim to create an outdoors mental health Wellness Club, as well as work

with local schools and local voluntary youth organisations so that they can learn about the local heritage and environment through practical and educational activities.

Get involved

As part of the project they need the involvement of the Milton Keynes community and to hear your thoughts and opinions on the project. They are aiming to form a 'Friends of Great Linford Manor Park' group that would help put on events and activities in the park, aid in the maintenance of the park and help support initiatives such as the proposed Wellness Club. In addition, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer on an ad hoc basis and be involved in this exciting project.

If you are interested in finding out more about the project, getting involved or have any questions then please email GLMP@theparkstrust.com

For further information visit www.theparkstrust.com/hlf



why not send us your news & views?

We welcome your views. Please send your letters to:

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**ROCLA:
REDHOUSE
PARK'S OWN
COLLECTION OF
LASTING ART**

Absolutely fabulous describes the ideas submitted by artists invited to produce pieces of art for ROCLA: Redhouse Park's Own Collection of Lasting Art. The themes of the project brief for artists were nature, magic and identity. Over the past few months many artists who are local to Milton Keynes have been visiting Redhouse Park and researching the area and the local flora and fauna to gather inspiration for their designs.

Expect to see fantastically lit creatures in the trees, sit on a Soundbench, view a beautiful mosaic, walk under an unfurling leaf, spot the metal bulrushes and the recycled Wading Bird, be entranced by the giant Woodpecker and just who are those creatures on the bikes?

Feedback from the community from a display held in July was considered by the Project Board in determining the



High Street Community Garden.

artists who were invited to submit a proposal. In early 2018, one of the projects will be based on several community workshops and the sparkly imaginary pieces created will be exhibited in Redhouse Park along with another magical sculpture.

There will be an opportunity to Meet The Artists on Saturday 25 November 2017. Visit the Big Red Bus parked by the Play Park from 10am – 3pm.

For further details contact beverleycalverley@outlook.com



Community Gardeners.

**LITTLE
BOOKSHOP
UPDATE**

There are plans to open the Little Bookshop as a community meeting place run by volunteers. Contracts are drafted, funding is being raised and keys will shortly be handed over.

If you're interested in the future of this community facility and would like to support it please email Alan Senior on asenior@btinternet.com or leave your details with the Parish Office.

**COMMUNITY
GARDEN LOOKING
FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Great Linford Community Garden on The High Street is the result of a project initiated 16 years ago by the Waterside Festival Committee.

It is managed by a small but loyal team who you may have noticed weeding, pruning and planting on a Saturday morning, usually from 10am-11am.

Anyone is invited to come along and help out. There is plenty of scope for different types of support from keeping a photo record, to taking on the roses, maintaining the benches or generally controlling the weeds. They are open to new ideas as well as new helpers.

Please contact jane.swindells.js@gmail.com 07923076934

**GENTLEMEN IN
THE KITCHEN**

Omelette with a twist, cabbage cooked two ways, fruit crumble and custard; the first meal produced by Gentlemen in the Kitchen. If you're fed up with oven chips and pop tarts and fancy some company over lunch, come along and learn how to cook simple meals to start with. Around £2 per session, the opportunity to cook food you like and share life experiences.



Pop into the office for more details or contact office@great-linford.gov.uk

**HAS FACEBOOK
REPLACED
NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH?**

Great Linford Parish consists of 12 estates, how do you connect with your neighbours? Residents on Redhouse Park, Giffard Park and Downhead Park have successfully started community Facebook pages, informal groups for residents to quickly share news, events, activities and to keep an eye on their community. It is a quick and easy method of watching out for your neighbours and their property – and the beauty of it is... you can still twitch your curtains!

**PARKING ON
CONNIBURROW**

The recent MK Council consultation held with residents of Conniburrow regarding parking received a very low response rate – just 131 people responded out of a total of 750 properties consulted.

This represents 17% and is not considered sufficient to make changes to the current scheme. Of the 131 responses, 97 people (74%) were in support of scheme removal and therefore MKC will be suspending both permit charges and enforcement for 3 months, at which point, they will repeat the consultation with the aim of achieving a higher response rate. This approach has been agreed with local Ward Members.

As enforcement of the scheme will be suspended, it may encourage non-resident parking onto the estate (although permit signs will remain in place) and MKC will be unable to carry out enforcement following complaints received regarding non-resident parking.

Please do not hesitate to contact mkparking@milton-keynes.gov.uk or call 01908 252309 should you wish to discuss this matter.

**GARDENERS
WANTED ON
BOLBECK PARK**

A letter from John Osbourne

About 2 years ago, our Parish Manager informed me I was appointed to the lofty position of Parish Guardian for Bernay Gardens.

Apparently the planting I had done in Bernay Gardens park area and the planting of shrubs all along my fence and pedestrian redway had been noticed. It's taken 10 years or so to mature and now I am altering some planting to ease maintenance. A maintenance-free area is impossible apart from stretches of concrete.

Why this letter?

I need your help. I am 76, somewhat limited in mobility and wonder whether all you lovely people who stop and tell me I'm doing a great job could stop a bit longer and help me.

What is required?

Watering in very dry periods for new planting. Pruning shrubs and plants after flowering. Collection of leaves in autumn for composting. Some simple hand grass cutting and edge maintenance.

A small handful of people could achieve wonders with only a small amount of time from each person. You could form a small gardening society! The only ground rule being the prohibition of buying plants from garden centres and supermarkets.



We beg and borrow from one another. We improve and provide colour to the existing background of basic green hedging and it's all our own design and plantings.

Children and young persons very, very welcome. Retired grandparents and single people of all ages needed. Come and meet others who you know by sight but not by name. Gardening outside the area of your home is a wonderful way of meeting and talking to others. Come on, let's give it a go and make our area the most colourful in Milton Keynes.

Please contact Ruth on office@great-linford.gov.uk or ring the office on 01908 606613 if you are interested.

and finally...

Are you a young person in education or training - or the parent of one?

There is a small local charity that may be able to help with the costs involved.

The Great Linford Advancement in Life Charity goes back over 300 years, when the will of Sir William Pritchard established an education foundation. Now it gives small grants to young people up to the age of 25 to help with the costs of travel, equipment and books to assist their education or training. It can also give grants to schools and to local voluntary groups that run activities for young people. All applicants must live within the Great Linford Parish.

Recently a grant was made to each school within the Parish of Great Linford to mark the 50th anniversary of Milton Keynes. Grants to individuals have helped with travel to specialist colleges, participation in school-organised visits and local youth groups.

Financial need has to be shown by completing an application form and this also requires a reference from or details of a referee - such as a teacher, student liaison officer or group organiser. Grants are not usually larger than £200. Further information and application forms may be obtained from the secretary to the charity on 01908 661049.

Looking for support?

If you are in difficult financial circumstances, the small Great Linford Relief in Need Charity may be able to help depending on your circumstances.

The charity was formed out of several ancient charities that included the



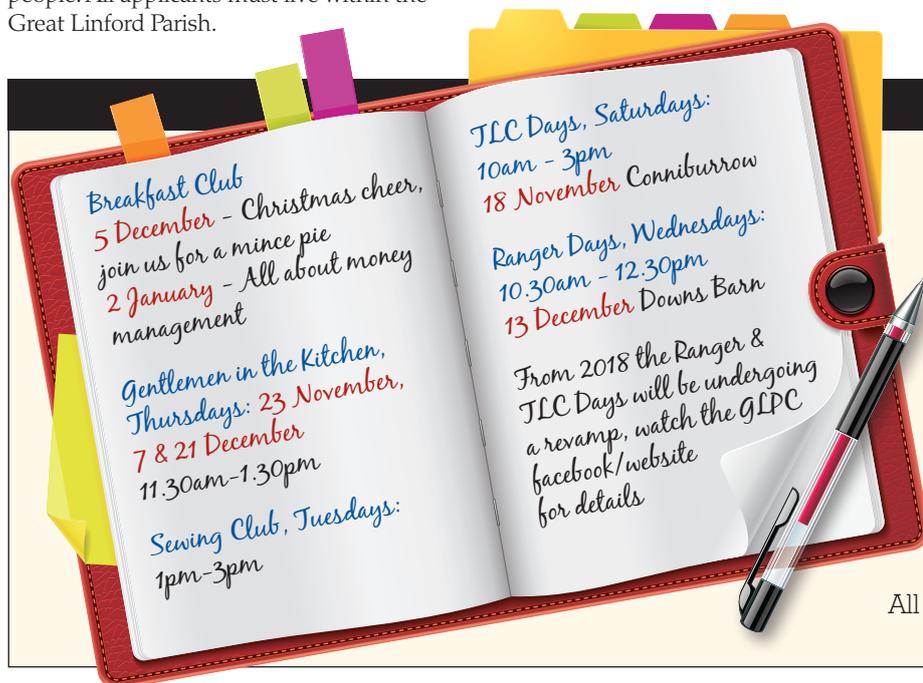
Sir William Pritchard's Almshouses, going back to 1702.

Often applications are made with the help of another charity or publicly funded agency that cannot meet a particular need itself, so if you are in touch with an organisation like Citizens' Advice Bureau it may be worth checking to see if they can help. In recent times the charity has helped with the purchase of household equipment - a replacement fridge-freezer, for example - and car seat modification for someone with mobility difficulties.

Applicants must live within the Great Linford Parish and you need to complete an application to show your needs. The charity asks for a reference from the organisation that refers you to them or from someone like your doctor.

In many cases, when a grant is made, they will arrange to pay the supplier of the required service or equipment directly. Please note the charity cannot write off accumulated debts.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the secretary to the charity on 01908 661049.



Local events to look out for

Join Rangers Wendy and Steve, for a neighbourly Tidy Up day.

We supply equipment and cups of tea! Just wear suitable clothes.

Events are held on a different estate each month. Ranger Days are always on a Wednesday 10.30am - 12.30pm.

TLC Days are held on a Saturday 10am - 3pm (bring your lunch!).

All event details can be found on our website www.great-linford.gov.uk



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