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DOWNS BARN | GIFFARD PARK | GREAT LINFORD | NEATH HILL  
PENNYLAND | REDHOUSE PARK | TONGWELL | WILLEN PARK

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2 Vacancies

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**Willen Park South**

Vacancy



# summer 2019

## comment

### By our new Chair - Tony Bedford



On Monday 13th May we held the Annual Parish Council Meeting which marks the start of the new Parish year and where positions within the Council are confirmed.

Parish Councillors (like Milton Keynes Councillors) are required to stand for re-election every four years - sadly there are often too few applicants to fill all the positions and Councillors can be returned uncontested. This year however two wards within Great Linford Parish (Giffard Park & Blakelands and Great Linford) were contested and elections for seven seats were held alongside the main Council elections. The election process naturally creates an enhanced level of engagement with the local community and poses questions to points that maybe we sometimes take for granted.

As a result of election feedback, you can therefore expect to see improvements in our website and communications to clarify important questions such as *What does our Parish Council do? Who are our Parish Councillors and what do they stand for? How can the Parish Council help me?*

Despite some wards being contested, we still have a few seats that need to be filled in Downs Barn, Pennyland and Bolbeck Park and Willen Park North and South; so if you think you might want to be involved in the Parish Council please see our website and FB pages for details of how you could be co-opted.

The coming year will be focused on strengthening our working relationship with our partners in the community and delivering the facilities and services that you need. We look forward to working with the CAB, Youth Information Service and others to provide support for when problems arise and working with other parishes to provide some of the environmental care and services that Milton Keynes Council can no longer afford.

I am honoured to have again been elected Chair and look forward to working with my fellow Councillors, the Parish Staff and of course you - our residents - to help achieve the aims and objectives we all aspire to for this great part of the City.

**Tony Bedford**  
**Chair, Great Linford Parish Council**

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**Front Cover:**

Conniburrow's Little Library  
Photo by Sammy Jones

# Keeping in touch is a TWO-WAY THING

*'Everybody blamed somebody when nobody did what anybody could have'*

Residents often complain that they didn't know about a particular Milton Keynes Council (MKC) consultation, road closure or planning application.

Then, when things have happened and it is too late to make their opinions count, they can get very upset.

Some people expect MKC or Great Linford Parish Council (GLPC) to give a polite knock on their door to share news which might directly affect them.

But with more than 8,500 homes in the Parish, there simply aren't enough hours in the day to contact every individual resident about the numerous local events, consultations and planning issues that take place every year.

GLPC does its very best to communicate with more than 20,000 residents who live in the Parish:

- this newsletter is delivered three times a year to every home
- we post details of events and meetings on notice boards in every area
- our up-to-date website and Facebook page carry the latest updates
- we send out a regular e-newsletter
- our office is also open five days a week, and manned by proficient, knowledgeable staff. You can contact them in person, by phone or email.

Essentially though, communication is a two-way thing. We do our best to keep an open, clear dialogue with parishioners – but we need you to talk with us too.

Good communication replaces fear and misunderstanding with correct information, which is good for everyone. We want to be part of the solution, not the problem, and by working together, the future will be a more settled one.

Keep reading NorthbyNorthEast, check out the noticeboards where you live, and go online for the very latest news.

We communicate using all of the available platforms so that there really is no reason for you to say 'But nobody told me'.

Most complaints are 'No one told us about that planning application!'.

When MKC receives a planning application they (not GLPC) begin a 21-day consultation with different groups.

The application must be publicised by:

- a notice displayed for not less than 21 days, on or near land to which the application relates
- or by serving the notice on any adjoining occupier
- or publishing a notice in a local newspaper.

GLPC has 28 days to respond to planning applications and the monthly Council meetings (held on a Monday or Wednesday) consider current applications. The agenda is available online, or on a public noticeboard three days before the meeting. Residents may attend and speak on any listed matter.

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Great Linford Parish Council



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# FLY-TIPPERS – We've got eyes on you

It blights the landscape and costs Great Linford Parish Council (GLPC) a large amount of money annually to clear; Litter and fly-tipping is a real issue across the country, and this parish has its own share of persistent offenders.

The enforcement officer and rangers regularly respond to the problem, but they have their work cut out, and quite often other residents refuse to comment on those responsible, for fear of repercussions. But now GLPC has employed a new tool in the battle against littering – cameras.

Milton Keynes-based company Crimewave Security Consultancy (CSC) are ready to catch offenders on camera. The firm has been using the devices since 2002, with brilliant results; The camera doesn't lie and those caught dumping waste are brought to book.

CSC Managing Director Justin Hammond previously worked as a police officer in Milton Keynes. When he left the Thames Valley force, he began working with Whitbread and Costa Coffee to support their internal loss prevention, and today his company's services are in demand more than ever.

The Parks Trust are among those who regularly use CSC. "We have been working with The Parks Trust for a number of years where this approach has been highly successful in preventing, detecting and convicting those responsible for fly-tipping," he said. "Once we have been alerted to a fly-tipping issue we review the footage from the cameras and gather evidence. We present the footage in official formats like statements and exhibits, and pass on to the police or the local council for prosecution."

**"...fly-tipping is a criminal offence punishable by a fine of up to £50,000 or 12 months imprisonment."**

Cameras can be covert, but CSC doesn't work that way.

Justin said: "We follow strict guidelines to ensure what we do is fair and reasonable. We always put up cameras as a last resort and never leave them longer than is necessary."

With CSC operating in our area, the future looks much cleaner for residents, and will prove cost effective for GLPC who are faced with the difficulty of stretching the budget further every year.

Fly-tipping and the nuisance of litter eats into funds, and is preventable if people act responsibly.

"We make a real difference," Justin promises, "Traditionally it has been really expensive to buy cameras and then manage them as well as collecting the evidence. We don't sell cameras – we loan them as part of any

agreement, so there is no capital cost and you immediately begin to see the results.

"We will identify, prosecute and prevent these types of offences from happening in the Great Linford Parish," he promised.

While those responsible for dumping their waste clearly don't respect their neighbourhood, they really should respect the law. Fly-tipping is a criminal offence punishable by a fine of up to £50,000 or 12 months imprisonment.

Surely a trip to the Community Recycling Centre makes more sense?



### Community Recycling Centres can be found at:

- New Bradwell**  
Newport Road, MK13 OAH..... 01908 315111
- Newport Pagnell**  
North Crawley, MK16 9HG..... 01908 616312
- Bleak Hall**  
Chesney Wold, MK6 1NE ..... 01908 604171

**Milton Keynes Council also offers a paid-for collection service for bulky household items.**

Visit [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/bulkywaste](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/bulkywaste) for a quote or to request the service.



# Summer 2019 of Fun

## Something to do Every Day!



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## summer of fun events activities

Activities will be held at different schools each week. Tennis, Driving and Motorcycle Riding will be held at Marsh Drive Sportsground – see timetable for details

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 29 JULY</b> Great Linford Primary School St Leger Drive, Great Linford MK14 5BL
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 5 AUGUST</b> Southwood Primary School School, Bryony Place, Conniburrow MK14 7AR
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 12 AUGUST</b> Southwood Primary School School, Bryony Place, Conniburrow MK14 7AR
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 19 AUGUST</b> Southwood Primary School School, Bryony Place, Conniburrow MK14 7AR
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 26 AUGUST</b> Great Linford Primary School St Leger Drive, Great Linford MK14 5BL

**ARCHERY** **10+ Years** **Weds**  
Mark Bond - Fancy yourself as the next Robin Hood or Katniss Everdeen? Well, make a start with these sessions and you could be propelling an arrow towards a target with unerring accuracy. Archery doesn't require a lot of mobility making it accessible to a huge range of people. Go old school with one of the oldest sports in the World, no electronic devices required to have fun!  
**Dress code:** outdoor activity clothing to suit the weather, preferably no loose items around the collar, ie scarfs. No watches/bracelet. Safety equipment provided.  
Wednesday 14th, 21st & 28th August, 1pm-2.30pm

**ARCHERY** **5-10 Years** **Fri**  
**Premier Sport** introduce you to the basics of archery, a precision sport firing arrows at targets. Equipment provided.  
**Dress code:** comfortable clothes, long sleeved top.  
Friday 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd August 10am-11am  
8+ years: Thursday 8th & 15th August, 10.30am-12pm

## Entry by ticket only\*

\*unless otherwise stated

**Purchase tickets from the Parish Office;**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday .....9am - 4pm  
Wednesday .....9am - 12pm  
Wednesday 17 July .....6pm - 8pm

**Parish Council Office, Great Linford House**  
1 St Leger Court, Great Linford MK14 5HA

**AXE THROWING** **10+ Years** **Weds**  
Mark Bond - a fully trained instructor in this ancient sport will teach you to safely throw axes at a target, as lumberjacks do in competitions across the Globe. This sport is trending across the World, fun and safe, give it a throw!  
**Dress code:** Outdoor activity clothing to suit the weather, preferably no loose items around the collar, ie scarfs.  
Wednesday 14th, 21st & 28th August 2.45pm-4.15pm

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**BONKERS SCIENCE** **Under 8 Years** **8+ Years** **NEW EVENT** **Mon/Thurs**  
Wudstu – without giving too many clues away, you could be launching bottle rockets, making & throwing slime, having a big old hair day. Using lasers, helium, flammable powder and giant soap bubbles. Some activities only suitable for older children.  
**Dress code:** oh my, you're gonna get messy! Wear something you really don't care about.  
Under 8 years: Monday 5th August, 1pm-2pm. 12th August 9.30am-10.30am & Thursday 15th August, 9am-10am  
8+ years: Thursday 8th & 15th August, 10.30am-12pm

**BRAZILIAN DANCING SAMBA** **Adults** **NEW EVENT** **Fri**  
Andrea Stelluto – Samba! Brazil's most popular and famous dance. Learn the basics of different dance styles and techniques. No experience is necessary, just come along, enjoy, have fun and Samba! (This is not ballroom style.)  
**Dress code:** comfortable and causal for energetic movement.  
Friday 9th, 16th & 23rd August, 6.30pm-7.30pm  
Wednesday 14th, 21st & 28th August, 6.30pm-7.30pm

**CIRCUS SKILLS** **6+ Years** **Thurs**  
The Great Gappo – "Roll up, Roll up!!! Come join the Greatest Show on Earth!" The Great Gappo will bring you laughter and fun as you learn circus skills; from plate spinning to juggling, diabolos, hula hoops, Fun Wheels and much, much more.  
**Dress code:** loose clothing – trainers or soft-soled shoes.  
Wednesday 31st July, 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th August, 6pm-7.30pm  
Thursday 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th August, 9am-10am

**CLAY MODELLING** **Family event** **Mon/Weds**  
Andrew Macdermott brings a series of fun and social family pottery workshops, learn a new skill and meet new people. Minimum two sessions required for full participation. Adults must accompany children at all times.  
**Dress code:** old clothes, they will get clay on them.  
Monday 29th July, 12th & 19th August and Wednesday 28th August, 1pm-3pm

**COOKERY** **7-14 Years** **Mon/Fri**  
The Melting Pot will help make various food delicacies from around the World! A fun cookery session that helps to develop skills, teamwork and leadership skills as well as other valuable life skills.  
**Dress code:** something to cook in!  
Monday 29th July, 5th, 12th, 19th August and Friday 30th August, 10.30am-12.30pm

**CYPRIT COOKERY** **Adults** **NEW EVENT** **Weds**  
Rox Bergman has a big ol' passion for Cypriot food, you could say it's in her blood. Cypriot meatballs, Keftedes, Mezes, Stifado Stew – not for the faint-hearted, or the vegetarians!  
**Dress code:** you'll need an expanding waistline.  
Wednesday 31st July, 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th August, 6pm-7.30pm

**DODGEBALL** **10-14 Years** **Thurs**  
**Premier Sport** – fast moving game that keeps you on the toes, dodging balls, catching balls, chasing balls, you can't stand still! A sport for the energetic, that encourages teamwork and develops skills. Bring a drink.  
**Dress code:** sports clothes, trainers.  
Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd August, 1pm-2pm

**Purchase Tickets at the Parish Office:**  
**PARISH RESIDENTS** from Tuesday 9 July  
**NON-PARISH RESIDENTS** from Monday 15 July

**DRIVING** **14-16 Years** **Tues**  
Kathleen's School of Motoring – in a secure car park learn the basic control of a car and how to reverse park into a parking space. No previous driving experience necessary!  
**Dress code:** comfortable clothes, trainers/shoes. No flip-flops or backless shoes.  
Tuesday 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th August, 10am-11pm & 11am-12pm  
ALL sessions take place at Marsh Drive Sports Ground.  
**Cost:** £5 per 1 hour session

**EXPERIMENTAL ART** **8-12 Years** **NEW EVENT** **Tues**  
An opportunity to explore different, arty techniques in drawing and painting, as well as improving your art skills. Activities will include bubble painting and shadow drawing.  
**Dress code:** whatever makes you feel arty.  
Tuesday 13th & 20th August, 9am-10am & 10am-11am

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**FAMILY YOGA** **Family event** **Thurs/Fri**  
Relax at the end of a long week with some gentle Yoga exercises to release tense shoulders, stiff back, aching joints. Have fun exploring the Yoga postures such as Cat, Dog, Cactus, Fish, Mountain and many more! Please bring a Yoga mat, a blanket and a cushion.  
**Dress code:** comfortable clothes.  
Friday 2nd August, 1pm-2.30pm  
Thursday 8th August, 2.30pm-4pm  
Friday 23rd August, 3pm-4.30pm  
Friday 30th August, 1pm-2.30pm

**FENCING** **5-10 Years** **Fri**  
**Premier Sport** – develop good coordination, balance and flexibility whilst learning the skills of attacking and defending.  
**Dress code:** comfortable clothes, long sleeved top.  
Friday 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd August, 11am-12pm

**FOREST FUN** **6+ Years** **NEW EVENT** **Fri**  
Forest Folk – feel free, learn to love and explore the great outdoors. Fresh air and nature.  
**Dress code:** clothes to suit the outdoors in all weathers.  
Friday 16th, 23rd & 30th August, 2.45pm-4.45pm

**HAIRSTYLING & HAIRCARE** **11+ Years** **NEW EVENT** **Thurs**  
Kerry will show you how to do a variety of hairstyles to try out on yourself and your friends including plaits, braids and buns. Learn how to use styling products correctly to get the maximum benefit then go home and teach your mum! All materials supplied.  
**Dress code:** whatever you feel comfortable in.  
Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th August, 10am-11.30am

**MAKE-UP & SKINCARE** **11+ Years** **NEW EVENT** **Tues**  
Kerry Ashworth - basic skincare routine, makeup brushes/ make-up product hygiene and basic make-up skill workshops on your own faces. You will need to supply basic makeup brushes and essential makeup.  
Tuesday 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th August, 10am-11.30am

**MESSY PLAY** **3-6 Years** **Mon/Fri**  
All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.  
**Hands on with Hannah** – finger painting, footprint pictures, experimenting with different objects and textures to make prints. Messy, fun – and best of all, not in your home!  
**Dress code:** the little people will get dirty, clothes to suit.  
Monday 29th July, 5th August and Friday 30th August, 10.30am-11.30pm

**ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ALL ACTIVITIES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

**MILTON KEYNES PLAY ASSOCIATION** **Family event** **FREE** **Tues**  
All sessions are open-access, children remain the responsibility of parents at all times.  
MKPA – get messy, wet sponge throwing at homemade targets, foot & handprint artwork, crafts. Back to old fashioned play – use your imagination to build something from what's around you. Go WILD! Do not expect the usual MKPA session.  
**Dress code:** outdoor activity clothing to suit the weather with shoes for running around in. Arts & crafts activities will involve paint and other messy materials.  
Tuesdays – 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th August, 2pm-4.30pm  
**FREE!** No booking required.

**THE SMALL PRINT..** Guardians will need to provide contact details and sign a disclaimer for each child taking part in any paid activity. For some events small children must be accompanied by an adult. All instructors and staff at events are fully insured and CRB checked. First Aid trained staff are on-hand at every event.

**MOTORCYCLE RIDING** **14-17 Years** **Fri**  
90-One Rider Education – for absolute beginners, riding without any pressures, in a relaxed, safe, off-highway environment, this is a basic introduction to riding. Pupils need to complete either Week 1 & 2 or Week 3 & 4 to participate in the full day of off-roading activity. Full kit supplied.  
**Dress code:** trainers or closed-toe shoes, jackets and jeans.  
Week 1 & 2 – Moped Fridays 2nd & 9th August, 10am-11am & 11am-12pm  
Week 3 & 4 – Motorcycle Fridays 16th & 23rd August, 10am-11am & 11am-12pm  
Week 5 – Off-road experience, Friday 30th August, 1 hr slots between 10am-4pm  
Weeks 1-4 take place at Marsh Drive Sports Ground. Week 5 at Great Linford Primary School.  
**Cost:** 2-week course £10 per course. Off-road experience £5 per hour

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**MUSICAL THEATRE** **5-12 Years** **Weds**  
**Premier Sport** - Learn songs, dances and acting pieces from your favourite Musical Shows such as 'The Greatest Showman', 'Matilda' and 'Shrek'. These fun sessions will work on a specific musical teaching you how to sing songs from the show, as well as learning dance moves and acting pieces.  
**Dress code:** wear something comfy that you can dance in. No sandals or flip flops!  
Wednesday 31st July, 7th, 14th, 21st August, 2pm-4pm

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**SELF DEFENCE** **Family event** **Weds**  
Kombat Principle – fundamental principles of armed and unarmed combat that realistically teach you self-protection and situation management. Learn new and exciting skills which will aid confidence and personal safety in an increasingly challenging environment.  
**Dress code:** comfortable sportswear.  
Wednesdays 31st July, 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th August, 6pm-7.30pm

**TENNIS** **4-16 Years** **Thurs**  
GetCoaching MK at Great Linford Tennis Club bring you tennis taster sessions with lots of games and physical activity. Could you be the next Serena Williams or Roger Federer?  
**Dress code:** clothes to run around in. MUST wear trainers. Bring a drink.  
Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th August, 3.30pm-4.30pm

**TENNIS** **Adults** **NEW EVENT** **Mon/Tues**  
GetCoaching MK – refresh your tennis skills or learn from scratch from professional coaches.  
**Dress code:** clothes to run around in. MUST wear trainers. Bring a drink.  
Monday 29th July, 5th, 12th & 19th August and Tuesday 27th August 7.30pm-8.30pm  
ALL sessions take place at Marsh Drive Sports Ground.

**WATER FUN** **8-16 Years** **Mon**  
**Special Ops** – water slides, tug-o-kayak, super soakers (bring your own if you have one), fun & games. Water - you won't be able to get away from it! Bring a drink and a snack.  
**Dress code:** clothes you don't mind getting wet. Bring a towel and change of clothing for the end of the session. Please note no change of clothes means no session.  
Monday 29th July, 5th, 12th, & 19th August, 9.30am-12.30pm & 1pm-4pm

**WATER FUN** **8-11 Years** **NEW EVENT** **Mon/Tues**  
Festive Road – woodworking, marionettes, models, 3d sculptures, Moon Landing – professional artists will help you to use your vision and creative skills to make something exciting and inspirational in these exploratory art workshops.  
**Dress code:** comfortable, old clothes.  
Tuesday 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th August, 10am-12pm

**SURVIVAL SKILLS & LASER TAG** **8+ Years** **Tues**  
**Special Ops Sgt Mack** – MK's very own Bear Grylls teaches survival skills in the morning and laser tag in the afternoon. Sgt Mack fills the day with educational fun and games.  
**Dress code:** outdoor activity clothes (they may get dirty) to suit the weather – trainers or sturdy shoes. Bring a drink & packed lunch.  
Tuesday 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th August, 9.30am-3.30pm  
**Cost:** £10 per 6 hour session

**YOGA HEALING** **Adults** **Tues**  
**Trevor Heale** is a qualified instructor in Patanjali Yoga which involves gentle stretches (Asana), breathing exercises (Pranayama) and a short meditation. There is no floorwork. This is a fun introduction to Yoga in a healing class – be prepared to laugh.  
**Dress code:** casual/comfortable.  
Tuesdays 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th August, 6pm-7pm

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date	activity	time	place
<b>JULY</b>			
MON 29	Water Fun	9.30am - 12.30pm	GL
<b>WEEK 1</b>	Messy Play	10.30am - 11.30am	GL
	Cookery	10.30am - 12.30pm	GL
	Clay Modelling	1.00pm - 3.00pm	GL
	Water Fun	1.00pm - 4.00pm	GL
Tennis	7.30pm - 8.30pm	MD	
TUE 30	Survival / Laser Tag	9.30am - 3.30pm	GL
Make-up & Skincare	10.00am - 11.30am	GL	
Driving	10.00am - 11.00am	MD	
Scrap Magic	10.00am - 12.00pm	GL	
Driving	11.00am - 12.00pm	MD	
MKPA	2.00pm - 4.30pm	GL	
Yoga Healing	6.00pm - 7.00pm	GL	
WED 31	Ninja Warrior	10.00am - 12.00pm	GL
Musical Theatre	2.00pm - 4.00pm	GL	
Running	6.00pm - 7.00pm	GL	
Self Defence	6.00pm - 7.30pm	GL	
Cypriot Cookery	6.00pm - 7.30pm	GL	
<b>AUGUST</b>			
THUR 1	Circus Skills	9.00am - 10.00am	GL
Hair Styling	10.00am - 11.30am	GL	
Superhero Workshop	10.30am - 12.30pm	GL	
Dodgeball	1.00pm - 2.00pm	GL	
Tennis	3.30pm - 4.30pm	MD	
FRI 2	Motorcycle riding	10.00am - 11.00am	MD
Archery	10.00am - 11.00am	GL	
Fencing	11.00am - 12.00pm	GL	
Motorcycle riding	11.00am - 12.00pm	MD	
Family Yoga	1.00pm - 2.30pm	GL	
MON 5	Water Fun	9.30am - 12.30pm	GL
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Messy Play	10.30am - 11.30am	SS
	Cookery	10.30am - 12.30pm	SS
	Bonkers Science U8	1.00pm - 2.00pm	SS
	Water Fun	1.00pm - 4.00pm	GL
Tennis	7.30pm - 8.30pm	MD	
TUE 6	Survival / Laser Tag	9.30am - 3.30pm	GL
Make-up & Skincare	10.00am - 11.30am	SS	
Driving	10.00am - 11.00am	MD	

date	activity	time	place
WED 7	Scrap Magic	10.00am - 12.00pm	SS
	Driving	11.00am - 12.00pm	MD
	MKPA	2.00pm - 4.30pm	SS
	Yoga Healing	6.00pm - 7.00pm	SS
Ninja Warrior	10.00am - 12.00pm	SS	
Musical Theatre	2.00pm - 4.00pm	SS	
Running	6.00pm - 7.00pm	SS	
Self Defence	6.00pm - 7.30pm	SS	
Cypriot Cookery	6.00pm - 7.30pm	SS	
THUR 8	Circus Skills	9.00am - 10.00am	SS
Hair Styling	10.00am - 11.30am	SS	
Bonkers Science 8+	10.30am - 12.00pm	SS	
Dodgeball	1.00pm - 2.00pm	SS	
Family Yoga	2.30pm - 4.00pm	SS	
Tennis	3.30pm - 4.30pm	MD	
FRI 9	Motorcycle riding	10.00am - 11.00am	MD
Archery	10.00am - 11.00am	SS	
Fencing	11.00am - 12.00pm	SS	
Motorcycle riding	11.00am - 12.00pm	MD	
Superhero Workshop	2.00pm - 4.00pm	SS	
Brazilian Samba	6.30pm - 7.30pm	SS	
MON 12	Bonkers Science U8	9.30am - 10.30am	SS
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Water Fun	9.30am - 12.30pm	GL
	Cookery	10.30am - 12.30pm	SS
	Clay Modelling	1.00pm - 3.00pm	SS
	Water Fun	1.00pm - 4.00pm	GL
Tennis	7.30pm - 8.30pm	MD	
TUE 13	Experimental Art	9.00am - 10.00am	SS
Survival / Laser Tag	9.30am - 3.30pm	GL	
Driving	10.00am - 11.00am	MD	
Experimental Art	10.00am - 11.00am	SS	
Make-up & Skincare	10.00am - 11.30am	SS	
Scrap Magic	10.00am - 12.00pm	SS	
Driving	11.00am - 12.00pm	MD	
MKPA	2.00pm - 4.30pm	SS	
Yoga Healing	6.00pm - 7.00pm	SS	
WED 14	Ninja Warrior	10.00am - 12.00pm	SS
Archery	1.00pm - 2.30pm	SS	
Musical Theatre	2.00pm - 4.00pm	SS	
Axe Throwing	2.45pm - 4.15pm	SS	

date	activity	time	place
THUR 15	Running	6.00pm - 7.00pm	SS
	Self Defence	6.00pm - 7.30pm	SS
	Cypriot Cookery	6.00pm - 7.30pm	SS
	Bonkers Science U8	9.00am - 10.00am	SS
Hair Styling	10.00am - 11.30am	SS	
Bonkers Science 8+	10.30am - 12.00pm	SS	
Dodgeball	1.00pm - 2.00pm	SS	
Superhero Workshop	2.00pm - 4.00pm	SS	
Tennis	3.30pm - 4.30pm	MD	
FRI 16	Motorcycle riding	10.00am - 11.00am	MD
Archery	10.00am - 11.00am	SS	
Fencing	11.00am - 12.00pm	SS	
Motorcycle riding	11.00am - 12.00pm	MD	
Forest Fun	2.45pm - 4.45pm	SS	
Family Yoga	3.00pm - 4.30pm	SS	
Brazilian Samba	6.30pm - 7.30pm	SS	
MON 19	Water Fun	9.30am - 12.30pm	GL
<b>WEEK 4</b>	Cookery	10.30am - 12.30pm	SS
	Clay Modelling	1.00pm - 3.00pm	SS
	Water Fun	1.00pm - 4.00pm	GL
	Tennis	7.30pm - 8.30pm	MD
TUE 20	Survival / Laser Tag	9.30am - 3.30pm	GL
Experimental Art	9.00am - 10.00am	SS	
Driving	10.00am - 11.00am	MD	
Experimental Art	10.00am - 11.00am	SS	
Make-up & Skincare	10.00am - 11.30am	SS	
Scrap Magic	10.00am - 12.00pm	SS	
Driving	11.00am - 12.00pm	MD	
MKPA	2.00pm - 4.30pm	SS	
Yoga Healing	6.00pm - 7.00pm	SS	
WED 21	Ninja Warrior	10.00am - 12.00pm	SS
Archery	1.00pm - 2.30pm	SS	
Musical Theatre	2.00pm - 4.00pm	SS	
Axe Throwing	2.45pm - 4.15pm	SS	
Running	6.00pm - 7.00pm	SS	
Self Defence	6.00pm - 7.30pm	SS	
Cypriot Cookery	6.00pm - 7.30pm	SS	
THUR 22	Circus Skills	9.00am - 10.00am	SS

date	activity	time	place
FRI 23	Hair Styling	10.00am - 11.30am	SS
	Dodgeball	1.00pm - 2.00pm	SS
	Tennis	3.30pm - 4.30pm	MD
	Motorcycle riding	10.00am - 11.00am	MD
Archery	10.00am - 11.00am	SS	
Fencing	11.00am - 12.00pm	SS	
Motorcycle riding	11.00am - 12.00pm	MD	
Forest Fun	2.45pm - 4.45pm	SS	
Family Yoga	3.00pm - 4.30pm	SS	
Brazilian Samba	6.30pm - 7.30pm	SS	
MON 26	BANK HOLIDAY		
TUE 27	Survival / Laser Tag	9.30am - 3.30pm	GL
<b>WEEK 5</b>	Driving	10.00am - 11.00am	MD
	Make-up & Skincare	10.00am - 11.30am	GL
	Scrap Magic	10.00am - 12.00pm	GL
	Driving	11.00am - 12.00pm	MD
MKPA	2.00pm - 4.30pm	GL	
Yoga Healing	6.00pm - 7.00pm	GL	
Tennis	7.30pm - 8.30pm	MD	
WED 28	Ninja Warrior	10.00am - 12.00pm	GL
Archery	1.00pm - 2.30pm	GL	
Clay Modelling	1.00pm - 3.00pm	GL	
Axe Throwing	2.45pm - 4.15pm	GL	
Running	6.00pm - 7.00pm	GL	
Self Defence	6.00pm - 7.30pm	GL	
Cypriot Cookery	6.00pm - 7.30pm	GL	
THUR 29	Circus Skills	9.00am - 10.00am	GL
Hair Styling	10.00am - 11.30am	GL	
Tennis	3.30pm - 4.30pm	MD	
FRI 30	Off Road Motorcycling	10.00am - 4.00pm	GL
Messy Play	10.30am - 11.30am	GL	
Cookery	10.30am - 12.30pm	GL	
Family Yoga	1.00pm - 2.30pm	GL	
Forest Fun	2.45pm - 4.45pm	GL	

**KEY TO LOCATIONS** SS..... Southwood School  
 GL.....Great Linford Primary School  
 MD..... Marsh Drive Sportsground

# STOP THE DROP

## Schoolchildren tackle environmental issues with posters

Towards the end of last year all schools in the Parish were invited to participate in a poster competition. Pupils were asked to design and produce a poster to be made up into signs installed around the Parish to discourage littering and inspire a care for our environment.

Two schools accepted the challenge; Southwood School in Conniburrow and Great Linford Primary. The children produced some fantastic work and in the process learned more about their environment, the use of language and design.

Each school submitted a shortlist of entrants which were judged by Naomi Wilkinson this spring.

Naomi is an actress and television presenter, a regular on children's television, Countryfile and one of the nine presidents of the Young People's Trust for the Environment.

Naomi judged our first place winner and two runners up. Runners up were Marc (aged 9)



from Southwood School and Sofia (aged 8) from Great Linford Primary. The overall winner was Suki (aged 10) from Southwood School.

Each winner will receive a trophy, goody bag and a copy of their design, and the new signs will soon start to appear across the Parish.

Children are concerned for the environment that they will inherit. I hope their voices will be heard and their simple request heeded.

Well done and thank you to all the children and staff that participated.

Wendy Searle, Ranger, GLPC

ABOVE: The overall winning poster.

LEFT: The runners up.

## CONNIBURROW'S LIBRARY IS ALWAYS OPEN

The 'Little Free Library' in Conniburrow is proving to be a popular addition to the area. The lending service was made by Councillor Stewart Olney and installed by GLPC in February at the edge of the

Friendship Park. Its brightly coloured wooden structure was cleverly designed to look like traffic lights, making it easy to spot!

The three compartments hold a choice of children, teen and adult books, and Big Local Conniburrow (BLC) act as custodians of the library.

"The principle of the 'Little Free Library' is that of a community book exchange where people can borrow and donate books free of charge, at a time to

suit them," Community Hub Administrator Claire Bennett told NorthbyNorthEast.

"Big Local Conniburrow ensures that it is kept clean and safe, and well-stocked. Children's books are proving to be the most popular, which is great to see," Claire added.

"Rather than having to walk to the main library, residents are able to borrow a book while passing by. It is really positive to see youngsters getting involved."

The library is accessible 24/7 and no membership is required – it is run solely on a trust basis.

As it is continuing to grow in popularity, BLC would be grateful for donations of more books, and in particular children's books.

Our first Little Free Library can be found outside the Little Bookshop/Community Fridge at Great Linford Local Centre and we have just installed a third in Downhead Park.

If you have good condition page-turners, please consider donating them. They can be taken to the Community Hub at 34 Bramble Avenue, Conniburrow, MK14 7AP.



## What will it cost?

£1.80 per hour or part hour per session each adult or child eg: first hour £1.80, 1-2 hrs £3.60, 2-3 hrs £5.40, etc., unless otherwise stated.  
 Booking required for all activities except MKPA.  
 Tennis, Driving and Motorcycle Riding will be held at Marsh Drive Sportsground.  
 MKPA, & Running: Entry to these events is free.



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Residents made a huge difference at this year's Spring Clean event

**KEEP BRITAIN TIDY**

More than 40 residents joined us for this year's Keep Britain Tidy's Big Spring Clean, and their sterling efforts saw more than 160 kgs of litter collected. The volunteers tidied Conniburrow, Downs Barn, Redhouse Park, Great Linford, Neath Hill and Pennyland.

They searched in shrubbery, delved in ditches and poked in potholes to remove litter.

False teeth, a doorframe and a child's buggy were among the items retrieved, together with numerous bottles and cans – some dating back to the 1980s.

Details of future clean-up days are available at [www.great-linford.gov.uk](http://www.great-linford.gov.uk)

**NEW YOUTH COUNSELLING SESSIONS**

GLPC have teamed up with Youth Information Service (YIS) to provide counselling sessions to young parishioners.

If you are aged between 11 and 21 you can access these sessions at the Parish Office on a Thursday evening, between 4pm and 7pm.

Trained counsellors can help with all sorts of issues including anxiety, depression,

anger, family problems, relationship difficulties and many more. Don't suffer in silence. Help is available.

More information can be found on our website: [www.great-linford.gov.uk](http://www.great-linford.gov.uk)

**GREEN ISSUES**

The sun is out and the greenery is growing -faster than MK Council resources can keep up with. Unmown grass and overhanging branches cause concern for residents. But there are things you can do.

"I am often impressed with the number of people who routinely pick up litter or mow grass in front of their houses," said Peter Widdowson, Councillor for Giffard Park and Blakelands.

"I want to encourage more people to think along the same lines because a tidy environment brings joy to the hearts of most people."

- It is perfectly acceptable for people to mow grass in front of their homes (while taking care to avoid any flowers).
- You can cut back overhanging branches of hedges on public land – to clear your own garden or public paths, taking care not to disturb birds during the nesting season. You may not uproot hedges or trees

in their entirety thereby changing the shape of the landscape.

- You can pick up litter and put it either in your recycling sack or your black bag. Items including broken glass or drug-related paraphernalia should be reported to the Parish Council for action by our rangers.

Peter added: "I want to raise awareness of the groups of people who have formed working parties to tackle particular areas which have been in need of more TLC than the Council can manage.

"The Giffard Park pond group's efforts over the past three years have transformed the pond and made it a pleasant vista and place to visit. Getting together with fellow citizens in this way enhances the environment, builds community cohesion and also helps its members to keep fit and healthy."

**TOWER CRESCENT**

Three original signs have been refurbished and reinstalled in the planters at the entrance to Tower Crescent at Neath Hill local centre, paid for by the Parks Trust.



Repainting the bus shelter

MKC arranged for roof repairs and repainting of the bus shelter on Overstreet, where some years ago GLPC provided the seat.

For several years GLPC has urged and will continue to press MK Council; who are responsible for the blockwork access roads and parking around Tower Crescent, to repair and improve the area.

They have been asked to: rebuild the second retaining wall, fix trip hazards caused by raised blockwork and concrete ramps, adjust and paint knocked over bollards, replace missing railings, and relay the "drain" at the entrance which creates problems for vehicles.

**COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

It will soon be time for our Fun Day & Dog Show, which is being held at Marsh Drive Sports Ground on Sunday, July 7.

Round-up family and friends and come along for a great free day out. If you want to register your pooch for the dog show, registration will be from 11.45am on the day, with the show beginning at 12.15pm.

Categories include Cutest Puppy, Golden Oldie and Waggiest Tail.

Live music will soundtrack the event, thanks to local



Milton Keynes Mayor Cllr Martin Petchey cuts the ribbon on the new Community Fridge

bands including SanRemo, CrossRoots, Indecisive, The Neil Eynon Band and She Must Be Bad.

There will plenty of stalls, inflatables and entertainment to get stuck into, and remember a blanket; The Greatest Showman will be on the big screen at 5.30pm.

**COMMUNITY FRIDGE**

Residents on Great Linford have opened a community fridge in the Little Bookshop Unit at the local centre, with the help of John Lewis & Partners, who kindly donated the fridge and freezer.

Community fridges are a fantastic way to reduce waste, and prevent sending perfectly edible food to the landfill.

The Mayor of Milton Keynes, Cllr Martin Petchey cut the



Feeling peckish? Pop to the Community Fridge!

ribbon at the official grand opening in May.

The fridge is connected to the Co-op Food Share scheme. The fridge isn't about need, just the ability to reduce unnecessary waste – and of course patrons get some yummy stuff for free.

Have you visited yet? You'll find more information and regular updates on the FB page.

Search *Great Linford Community Fridge*

**TIDY-UP DAYS**

Did you know that many companies allow staff to take a day out from their day jobs to help improve the community? Great Linford Parish Council has been lucky enough to work with Fossil, Vinci and Mercedes in the past, and most recently NHBC joined



NHBC & Rangers tidying up

the rangers in the Great Outdoor Gym, where fresh air and exercise is free!

If your place of work would like to join us, please contact [office@great-linford.gov.uk](mailto:office@great-linford.gov.uk)

**STOP PRESS...**

GLPC are supporting a proposal by The Parks Trust to take over repairs and maintainance of the road surfaces in the Neath Hill shopping area from MK Council. We will let you have the details when we know more.

**ALAN SENIOR 1948 – 2019**



**What have Peartree Pond, Ping Square and its colourful hanging sign, the table tennis space and the revived Little Book Shop at Great Linford Local centre all got in common?**

Their very existence relied on the quiet tenacity and dedication of Alan Senior whose sudden death in late April will leave a huge gap for the local community to fill.

Alan's constant attention to

improving the local centre; whether out and about with this litter picker, organising volunteers to trim bushes, or persuading local business to provide facilities at nil or little cost, for the benefit of everyone was perhaps low key.

Alan's efforts may not have been fully appreciated by those who passed through and admired the tranquility of Peartree Pond; with the ducks and heron, or played the occasional after school game

of table tennis, or sat in the sun chatting with a coffee outside the Little Book Shop. But this was his legacy to us all. Thank you Alan, this is your memorial!

Linda Inoki erstwhile editor of NorthbyNorthEast and founder of Xplain said: "This is extremely sad news. Alan was not only very active in his local community but also a great believer in Milton Keynes and a staunch supporter of our various campaigns to

keep Milton Keynes special. "He had a way of getting to the heart of complex issues with a few well-chosen words, and was always ready to attend planning committee meetings and design workshops for major new developments in CMK; such as the recent 'driverless vehicles' transport debate where he was his usual energetic self. "His friendly and positive personality will be greatly missed."

and finally...

# RECYCLING

## rubbish into charity cash

We all know the importance of recycling, but even when you are trying hard to be environmentally conscious, you can get it wrong.

Crisp packets, biscuit wrappers, Tassimo discs, Nespresso L'or pods, toothpaste tubes, trigger sprays and instant jar lids aren't suitable for our recycling sacks.

The good news is that Charity Recycling Milton Keynes can gobble up as many as you can send!

Downs Barn-based George Thomson is the founder of the charity which converts your old snack wrappers into cash for good causes. George is an approved drop-off point administrator for ethical recycling company TerraCycle UK.

The waste is then reused to make bins and garden furniture, things like that. Much better than sitting in landfill sites.

George has been doing his sterling work for the past five years, and receives no payment. But he has raised thousands of pounds for charities in Milton Keynes. Manufacturers whose products pass through George's hands cover the recycling costs, and make goodwill donations.

Donating your wrappers is an easy way to be environmentally savvy, and support good causes - and won't cost you a penny.

"Public awareness of the need to recycle more has never been higher so more people than ever are using our service," George said. "Our newest addition, crisp packets, has been hugely successful with local folk collecting them in offices, schools and workplaces. More than £16,000 has so far been raised benefiting Macmillan Cancer Support initially and more recently Willen Hospice and MK Cat Rescue."



For more information and a full list of items that can be recycled visit [www.facebook.com/recyclemk](http://www.facebook.com/recyclemk)

Charity Recycling MK is located at 25 Cantle Avenue, Downs Barn, MK14 7RJ. Residents can also drop off items at the Great Linford Parish Council office during office hours.

ABOVE: Don't bin your crisp packets - give them to George! BELOW: George with a mountain of Tassimo lids - the total raised now exceeds £16,000.



Local events to look out for

### Join Rangers Wendy and Steve, for a neighbourly Tidy-Up Day.

Spotted an area that needs a tidy?

Let us know! Help us support the community with a tidy-up. We supply equipment, just wear suitable clothes.

Perhaps your company supports community action days and would want to work with us to help 'love where you live'.

All event and contact details can be found on our website [www.great-linford.gov.uk](http://www.great-linford.gov.uk)



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