

# Great Linford Parish Council News & Views

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## YOUR COUNCIL IS TRYING!

The fact that you are reading this “News & Views” is a major achievement. Before this regular newsletter your Parish Council had no easy means of keeping in contact with residents, nor was there a facility for publishing news from the Parish or for contributions from clubs, societies or groups to communicate information on events and activities in the neighbourhood.

Our second important step has been the establishment of the Parish Council Office at No.10 Tower Crescent, Neath Hill. The office is open every weekday to give information to residents and make available plans for developments in our area. All Council and Committee meetings are now held here and interested parties may attend to see and hear what is going on. We envisage that this facility will in future become a first stop enquiry centre for local affairs and give a convenient and easy link to Milton Keynes Council information services.

The Parish Council monitor all development plans within the area and those that will impact

on local services and environment. We have no powers to promote or halt developments, but we do attempt to represent local views to the MK Council planning authorities.

We feel that we are in the best position to know resident’s opinions on new developments and it can be frustrating when our comments are ignored. An important instance was the Gyosei School. We would have preferred this site to have continued its use for educational purposes, but if this was not possible we wanted to see it replaced by buildings of architectural merit. We were fundamentally opposed to the loss the playing fields, designated as parkland for 999 years, for speculative housing development to fund the construction of the sheltered accommodation on the former school site. The Parish also has not benefited from the over £3million “planning gain” which is being spent elsewhere in the city.

However, we are hoping that very soon the derelict smallholding plot at the corner of Overstreet and Danstead Way will be transferred to the Parish Council for development for local amenity use. Initially this eyesore will be cleared up and grassed for informal recreation activities or Parish-organised events. Longer-term uses will be introduced in consultation with local residents and Parish organisations. **JF**



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## NEIGHBOURHOOD CLUSTER POLICING

Since April, local policing by Thames Valley Police [TVP] in Milton Keynes has been split into six neighbourhood clusters, each with an Inspector, Sergeants and its own team of Officers. The restructuring changes, part of the TVP Challenge & Change programme, will place Great Linford Parish in the North Cluster along with the parishes of Bradwell, Stantonbury and New Bradwell.

Inspector Tim Davis explained to News & Views that by August he should have a complement of 2 sergeants and 10 officers for duties under his command in the North Neighbourhood Cluster.

Inspector Davis also confirmed that Great Linford Parish's 18,800 residents, equal to those of Bradwell and Stantonbury combined, are to be patrolled by Constables Monkhouse, Isherwood and Archbold, reporting to Sergeant Geen. His team of officers will take ownership of incidents in the parish and when not dealing with specific

events to which they have been called they should be out on patrol reassuring the community. Police regulations require that local operational cover is available from 8am to midnight seven days a week but the number of officers on duty at any one time is dependent upon other factors such as rosters, training, court appearances, leave and other TVP operational demands.

Neighbourhood cluster policing is designed to encourage better communication between TVP, other agencies, parish councils and the communities served. The aims are to increase reassurance, reduce the disproportionate fear of crime and respond to issues, which directly affect residents. **DS**

**THAMES VALLEY POLICE 68 6000  
and 08458 505 505  
CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111**

# A SHARP TONGUE

Our Parish Manager Jenny Sharp  
lets off steam...

## PARENT PARKING - GREAT LINFORD COMBINED SCHOOL

The Parish Council has received complaints about the dangerous and inconsiderate parking outside the school in St Ledger Drive, Great Linford. There is no excuse for double parking or parking across paths. Those walking across the road should be able to do so in safety without having to dodge parked cars. If you would not put your own child in danger, then please do not risk the lives of other people's children. If you cannot park safely outside the school, then there is plenty of space at the local centre, with only a two minute walk to the school.

## PARKING ON VERGES - HILLS CLOSE

There have been a number of complaints regarding parking on the verges in this area. We would remind residents that vehicles (especially commercial), should not be parked in this manner, nor should you "block in" other residents, by tandem parking in bays. To keep the grassed areas looking nice, we do rely on sensibility and co-operation, please bear the above points in mind when next parking.

## YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Here are the members of Great Linford Parish Council and their contact details:

Charles Allum (Downs Barn)	668115
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David Stabler (Neath Hill)	232025
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Alan Williams (Neath Hill)	677402
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Mike Williamson (Great Linford)	605664
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Milton Keynes MK14 5JY.

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# Great Linford Waterside Festival • Great



For over a decade, dedicated teams of volunteers have been bringing the people of this Parish a great FREE annual festival. It's time for the 2005 event, and it's as big and entertaining as ever! The main stage programme is shown on the right, but that's not all that's going on! Highlights are listed below, for more details check out the website on [www.watersidefestival.co.uk](http://www.watersidefestival.co.uk)!

## Companion Dog Show

Run to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, this successful event returns on Sunday 19 June! Registration begins at 12noon, judging starts at 1pm.



## Picnic in the Park

The popular family picnic, with musical entertainment supplied by a great band, **Retrobuton**.

## ArtworksMK

This local organisation will be providing an exhibition, craft workshops and teas from the WI!

## St Andrews church

The church also offers it's own line-up of musical entertainment, from youth opera to brass ensemble. Check the website for details!

## Tug 'o' War Contest

Preregistered teams battle it out to see who has the most pull!



[www.watersidefestival.co.uk](http://www.watersidefestival.co.uk)

# Linford Manor Grounds • 17 - 19 June 2005

## MAIN STAGE

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### FRIDAY 17 JUNE

19.00	Retrobuton
	The Great Gappo Children's entertainment

### SATURDAY 18 JUNE

12.00	Gt Linford Combined School & Stantonbury Campus Singers
	St Andrews Maypole Dancers
13.00	Mistaken ID
	Ice Gems
14.00	Hole in the Head Gang
	Old Mother Redcaps
14.45	The Bag Ladies
	Tramline Stompers
15.45	Debbie Nunn
	MK Starlets
16.45	SpreadEagles
17.30	Moles
18.30	27 Seconds
19.15	Mojo
20.15	Common Ground

### SUNDAY 19 JUNE

12.00	Rock School Band
	Gt Linford Maypole Dancers
13.00	Blue Jam
	MK Donets
14.00	MKMS Showband
	Bluegrass Dancers
14.45	Jimi Volcano
	Jill Forster Street & Hiphop
15.45	DD Powers Band
16.30	1 Nite Stand

This year we are proud to announce a second, smaller stage in the ArtworksMK courtyard, enabling young bands and acts to play to sizeable audiences! The playlist has not yet been confirmed - but check the website regularly for more details as they are released!

# THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE...

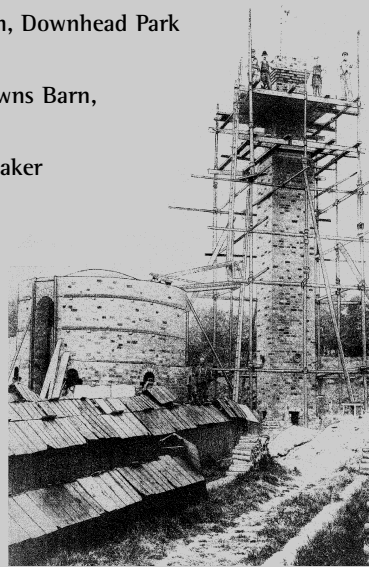
In previous editions Councillor David Stabler has written about the history in the names of the roads and grid squares in the Parish.

Now that summer is here a leisurely stroll around the parkland, canal paths and open spaces might be the opportunity for you to discover for yourself more about the history and add to your knowledge of the Parish of Great Linford. So here are 10 questions, the answers to which can all be found if you know where to look and are not afraid of stepping out for an hour or so.

1. How many feet above datum is Great Linford according to the Ordnance Survey datum point near to St Andrew's Church? *Clue. Look for the well hidden green-railed enclosure on the left side of the path from the Manor Park to Church Lees?* [1 point]
2. Who was the contractor for the construction and on what date was the Neath Hill Clock Tower completed? [2 points]
3. Which three schools are commemorated on the two plaques recording the planting of the children's millennium wood in Great Linford Park? [3 points]
4. What is the date on canal bridge number 77 Marsh Drive?  
*Clue: use the pedestrian footbridge.* [1 point]
5. How many miles is it to Braunston from canal bridge number 79a at Bolbeck Park? [1 point]
6. Who is the designer of the National Cycleway sign erected on the Railway Walk near canal bridge 76a and what date is given? [2 points]
7. What are the numbers of the two houses on Kirtlington, Downhead Park above which stands a clock? [1 point]
8. What are the names of the pubs in: - Gifford Park, Downs Barn, Neath Hill and Great Linford? [6 points]
9. What is the name and in what year is the first brick-maker recorded as working the Great Linford brick kilns?  
[2 points]
10. Who in the late 1890s built the brick kilns the remains of which we see today? [1 point]

Deliver your answers by hand, or post, or e-mail them to the Parish Office before 10.00am on Monday 5th September 2005. Every correct entry [maximum correct score 20 points] will be entered into a prize draw [a £15 voucher] to be made at the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 20th September.

**GO ON "ITS JUST A BIT OF FUN."**



### **Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association, Downhead Park**

In March, Great Linford Parish Council [GLPC] considered an application for 24 dwellings and 10 flats for vulnerable young people on land at the end of Windrush Close. A 15-point objection was submitted by GLPC.

This application has been withdrawn, enabling Bedfordshire Pilgrims to re-design the scheme in line with comments made and consultations with the MKC planning department. A revised application will be made and your Parish Council will continue to monitor the proposals.

### **Northern Expansion Area, Rocla Pipes site**

English Partnerships' subordinate, Milton Keynes Partnership Committee [MKPC] is considering the outline application from GladeDale Homes for 455 dwellings on land off Wolverton Road. GLPC is included in the consultation process and has already made comments about site access opposite Broadway Avenue and footpath safety along Brickhill Street.

GLPC is now considering its response to GladeDale's design codes, which propose high-density urban character frontages, with 2/3 storey mainly continuous buildings to main roads, a crescent of classical Georgian townhouse proportions and frontage 2/3 storey dwellings set back 15 metres from Wolverton Road.

### **Stantonbury Park Farm, Wolverton Road**

After a public enquiry, the Inspector recommended modifications to the Local Plan to include this 80 hectare site between the V7/V8 roundabout and the Proud Perch PH. GLPC is involved in consultations after which a planning application will be submitted by the developer Genesis Holdings, for 500 dwellings and school site on 13.8 hectares, 0.34 hectares for industry and 65.86 hectares remaining as parkland. DS

**Details of these developments are available at the Parish Office.**

## PARISH NOTICEBOARD

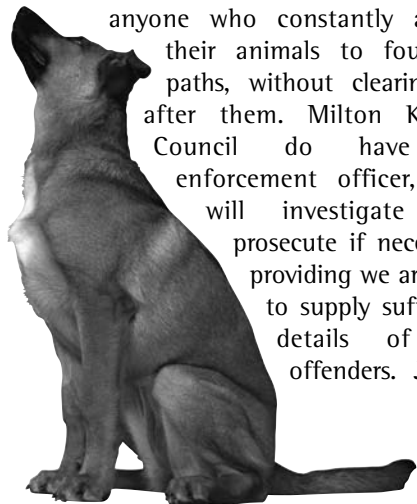
### **GIFFARD PARK PRE-SCHOOL**

There will be some places available from September 2005. We take children from 2 years 9 months old. Sessions are in the morning from 9am-11.50am. To arrange a visit, or for an application form, contact Rachel Smith on 618214 or email [rachelsmith\\_mk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rachelsmith_mk@yahoo.co.uk).

## **DOG FOULING**

The Parish Council would like to thank the considerate owners who clear up after their dogs. The Parish in general is extremely clean and the dog bins are well used.

However we would like to hear about anyone who constantly allows their animals to foul the paths, without clearing up after them. Milton Keynes Council do have an enforcement officer, who will investigate and prosecute if necessary, providing we are able to supply sufficient details of the offenders. JS



# THE POLITICS OF YOUTH

*Did you know that Milton Keynes has it's own youth MP? His name is Chris Jones, and "News & Views" caught up with him to find out what being an elected youth MP is all about!*

"My job is to represent young people between the ages of 11 and 18, and to be a public voice for them. I do not represent a particular political party, but I do work on campaigns that benefit young people. I have worked a lot on housing and homelessness, and will be helping to set up a youth housing forum. This will give young tenants' views a chance to be represented. I also stand on the MKC housing forum as a representative for young people."

*We asked whether he felt that young people's views were being taken into account when decisions that affect them are made:*

"I believe strongly in youth representation, and I do get very upset when young people are stereotyped and left out of their communities. I feel young people are ignored and I believe that it is time to start challenging the stereotypical views. Respect is important. Young people will show respect if they are respected and at the moment I just don't believe that they are. When it comes to affecting decisions, they seem to be just left out of society. I am working with the Youth Participation Team at MK Council to get their voices heard!" DL



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