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GREAT LINFORD WATERSIDE FESTIVAL 2004

Friday 18 - Sunday 20 June 2004

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One of the most exciting parts of the Parish year is coming up very soon indeed - the annual Great Linford Waterside Festival! Every year there is a lot of FREE entertainment for all the family, and this year the festival is as big and exciting as ever.

Almost entirely run by volunteers, this is an event well worth supporting - and the Parish Council has recognised this by volunteering to organise and run the Great Linford Gallop - the popular annual Fun Run. More information is available inside on how you can take part in this great and worthwhile event - why not get sponsored and raise money for your own worthwhile causes? The Parish Council will have their own stall



on the Saturday, so if you want to put faces to names or raise any issues or concerns then please do drop by. If you can't get there, we are hoping to open our new Office in Neath Hill in early July - keep an eye out for more news on this!

To cap it all, our long-sought-after disabled allotment beds have now been constructed in the Neath Hill allotments. If you feel you might be able to take advantage of this unique local facility then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk (contact details inside).

As you can see, we are endeavouring to do more and more in order to deal directly with the community. If you have any other suggestions for facilities you think we should be offering then let us know!

Hope to see you at the Waterside Festival - although I won't be in my running shorts I'll certainly be cheering you all on!

David Lovesy, Editor and Councillor

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PLEASE KEEP YOUR ASS OFF THE FOOTPATH!

And also your swine, horse, cattle, mule or bicycle as well!

Believe me, this is what is says in the Highways Act of 1835 – yes 1835. This Act is the primary law that you contravene if you wilfully lead drive or ride your ass, swine horse or bicycle on a footpath. If you do it is an offence and you will be fined if caught and prosecuted but more about that later.

Exactly where these terrible deeds are forbidden is defined in the 1835 Act as “upon any footpath or causeway by the side of any road made or set apart for the use or accommodation of foot passengers”. So if the footpath is not associated with a road it is OK to drive your flock of sheep or cattle along or ride your bike with your family and you do not commit a criminal offence.

Will I be transported to Oz for driving my ass, etc?

Sorry your free trip to Australia is on hold! Under Section 72 Highways Act 1835, it is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine of up to £50. From August 1999 the police have had the power to issue a fixed penalty notice for cycling on a footpath. The notice gives the offender 28 days to either pay the penalty or challenge the notice in court. The fixed penalty is £20.

A fixed penalty notice can not be issued to anyone under the age of 16 years of age. It is for the individual police officer to decide whether to caution, issue a fixed penalty notice or report the matter for prosecution.



So any one cycling on a footway under 10 can not be prosecuted as they are under the age of criminal responsibility. This leaves children over 10 and under 16 who may be committing a criminal offence under the 1835 Act but who can not be issued with a fixed penalty notice under the 1999 Act. Wonderful!

The only recourse for the police would be to investigate the alleged offence under the 1835 Act and then refer the matter to the CPS who would decide whether or not to take up the criminal prosecution of a child over 10 and under 16 for cycling on the footway. What are the chances of that happening eh?

The effect of all this is that whilst it may technically be a criminal offence, under an Act passed in 1835, for a child over 10 and under 16 to cycle on a footpath by the side of a road, there is very little the police can do realistically about it unless the CPS are prepared to prosecute the child.

It should also be noted that the 1835 Act does not apply to footpaths, which are not at the side of a road, cycling in this case is a trespass if on private property, such as in the City Centre close to the buildings, that can only be restricted by an injunction.

In the next issue of the Great Linford Parish News & Views we will cover the redways and those now all too common electric buggies.

Councillor David Stabler is the PC representative on the Sustainable Transport and Road Safety Forum

NOTICEBOARD

5-a-Side Football Funday

Sunday 27th June, 10.40am
The Pavilion, Downs Barn

An excellent funday for the whole family, organised and run by the CHAT team of nurses based at BCH, in aid of Willen Hospice.



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Every 50p uniquely-numbered programme sold is entered into a prize draw!

GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy for a Councillor to serve the area of NEATH HILL. Interested persons should apply in writing, giving brief personal details and any relevant experience to:

Jenny Sharp (Parish Clerk)
80 Bessemer Court
Blakelands
Milton Keynes
MK14 5JW

Swan Lake Competition

Congratulations to Mike Mathewson who successfully identified Fulwell Court behind Peartree Pond in the photo competition in the last issue of the Parish News & Views.

A prize is winging it's way to Mike shortly - first prize was a date with the Chair of the Parish Council. Second prize was two dates! (Only kidding!)



Enjoy Your Village?

Volunteer to Support Your Memorial Hall

As a Secretary:

- Attend meetings every other month to take minutes
- Follow-up queries by 'phone
- Write some letters
- Small amount of filing
- Support the Trustees

You Need:

- One-two hours per week
- Hour and half every other month (for meetings)
- Access to PC and ability to layout information/type
- To be organised
- An interest in Great Linford



Call Patricia: 01908 666117
EMail: patricia@harris5455.fsnet.co.uk

A SHARP TONGUE

Our Parish Clerk Jenny Sharp lets off steam...

DISABLED ALLOTMENT BEDS

ARMOURER DRIVE - NEATH HILL

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that the new allotment beds for use by the disabled, are now completed and ready for use.

Our sincere thanks go to KJJ Brannan & Sons (see back page), who not only carried out the work but made a substantial financial contribution towards the cost. Thanks also go to Milton Keynes Councils Parish Partnership Fund, who made a grant of half of the overall project.

We would remind disabled residents to contact the Clerk, Jenny Sharp on 01908 217752, if you are interested in making use of this lovely new facility.

TANNERS DRIVE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE - BLAKELANDS

Following the recent planning application to build further units on this site, the Parish Council made strong objections. They were based on the unsafe junction with the V10. Those who live nearby, know the amount of accidents that occur and more units would ultimately mean more vehicles. We have now been informed that a right hand filter lane will be installed and that a condition of the planning consent is that this is completed before the units come into use. We are hopeful that this will drastically improve the current situation and reduce the number of incidents.

DISABLED PARKING SPACES

NEATH HILL & GIFFARD PARK LOCAL CENTRES

The marked spaces at the local centres are for the benefit of those who are less mobile. Some able bodied people appear to have difficulty in understanding this concept and continue to park in them, in spite of the fact that both local centres have a large amount of parking spaces.

PLEASE leave these bays free for those they are intended for, even if it means walking a few yards further.

GO-PEDS

A Go-Ped is a petrol driven vehicle resembling a child's scooter, with a 22.5cc engine, having a range of up to 15 miles at speeds of up to 20mph. It is a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on a road and is therefore a "motor vehicle" as defined in s.185 of the Act (DPP v Saddington). Consequently a licence and third party insurance are required and the rider of a Go-Ped may be convicted under ss 103 and 143 if he rides on a road without licence or insurance. Like other motorised vehicles, they are also not allowed on footpaths. If your child has one of these machines, please take note that if they are being used anywhere but on private land, than an offence is being committed. The Parish Council will take action against persons using the scooters on grassed areas in their sports facilities.

RUN? FUN? DONE!

The Parish Council is pleased to have organised this year's Fun Run (affectionately known as the Great Linford Gallop) at this year's Waterside Festival. The run takes place on Sunday 20 June, with registration (required) at the tent in the Manor Park grounds between 9am and 10am. Then there is a warm-up on the main stage and the run starts at 10.30am. There are two courses - 1km for 7-10 year olds and the 5km main run for 11-111 year olds! The run is free for under 16s and just £1 entry for over 16s - why not use the run as a sponsorship opportunity to raise money for your own worthwhile causes! Medals are awarded for winners of various categories - including Fancy Dress! For info check out the festival website on www.watersidefestival.co.uk or look out for posters posted around the area!

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InCCA

The Information Centre for Community Action is situated on the ground floor of Acorn House in CMK. It provides resources for anyone with an interest in the voluntary sector:

- Books, reports, information sheets and leaflets
- Help and advice in setting up your non-profit making group
- Internet access for research
- FunderFinder grant/funding search software



A visitor takes advantage of the resources

There are events and sessions held during the year - every Tuesday morning there is a "Stop Smoking" drop-in group from the NHS, which is available for anyone wishing to give up.

To find out more call InCCA on 01908 231712.



InCCA hosts a party to celebrate National Volunteers Week

GREAT LINFORD WATERSIDE FESTIVAL

MAIN STAGE LINEUP

FRIDAY 18 JUNE

7.00	MKMS ShowBand	popular music chosen and arranged, and sometimes written by students from MK Music Service
7.45	Common Ground	must see live soul/funk band influenced by the 70's through to the present day
	The Great Gappo	children's entertainment on the lawn throughout the evening

SATURDAY 19 JUNE

12.00	Stantonbury Campus Chorus plus Great Linford Combined School Singers	variety of music and singers from local schools including classic rock & pop tunes
	GLC School Maypole Dancers	dancers from local school
1.00	Fozz	pop/rock songs with a unique Brit-Mod energy
1.45	Theorem	original music originating from the MK Rock School
	Stanton Stompers	11 and 12 year olds line dancing to a mixture of country and pop music
2.45	Bullfrogs	country rock
	MK Donnettes	new MK cheerleading group
3.45	The Bag Ladies	jazz/funk/fusion
4.30	Blue Jam	mainstream jazz trio
	Carmen Kane	salsa dancing
5.30	Jimi Volcano	MK's exciting and original rock trio
6.15	Mr. Pantin	French style song and dance music
7.00	Mutabilis	multi-influenced modern rock band
7.45	Roadrunner	rhythm and blues
8.30	Retrobuton	rock and soul covers 60s to present day

PROGRAMME 2004 • 18 - 20 JUNE

Friday: 6.30pm - 9.30pm • Saturday: 11.00am - 9.15pm • Sunday: 10.00am - 5.30pm

The FREE Waterside Festival is with us again this year, with all the family fun that it usually brings! The main stage programme is provided here to give you a flavour of what is going on, but there are also arts and crafts activities with ArtworksMK, a musical programme in St Andrews Church, the Fun Run on Sunday morning, activities run by Milton Keynes Parks Trust, a companion dog show with prizes on Sunday afternoon, junior football exhibition matches, stalls, refreshments and a picnic in the Manor Garden on Friday night.

Programmes will be available before the festival weekend - look out for them in your local stores or Parish estates. You can also visit the festival website - www.watersidefestival.co.uk for a more comprehensive rundown.

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St. Andrew's Church

SUNDAY 20 JUNE - music provided from 10am by Hospital Radio

12.30	Drastic Rustle	new upcoming five piece ska/punk band, with all original material from the MK Rock School
	Bluegrass Linedancers	line dancing to bluegrass music
1.15	Hole in the Head Gang	bluegrass and western swing band
	SC Lions Elite Cheerleaders	exciting dance group who regularly performed at MK Lions basketball matches
2.00	1 Nite Stand	rock covers
2.45	New Mutants	indie rock and roll, new wave
	St Andrews School Maypole Dancers	Dancers from the village school
3.30	Fat Freddy's Cat	TexMex, bluegrass and country
4.15	Michele Welborn Trio	folk tradition with blues, jazz and a bit of pop rock

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SUNDAY 20 JUNE

Registration (in Linford Manor Park): **9.00am**

Warm-up Routine for Participants: **10.15am**

1km Junior Run (7 - 10yrs): **10.30am**

5km Main Run (11 - 111yrs): **10.35am**

Race Categories: Junior Race (7-10), Boys (11-13), Girls (11-13).

Youth Boys (13-17), Youth Girls (13-17), Adult Men (18+), Adult Women (18+).

Family (2 Adults + 2 Juniors aged 11-17), Team (4 Juniors or 4 Youths) and Fancy Dress!

The time of the Great Linford Gallop is upon us again! Runners under 16 go free and there is only a £3 entry charge for older entrants. Why not get sponsored and run in aid of your favourite cause? Registration only takes place on the day so be prompt! Under 16s will need to be signed in by an adult.

All runners will receive a certificate, and medals are awarded for the top runners in each of ten categories - including **best fancy dress!** Gore and be part of the fun!



route information and downloadable sponsor forms from:
www.watersidefestival.co.uk



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- Issue is current for three months (published quarterly)
- Adverts are placed amongst the articles, not just as an advertising supplement
- If you don't have an advert, we'll put it together from information and pictures you supply!
- To place your advert call Cllr David Lovesy on 07876 781500 / 01908 605502 / david@meerkatmedia.co.uk

Now it's time to hand things over to you!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

In future issues of the Newsletter we would like to be able to feature a letters page where people of the Parish can comment or make suggestions about local issues that affect you!

What changes, if any, do you think would improve Great Linford Parish?

How do you feel about Community Warden schemes?

**Are you happy with the way Council Services are delivered?
The Police?**

It is only by receiving your views and hearing what you want for the Parish that we are able to work towards delivering the service you deserve. Please take the time to let us know how we are doing - and what else you feel we could be doing!

LIKE TO RESPOND TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS?

If you wish to write to the GLPC News & Views (quarterly) then you can email your correspondence to "editor@greatlinfordparish.co.uk" or post it to: News & Views, 32 Sandy Close, Great Linford MK14 5EE

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Not sure who to talk to about your area? Here are the members of Great Linford Parish Council and their contact details.

Charles Allum (Downs Barn)	668115	Peter Billups (Great Linford)	201513
Allan Pugh (Downhead/Willen Pk)	662441	Claudine Elliott (Conniburrow)	01604 768468
Mike Pendry (Great Linford)	01604 768468	Sue Williams (Conniburrow)	690337
Brian Morsley (Chair, Downhead/Willen Pk)	666054	Jenny Sharp (Parish Clerk)	217752
David Stabler (Neath Hill)	232025	Allan Wright (Downs Barn)	666926
David Lovesy (Pennyland/Bolbeck Pk)	605502	John Figg (Great Linford)	666916
Mike Williamson (Great Linford)	605664	Lin Shaw (Pennyland/Bolbeck Pk)	678563
Colin Tripp (Giffard Pk/Blakelands)	618304	George Byfield (Conniburrow)	604063
Gill Hobson (Giffard Pk/Blakelands)	670609		

To contact the Parish Clerk, Jenny Sharp, please telephone 01908 217752 or write to PO Box 7085, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes MK13 0YA

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GLPC LAW

Community Police Officer

PC Dave Monkhouse is the Community Officer for Conniburrow and Downs Barn. He is in regular contact with the Parish Council and both Residents Associations on the two estates. He can be contacted at Central Milton Keynes Police Station on 0845 8 505 505 or email dave.monkhouse@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Pavement Parking

There has been an improvement concerning the parking problems since this was last mentioned in the newsletter, although certain streets are letting residents down. There have been articles concerning the problems, leaflets and notices in the Parish Noticeboards.

Before the Police have **no choice** but to take further action he asks that residents stop parking their vehicles on the pavements or tickets will be issued.

Many thanks.

PC Dave Monkhouse
dave.monkhouse@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

SOMETHING TO SAY?

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COFFEE MORNINGS

The National Childbirth Trust in Milton Keynes offers many services to new parents including coffee groups. Each area in the town has a representative who publishes a list of venues which can be e mailed to people that are interested.

The groups meet at different people's houses at different times each week. The host provides tea, coffee or squash and usually a biscuit ! It is a brilliant way to meet local parents and find out about what there is to do in your area. It is also a good way to get to know local parents and perhaps a babysitting and social network.

There is also a Bumps and Babes group that meet each Friday at Centrecom from 2 - 3.30pm. Drinks are provided for both parents and children. There is a range of activities and a separate area for babies. This location is ideal for access by public transport.

The NCT also offers a breastfeeding counsellor, mava bra fitter, antenatal classes and other services to parents.

If you would like to find out more about the NCT and the coffee groups in Milton Keynes then please phone 0709 203 1752.



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