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2010 Summer of Fun

Something to do Every Day



# Another **sizzling** Summer of Fun

“...I attended some of the summer play sessions with my two daughters and must say how wonderful the sessions were; ...one barge session and a couple at the Downs Barn field. The Team of staff were very friendly and helpful... The kids really enjoyed the craft activities and bouncy castles, and the parents seemed to be enjoying their free time too.

It is amazing and wonderful that there were so many activities available in all the areas, and all for free.

Thank you to the organisers, providers of funding and of course the hands on staff for making the summer holidays more enjoyable and for providing so many activities to pass the time, especially with the uncertainty of the summer weather and more importantly, at a such a difficult financial time...”

VP, Neath Hill Resident

*Councillor Elizabeth McMillan reports on GLPC Summer of Fun activities....*

“There were more events - Bollywood, Tai Chi, drama and dance, even fun on a canal barge and den-building in the rain, as well as favourites like circus skills.

At a conservative estimate, some 1700 people took part, despite some dodgy weather! And it wasn't just children; lots of parents and even grandparents turned up, especially to Play Association events. Ages ranged from 4 to 74.

Tai Chi proved particularly popular with adults.

We were determined to provide an even better programme this year to attract more teenagers and adults – as well as continuing to involve younger children – and residents say we did!”



# Councillors campaign to solve parking problem at St. Monica's

**“An accident waiting to happen” is how parish councillors see the parking situation around St. Monica's School, Neath Hill. As a single faith school, St Monica's has a wide catchment area, with many parents driving children to school. With little parking provision, cars are regularly parked illegally and dangerously.**

There are complaints about cars blocking cul-de-sacs, ambulance and refuse vehicles not getting through, and worst of all residents have been abused, sometimes cars and homes damaged.

Parish councillors, Lisa Gillon and David Stabler have raised the issue with the school and MK Council. Lisa and fellow residents Sarah Porter and Eileen Dyson are members of a parking liaison group, which includes St Monica's Head and deputy, MK Council officers, police and fire authority representatives. Says Lisa: “We have come up with ideas and plans which we are hopeful will to be implemented, if the money can be found.”

“New car parking bays could replace the bus bay”

One thought is to move the school bus parking from Currier Drive to

the existing and extended Marlborough Street bus bay. A new gate through the hedge would allow safe, supervised, direct access for children into the school. New car parking bays could replace the bus bay outside the school. Double yellow lines may be painted around the area and signs put on lampposts warning of the restricted access for emergency vehicles.

Before anyone gets seriously hurt ‘or even worse’ Lisa, David and GLPC hope a permanent, enforceable solution is found. The situation has been given high priority by MKC and while it is difficult to say when measures can be introduced, it is hoped to see some progress next year.

Contact Lisa on 01908 606613 or email: [lisa.gillon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lisa.gillon@hotmail.co.uk)

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## COUNCILLOR PROFILE



Lisa Gillon

**Lisa wishes to enthuse and motivate people.**

Lisa Gillon joins David Stabler as the second and newest parish councillor for Neath Hill ward where she lives. Lisa Gillon takes pride in the community and ‘wants to make a difference’. As a cabin crew trainer with easyjet, Lisa knows a lot about enthusing and motivating the

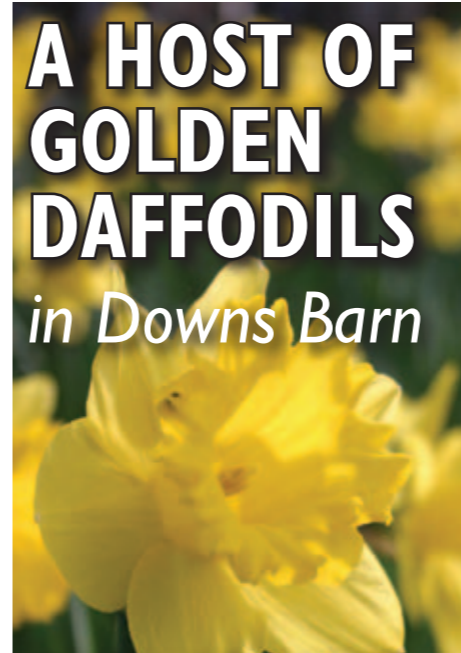
people around her. She is used to problem solving and finding new ways to create opportunities. These are skills she is putting to active use to tackle the parking situation around St Monica's school. With little off-street parking, the roads around the school are jam-packed in the mornings and when school ends. She is a member of the car parking liaison group which is campaigning for a safer environment for children and local residents.

Lisa previously lived at Downs Barn. ‘Having lived in Milton Keynes for 25 years in total I have a great understanding of how this city works and I want to help and have an input in my local community.’ Contact Lisa on 01908 606613 or Email [lisa.gillon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lisa.gillon@hotmail.co.uk)

# A HOST OF GOLDEN DAFFODILS in Downs Barn

There'll be a splash of colour in Downs Barn next spring, with daffodils and crocuses rearing their heads along the Boulevard. Neighbourhood Action Group members and a group of children spent a few hours recently, planting over 4,000 bulbs along the Boulevard to add a bit of colour to the estate. Ex-councillor Catriona Morris sponsored the bulbs from her ward budget. Rita Vahey, from MK Council arranged a similar planting event on the play area mound.

GLPC will organise more bulb and wild flower planting events next year. If you would like to take part please contact the parish office on 01908 606613 or Email: [parish.manager@great-linford.gov.uk](mailto:parish.manager@great-linford.gov.uk)



# Conniburrow Community bouncing back

“The fire that destroyed the Conniburrow pavilion in the early hours of 7th August made a big hole in the heart of our community,” says Pauline Wallis, Chair of Conniburrow Community Association (CCA) and one of three parish councillors for the ward.

The police are still investigating the cause of the fire. Pauline told News&Views: “I am positive that there will be a new community centre paid for by the insurance company. We have no idea when this vital community facility will be available it might take two years to rebuild.”

In the meantime CCA still hire out the playing field and committee members are available at the community office to deal with questions residents raise. Pauline explained “CCA are now more of an action group but we still want to hold events for the community in the future. ‘We do hold regular meetings at Germander School every 4 to 6 weeks to give people the opportunity to voice their concerns about issues in Conniburrow” said Pauline.

Residents are bouncing back however and many activities previously held at the pavilion have been accommodated at Germander Park First School. Tae-Kwon-Do and the Army Cadets now meet in Bradwell Common. The very popular Senior Citizens bingo club takes place every Tuesday from 2 to 4pm at Germander School – any new members are very welcome.

You can contact Conniburrow Community Association on 01908 670937.



Photograph by Bucks Fire & Rescue Service

**LATEST NEWS:**  
3 suspects arrested by Thames Valley Police



## COUNCILLOR PROFILE

Claudius Munangati

**Aspires to be ‘the eyes of the community.’**

As one of four parish councillors for Great Linford ward, newly appointed Claudius Munangati had a varied career, including time as a teacher, before working in the insurance industry. He left to study for a law degree, then in 2004 went to the US ‘to learn how young people were running youth projects to develop their community.’ He uses this experience to help young people organise and improve their lives. Claudius is a volunteer prison

visitor and also represents the church and community.

Claudius feels he can ‘help decision-makers understand the culture and background of minority groups - which in turn fosters understanding and respect for the community among minority groups.’

Claudius believes ‘Parish councillors are the eyes of the community. Communities become what they are because of the commitment by people and a community can gain peace and prosperity because of decisions made by councillors.

Contact Claudius on 01908 606613.

## COUNCILLOR PROFILE



Joy Cowell

**Brings pasturing skills to the work of the parish.**

Having had many roles in the community, Joy Cowell sees becoming a parish councillor ‘as the next step in playing a more meaningful role and contributing to enhancing people's quality of life.’ Much of

Joy's work revolves around Conniburrow, the ward she represents with fellow councillors Joan Pickhaver and Pauline Wallis. She has been governor of Southwood and Summerfield Schools and

Chair of Governors for Germander Park School. Joy is on the Conniburrow Sure Start Children's Centre committee.

Joy has been Pastor of Grace Christian Fellowship as ‘Community Minister’ carrying out church work, including establishing and running Conniburrow Youth Club, and organising activity based youth camps. The provision of sustainable facilities for children and young people is a particular interest. She is also a director of the Conniburrow Community Association.

Joy has worked in management and technical support roles, financial supervision, and latterly as Training Officer at MK Council. She now cares for her mother. As parish councillor, Joy hopes to ‘participate in building better communities by representing the interests of the people.’ Contact Joy on 01908 606613.

**COUNCILLOR PROFILE**  
Ray Yeates



**Ray's roundabout route to life in MK**

Ever wondered who was responsible for roundabouts in MK, or who thought of V and H road designations? Look no further than Ray Yeates, who joins Festus Akinbusoye as parish councillor for Downs Barn ward.

Ray came to MK in 1969 as a transport and highway engineer responsible for 'interpreting the Master Plan and producing detailed alignments for each grid road, including future traffic predictions.'

He also introduced the Dial-a-Bus and first bus services. In 1998 he took his skills to SE Asia, to upgrade poor urban areas. He returned as Assistant Environment Director in Brighton, from 1990 to 1995 and then went to Mongolia and Bosnia.

In 2005 Ray revisited MK. 'It was a beautiful Spring Day and I resolved to spend the remainder of my life here.' As a parish councillor Ray wants 'to give something back to the place I helped create and which gave me the opportunity to learn so much.' Ray's experience overseas gave him 'an insight into the basic needs of people and their capacity to be involved.'

Contact Ray on 01908 606613.

**Two years FREE sports coaching for young people**



*"This exciting scheme offers girls and boys the chance to have fun outdoors, develop their talents over a range of sporting activities, from tennis to basketball and football and be taught coaching skills by experienced trainers. The two year project will also look to the future, by training volunteers to become young leaders."*  
Explains Cllr: Ian Foskett, GLPC Recreation Committee Chairman.

Launched in October with a £32,000 grant from Barclays Bank Spaces for Sports, the 24 month long all sports activities programme will take place from 5-6pm five days a week at the GLPC Pannier Place sports ground Downs Barn, using the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) three courts. The MUGA provides a safe secure environment so young people can build their confidence and develop positive attitudes towards society.

*"So those taking part will be expertly supervised."*

MK Dons Sport Education Trust has been commissioned to provide professional standard coaching, so those taking part will be expertly supervised. The project has backing from the Football Foundation and Milton Keynes Council.

During the dark nights Great Linford Parish Council will contribute to floodlighting costs to secure site safety and the Downs Barn pavilion toilet facilities will be on hand.

Find out more from Great Linford Parish Council parish office Neath Hill. Tel 019089 606613, Email: parish.manager@great-linford.gov.uk

**COUNCILLOR PROFILE**  
Janet Hughes



**Wants to build a thriving local community**

Janet Hughes is another new parish councillor, now one of the four councillors in the ward where she lives – Great Linford. Janet sees her role as reflecting the needs of residents to give them opportunities to live in a pleasant environment. 'I would like to help improve and sustain our area within current financial

limits and encourage residents to participate more by caring about their local surroundings,' she says.

Janet works part-time as an Antisocial Behaviour Caseworker in the Safer Communities Unit of MK Council. Her role means working with a diverse range of people, victims and perpetrators, using a range of problem solving skills and legislative powers to resolve difficult situations. Liaising with many agencies on a day-to-day basis also gives Janet a good understanding of daily issues in the local area.

Janet says working part-time means she can be a dedicated parish councillor whose aims is 'to give a consistent long term approach on which to build a thriving local community.'

Contact Janet on 01908 606613.

**NEWS in brief...**

**REDHOUSE PARK IN PARISH**

After four years discussion and with the agreement of Haversham & Little Linford PC, MKC finally agreed Redhouse Park would be incorporated into Great Linford parish from April 2011.



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**PUBLIC ART FUNDING**

MK Council has £60,000 from the Gyosei Canalside development to spend on Public Art in the parish - "within the vicinity of the site". GLPC and Ward Councillors sit on a newly formed Project Board to oversee the commissioning of art works. A theme being considered would commemorate the former Japanese School at Willen.

More in News&Views later

**CANALSIDE IMPROVEMENTS**

After much prompting from GLPC, MK Council "found" £54,687 from Gyosei Canalside development to be spent on canalside and horse-trail network improvements. Councillors walked the towpath to discuss sites for seating, bank repairs and information signs with Alan Holmes MKC's Canal Officer.

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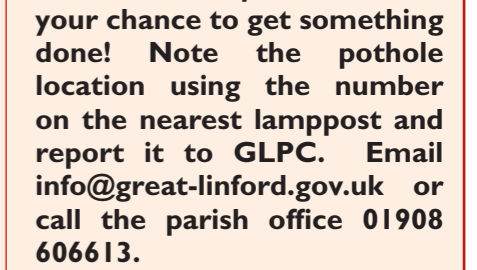
**BIN BURNING?**

Have you seen anyone setting fire to a GLPC dog bin in Pannier Place, or demolish the one at Lacy Drive? If Parish Guardians have information, please report suspicions or details to the Parish Manager Tel: 606613. GLPC has direct contact with TVP Officers in the Neighbourhood Team.



**£260,000 POT HOLE POT**

It's that time of year again when things go bump under your wheels as you hit a pothole. MKC have £65k a month - from December to March - for repairs. This is your chance to get something done! Note the pothole location using the number on the nearest lamppost and report it to GLPC. Email info@great-linford.gov.uk or call the parish office 01908 606613.



**TVP MONDAYS**

Want to talk to a Thames Valley Police (TVP) Officer or Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)



- confidentially - about any local problems? Come along to the weekly TVP Mondays walk-in surgery at the parish office 10 Tower Crescent, Neath Hill – opposite the Clock Tower. TVP Mondays - 11am until Noon.

**Colourful Urban Jungle**



Many residents using the Great Linford Local Centre underpass to Stantonbury have been impressed by a bright new mural created by Gatehouse School students. Ex-councillor David Tunney's ward budget sponsored the project.

Supervised by artist Neil Kane and teacher Dawn Jeywright, 30 Year 7 Gatehouse students spent two days in the classroom creating the theme "Urban Jungle" and designing their

own individual characters. After Neil drafted an outline on the concrete wall every student spray painted their design to create the mural.

Dawn told News&Views: "The boys had a great time, and appreciated the compliments on their efforts from passing residents. It was good to have all students involved and to hear them say 'we did that!' obviously taking pride in the mural. It really boosted their confidence".



# You don't have to be fit to enjoy our amenities

If you are sporty, GLPC has some of the best pitches around but the sports pavilions when not used by football and cricket teams can be hired by residents, groups or businesses.

**Pavilion hire charges are ONLY £11 per hour!**

Both pavilions, at Downs Barn and High Street Great Linford, can accommodate 50 people. There are toilets and kitchens, but neither venue is licensed. The first floor room at Downs Barn is not suitable for toddlers or those with mobility problems. With free parking and space outside, they are ideal for kids' parties, celebrations, club or group activities, or away-day office training events. Book a room on line at [www.great-linford.gov.uk](http://www.great-linford.gov.uk). Email [info@great-linford.gov.uk](mailto:info@great-linford.gov.uk) or call at the parish office, 10 Tower Crescent, Neath Hill. Tel: 01908 606613.



## Historic wills can help local people

Two local charities support young people and residents in crisis who live within Great Linford Parish from bequests made over 300 years ago by Sir William and Dame Sarah Pritchard – and those bequests are still working today. The sums maintained and invested by the Trustees are small but grants of £200 by the Charities can make a difference. The Great Linford Advancement in Life Charity specifically helps with the educational needs of young people up to the age of 25. The Great Linford Relief in Need Charity helps anyone who is having a difficult time and where the local authority or other agencies cannot support through their regular channels. Request more details about the Charities and get application forms from: Secretary to the Trustees: Mr. T Pawley, 16 Lodge Gate, Great Linford, Milton Keynes, MK14 5EW.

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