



**TADPOLE**  
GARDEN VILLAGE

Autumn/Winter 2017

# my community news

# Hello!



Christmas is just around the corner and that gives us a chance to look back and reflect on a busy and productive year for all at Tadpole Garden Village.

With over 100 residents attending the 'Meet Your Neighbours' event at the end of October, it was another sign that the development is making strides. The event proved to be a great opportunity to meet many new Tadpole Garden Village homeowners – even some who are yet to complete their moves but are eager to learn more!

Our thanks to Andrew Dobson and Simon Hawketts of Crest Strategic Projects for their attendance at the event, their update to residents on a number of exciting developments was much appreciated. For a further update on progress, keep on reading this newsletter.

Thanks also to Graham Davis, Principal of the new Great Western Academy, for taking time out to attend the evening.

Recently, the Community Interest Company appealed for residents to join Communication, Environmental, Partnerships, Social and Wellbeing Working Groups – it was great to see the first meeting being held in October. Each group gives residents a further voice in the community, giving you the chance to shape the future of this development.

## Development News



Andrew Dobson (Managing Director) and Simon Hawketts (Development Executive) of Crest Strategic Projects were at the recent Meet Your Neighbours event on Thursday 19th October, where they provided the following updates:

- **Pub Land:** Solicitors were instructed on Wednesday 18th October to sell the pub land to Arkell's Brewery. They have already instructed their architects to start working on a scheme that they hope to submit to Swindon Council for comment in the next few months with a full application to follow.
- **Retail Centre:** In conjunction with Crest Nicholson SW, we are in the process of preparing a reserved matters application for the retail centre and already have strong interest from a couple of the main supermarket chains for the convenience store element.
- **Sports Facilities:** We await a final proposal for FC Abbey Meads in conjunction with the local cricket club to manage the sports facilities onsite.
- **Medical Centre:** We are waiting for the local GP surgery's to confirm whether or not they can accommodate what they need on the land being provided and will advise accordingly. Availability of parking is the major issue here.
- **Nature Park:** A meeting has taken place with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust who are very keen to regularise an agreement with the CIC to be funded to manage, improve and provide learning opportunities for the Nature Park on behalf of the residents of the development.



Last, but certainly not least, we were delighted to hear Tadpole Garden Village was recently announced as a finalist in the 'Outstanding Placemaking' category at the Sunday Times British Homes Awards 2017. This is another example of the fine work being done – let's all continue to look after and enhance this wonderful place we call home.

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### Preim update



**Simon New, Customer Account Manager at Preim Limited, provides an update on the latest news from around the development. For any Preim related enquiries, please email [helpdesk@preim.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@preim.co.uk)**

In September 2017 we were delighted to announce the very first communal green spaces had been handed over from Crest Nicholson to the Tadpole Garden Village Community Interest Company (TGVCIC).

As a result, the maintenance of these communal spaces is now funded through the estate charge that, as residents and TGVCIC members, you pay.

Working with Crest Nicholson, Preim – as your managing agent – identified snagging issues prior to the handover of these communal areas. We are now working with the newly-formed TGVCIC Environmental Working Group to ensure these snags are rectified, including re-planting of trees, hedge trimming and edging of footpaths.



Going forwards, Preim will work with the TGVCIC Steering Committee and the Environmental Working Group to continue to review new communal areas due to be handed over. Each of these areas will be maintained by Bristol based, grounds maintenance company Cut and Clear.

If you have any questions, or for any Preim related enquiries, please email [helpdesk@preim.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@preim.co.uk)

### Club news



#### Book Club Begins

Residents are invited to join a new Book Club, which meets on the first Monday of every month at the Blunsdon Arms (7.30pm).

Organiser Sarah Thompson, commented: "We had our first meeting in September, where we discussed Apple Tree Yard and would welcome new members to the group."

For more details, please email [sarah.thompson@live.co.uk](mailto:sarah.thompson@live.co.uk)

### Dates for your Diary



It's that time of year again where festive events fill our diaries! We are delighted to invite you to the Tadpole Garden Village carol service and Christmas drinks:

#### Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 14th December

Tadpole Farm CE Primary School



#### Christmas Drinks Evening

Tuesday 19th December

Tadpole Farm CE Primary School



#### Christmas at St Andrew's Church

Sunday 17th 4pm - Family Carol Service  
6.30pm - Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve 11pm - Midnight Communion  
10am - Family Communion

Christmas Day 10am - Family Communion



We are also holding two services at Tadpole Farm CE Primary Academy in December.

Sunday 3rd 4pm - Advent All Age Service  
Christmas Eve 4pm - Pop-Up Nativity – come dressed as a nativity character

For more information visit the community website at:  
[www.tadpolegardenvillage.com](http://www.tadpolegardenvillage.com)



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