



Spring 2018

**TADPOLE**  
GARDEN VILLAGE

# my community news

## Hello!

Community spirit has been at the very heart of a number of recent events as residents new and existing continue to engage in life at Tadpole Garden Village.

On Saturday 31st March, around 100 residents played a full part in the opening of the new play park. Joined by family and friends, the Easter Hunt proved a success with the clouds clearing just in time for Andrew Dobson, Managing Director of Crest Nicholson's Strategic Projects Division, and Jane Leo, Principal of Tadpole Farm Academy, to declare the play park officially open.

Importantly the occasion marked the beginning of the handover of the play park from Crest Nicholson, the garden village's master developer, to the Tadpole Garden Village Community Interest Company – progressing the development towards the vision of its amenities being



community owned and managed. The event also saw children take part in colouring competitions, with best bonnet design and best baker prizes up for grabs too. Our thanks to Crest Nicholson Strategic Projects for donating these prizes.



On Tuesday 24th April the inaugural Community Coffee morning took place at Tadpole Farm Primary Academy which proved a welcoming environment for a range of residents; a popular addition to the increasingly busy community calendar. The Ladies of Tadpole Group is also proving very popular, whilst great strides have been made with the Neighbourhood Watch thanks to the fantastic work of coordinators and organisers.

Representatives from FC Abbeymeads and Swindon Cricket Club both spoke well at the recent Annual Meeting and you can find out more about these clubs further on in this newsletter. Arkell's Brewery also offered an insight into their plans for Tadpole Garden Village as residents edge closer to the first pint at TGV.

If the recent London Marathon inspired you to get outdoors and active, then TGV has a lot to offer - including a weekly running group and Pilates or the TGV Wheelers. Further details can be found in this newsletter.

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More photos of the day can be seen on the community website [www.tadpolegardenvillage.com/gallery/](http://www.tadpolegardenvillage.com/gallery/)

## Coffee morning

Our weekly coffee morning is now in full swing with adults and children of all ages coming along. The group runs Tuesdays from 9.00am - 10.15am, in the small school hall at Tadpole Farm CE Primary Academy and there will be refreshments (and cake!) available for a small donation. All proceeds are being used to cover costs and support the work of Friends of Tadpole Farm.







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## Ladies of Tadpole

The 'Ladies of Tadpole' social group – open for women of all ages in Tadpole Garden Village – has now been established. The group meets at Tadpole Farm CE Primary Academy on the first Wednesday of every month from 7pm to 9pm. Membership is £30 per annum, and £2 per meeting. Speakers, quizzes and much more, a place for fun, forging friendships and enjoying tea, coffee and cake together! For information please call Ann FitzGerald 01793 703950.

## Neighbourhood Watch

TGV Neighbourhood Watch is now approved by the Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association. We have a team of coordinators covering each area who keep in touch via WhatsApp so anything untoward happening can be circulated quickly. We will also be erecting Neighbourhood Watch road signage shortly. If you would like to join, please email [TGVNWatch@gmail.com](mailto:TGVNWatch@gmail.com)



## Development News



**Crest Nicholson Strategic Projects provide residents with a number of updates regarding future developments at Tadpole Garden Village.**

**Pub** - Arkell's brewery have completed the purchase of land at Tadpole Garden Village after announcing its first new-build pub site for 15 years. It is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted by the end of the year with construction starting early 2019, hoping to be open by end of 2019.

**Retail Centre** - Terms have now been agreed with a food store retailer for the convenience store. There will be four further smaller units, with 22 apartments above. A planning application for the retail area has been submitted to Swindon Borough Council and will be consulted on in coming weeks.

**Medical Centre** - NHS funding has been made available for a medical centre at Tadpole Garden Village. A planning application has been submitted by GVA for a medical centre adjacent to the proposed pub and this being considered by Swindon Borough Council. Crest Nicholson continue to work with Swindon Borough Council and GVA to consider the current and alternative locations for this use within Tadpole Garden Village

**Western Common Sports Facility** - Submission being prepared during May for a community and sports facility with FC Abbey Meads and Swindon Cricket Club to provide both football and cricket for the community.

**The Stray** - Anticipated opening early July – further event details to follow soon – keep an eye out at [tadpolegardenvillage.com](http://tadpolegardenvillage.com)

## Dates for your Diary



### Running Group - every Wednesday

Whether you are a beginner, getting back into fitness or established runner then joining a running group is one of the best things you can do to progress your running, with a regular run now established at Tadpole Garden Village. Open to all abilities, TGV Runners meet outside Tadpole Farm CE Primary Academy ready to set off at 7.15pm every Wednesday evening.

### Pilates – every Thursday

Swindon Pilates run a weekly session at Tadpole Farm CE Primary Academy with everyone welcome. Classes are held every Thursday, 6.30-7.30pm priced at £7 per session. See [www.swindonpilates.com](http://www.swindonpilates.com) for details.

### Real Ale & Cider Festival Saturday 26th – Monday 28th May

Just a stone's throw from Tadpole Garden Village is the Swindon & Cricklade Real Ale and Cider Festival. This takes place over the Bank Holiday featuring 17 real ales, 10 ciders and live music. Entry £5pp. See [www.swindon-cricklade-railway.org](http://www.swindon-cricklade-railway.org) for details.

**Well done!** to the St. Andrew's All Stars who were the inaugural winners of the Tadpole Genius Trophy at the Teacher/Parent Quiz Night at the school on Wednesday 9th May. Each winner also walked away with a bottle of Prosecco kindly sponsored by Preim.



## Swindon Cricket Club

Swindon CC is a thriving club and would like to invite residents of TGV to join us. We provide cricket for children from 5 years upwards. Youth training evenings are Tuesdays (Under 13 & 15) and Fridays (Under 9 & 11 and girls). More details available through [youth@swindoncricketclub.co.uk](mailto:youth@swindoncricketclub.co.uk). We also run four adult teams, training Wednesday evenings, contact [newplayers@swindoncricketclub.co.uk](mailto:newplayers@swindoncricketclub.co.uk) for more information.

## FC Abbeymeads

The club are getting ready for the 2018/19 season. We are looking for players of all abilities. If you have a boy or girl interested in joining a team then please contact us. If you are interested in coaching or you already coach football and fancy a change we are looking for persons to coach teams of all differing age groups from U6 upwards. Please contact [clint.ricketts@fcabbeymeads.co.uk](mailto:clint.ricketts@fcabbeymeads.co.uk)



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