

Christmas is just around the corner and plans are taking shape for what looks set to be another exciting festive period throughout Tadpole Garden Village.

There is much to look forward to as the season of goodwill dawns on us; but let us also reflect on the plethora of events that have gone before us. The rain at the Open Cinema failed to dampen the spirits of determined attendees (raising £100 for Oak and Furrows), and the visit to Blunsdon Railway proved informative in somewhat better weather, remember the summer heatwave?

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme has also expanded and continues to play a proactive part in the community, whilst the LOT (Ladies of Tadpole) have held a number of engaging events across the year. In sport, the TGV Golf Society teed off with a successful inaugural round (golf and drinks) whilst the TGV runners and cyclists continue to be active within the Village and even into Europe!

Lots of hard work and effort from residents and stakeholders has gone into a series of meetings regarding the sports pitches, future play park developments and of course the new Arkell's pub, see below.

Thanks to everyone who supports, engages and contributes to making this such a vibrant community.

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Great Western Academy opens

A special assembly was held on Monday 22nd October for students and staff to mark the opening of Great Western Academy.

The £21m school is the first new secondary school in Swindon for a decade and offers sought-after school places to younger residents in the surrounding area. Facilitated by Crest Nicholson, the facilities include a theatre, sports hall, dance studio, drama studio and specialist science and technology rooms. The outdoor space includes a beautifully landscaped social space, multi-use games area and extensive playing fields. The Academy was officially opened by British space scientist and educator Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE with a talk around the wonders of space science. The school has a current cohort of 150 pupils in year 7 and a total capacity for 1200, including Sixth Form, which is due to open in 2019.



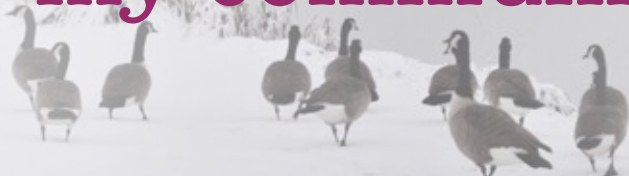
A Taste of Arkell's

Tadpole Garden Village residents got a 'Taste of Arkell's' at an exclusive preview event on Tuesday 27th November. Around 150 residents attended throughout the evening, which saw plans for the new pub – expected to open for the end of 2019 – shown for the first time.

The pub, located near the western common, will include a mix of dining options, an outside terrace, a pizza oven, a games room and much more. Log onto tadpolegardenvillage.com to see a series of artists' impressions. It is hoped that building work will commence over Spring 2019, subject to planning. Managing Director of Arkell's Brewery, George Arkell, commented:

"We're really excited about this project, which will be the first new-build for Arkell's in some 15 years. The location is fantastic and we look forward to delivering an exciting and welcome addition to Tadpole Garden Village and the surrounding area."





Preim News



An update from your managing agent

Since the last newsletter, Preim have been undertaking more works on behalf of the TGVCIC. During September the hedges that are the responsibility of the TGVCIC were cut back and maintained as part of the on-going landscaping contract on the development. Your Preim Estate Manager, Simon New, met with a trusted Arboriculturalist and the annual tree survey was undertaken at the tail end of September. Annual tree works on TGVCIC land will be completed in December 2018.



In recent months Preim released a website article confirming all the areas that currently fall under the TGVCIC, the website article provides links to all the relevant plans for these areas. Another article was recently uploaded defining the different roles of Preim and the CIC, the council and the developers. Please refer to the Tadpole Garden Village Website, www.tadpolegardenvillage.com for all articles updates.

Preim are due to meet with the developer, Crest Nicholson Strategic, to review the Phase 1 Allotments in November and agree what is required before these can be handed over to the TGVCIC. As with all handovers any updates will be relayed to all TGVCIC residents.

Play Park Plans

Members of the Tadpole Garden Village play park focus group met in early November to discuss exciting plans for future developments in this area.

With three play parks constructed a further five are planned for the Village, feedback was taken from residents to improve the design, layout and facilities of the future play parks.

Upcoming play parks include four LEAP's (designed for use by children and young people alike) and one NEAP (equipped mainly for older children but with play opportunities for younger children as well).



TGV Golf Society



12 residents of the Village enjoyed 18 holes of golf with breakfast provided before and a hearty lunch after. Congratulations to Daniel Harper who was the winner of the Preim sponsored trophy on the day with 37 stableford points, closely contested by Rob Reeve with 36.

All who attended had a super day out, with fine weather and enjoyed a good catch up in the bar afterwards. We also discussed future events and outing we plan to run the next outing on Sunday 9th December (Shrivenham) and Sunday 20th January (Bassett Down) and monthly thereafter, if interested please like the Facebook.com/TGVGolf page or contact Craig Thompson for further details.

New School for TGV in 2019

A brand new school for Tadpole Garden Village will be opening September 2019. William Morris will be a new two-form entry primary school located next to Great Western Academy.

With an initial intake of 60 pupils into two Reception classes, it will reach its full complement of pupils by 2026. They also plan for a nursery to be open from September 2019.

To apply for a primary school place please visit www.swindon.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces

To stay in contact with the latest developments or to apply for a Nursery place, please email admin@bluekitetrust.org.uk visit our website www.bluekitetrust.org.uk or follow us on Twitter @Bluekitetrust.