



The Lidlington Advertiser

Lidlington Hill Race 2011

Another successful Hill Race Day saw over 100 runners make the trip from the Royal Oak to the top of the Hill and back. First down the hill this year was Paul Farmer in a time of 4 mins, 46 secs. Trophies were presented to 1st and 2nd in each category by Mrs Sue Furlong, Sports Club Chairman.

Also among the winners are Carla Fisher, Andy Ralphs and Louise Roberts. See inside for full list of winners.



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Editorial Note

As you can see, the Advertiser has reduced in size for this edition. It is experimental but done mainly in order to reduce the cost of production. Since it is delivered free to all villagers, the funding comes only from the advertisers and any donations which we have received in the past (with thanks to the Parish Council and Lidlington Church). What do you think of the new compact size? Good ideas welcome.

One suggestion is to produce a pdf copy which could be sent by e-mail. If this is something you would like, please send your e-mail address to the one below. Maybe you would like to send it to friends and some of the photos can be in colour too!!

The Copy deadline for the next (hopefully) edition is 16th November 2011.
Please keep the contributions coming – articles, ads, financial gifts, ideas.
Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition.

Jean & Inta

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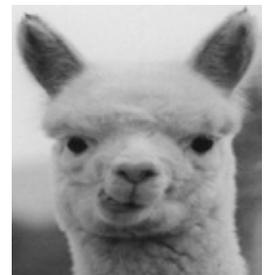
Hoover is a special boy, inquisitive and bold
He likes to follow me around and will do as he's told
His coat is warm alpaca wool, and he steps with dainty feet
He'll eat out of my hand and likes cuddles for a treat

He'll stand beneath the horses, and eat the hay they drop
They enjoy his company and don't get in a strop
He gets his name from the way he vacuums up his food,
It disappears quite quickly – but he's never ever rude

His brothers strut about the field – but his feet don't like the wet
So he's decided to be delicate – and made good friends with the Vet
So he sleeps in the stable with Dyson – his best friend
And takes walks in the garden when the sun is shining bright
The top stable door stays open so he can moon gaze at night

The Vet says he's a Mystery, although he loves him too
So tho' he's often rather poorly, he's never ever blue.

Margaret E. Chatham



LIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Following the elections in May the Parish Council filled seven out of the nine seats. The current Councillors for Lidlington are: Iain Clapham (Chair), John Ludford (Vice Chair), Adele Moore, Jean Peall, Andrew Penn and Ailish Muckett. The Parish Council would like to thank Anita Eames and Tim Mason for their work on the Council previously, and in particular would like to thank Len Walsh for his tireless dedication to the local community as a Parish Councillor for the last 50 years.

Parish Council vacancies

Currently, the Council has two vacancies. This is an interesting and very varied role so if you have an interest in local matters and making a difference then please contact the Clerk for an informal chat to find out more. The Council would like those interested to write a brief synopsis about themselves and what local matters they are interested in and send them to the Clerk at lidlingtonpc@googlemail.com

The Council would like to welcome applications from all parts of the village.

Finance, Donations and Funding secured for improvements to the village

Funding secured through the Parish Council has paid for the recently installed spider's web climbing frame at the Recreation Ground, and the other play equipment continues to be upgraded and maintained by the Council.

The Parish Council agreed to maintain the precept at the same level of £25,000 and continue to work to secure improvements for the village and to provide support to some local organisations. Recently £750 has been donated to Lidlington Parochial Church Council towards the maintenance of the churchyard, and the Lidlington Toddler Group has received a donation of £395 towards new toys. In addition, charitable support has been given to Macmillan Cancer Care, Mid Beds Citizens Advice Bureau, Mid Beds Link-a-Ride Community Transport and Victim Support Group.

Planning matters

The Council has been actively responding to some important planning consultations recently which will impact on the village; the main focus being the Covanta proposals at Rookery South and also the Center Parcs application at Warren Wood in Millbrook. The Council wishes to thank residents who took the time themselves to also respond on these important matters. It is very important that residents express their opinions and comments so that they can be taken into consideration. In addition, the Council has been commenting on a number of household applications within the village and always takes the time to consider any application in full so that comments are submitted to the local authority on every occasion.

Environmental Issues

The Council was consulted on the moving of the green bottle bank to its new location at The Green Man, on the High Street. It is appreciated that the location may not be easy for all residents to access, however, there were no suitable alternative locations and there was a very realistic threat that the village could have lost this valuable provision altogether.

Litter and dog fouling have become an increasing problem in the village and cause not only a visual impact but, more seriously, a health concern. Please remember to act responsibly and use the bins provided.

Lombard Street/Church Street green triangle

The Parish Council held a community meeting to discuss planting. Regrettably there was insufficient support by the local residents to enable a remodeling project to proceed. Accordingly the Council has decided to contract regular grass strimming and refit the Queen's Silver Jubilee village sign.

Parish Council continued...

Highways Issues

If you spot a highways problem, such as a pothole, broken surfacing of a footpath or road, a damaged road sign, or a faulty streetlight then please report the fault to Central Bedfordshire Council's Highways Helpdesk on 0300 300 8049 or email highways@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Please feel free to copy the Parish Clerk in to any correspondence.

The Helpdesk is the most effective way of ensuring any highway fault in the village is dealt with as soon as possible.

Contacting the Parish Council

If you would like to contact the Council and have any questions or other matters you would like to raise then please feel free to contact our Clerk, Lizzie Barnicoat on (01234) 841835 or via email at lidlingtonpc@googlemail.com



Allotment Show

Saturday 3rd September 2011

12.00pm-4.00pm

Entries can be submitted between

10.00am - 11.30am

At the allotments on Station Road

Judging takes place from 12.00noon

Awards presentation from 2.00pm

For further information and entry forms please contact either - Sue Furlong 01525 402645 or Tess Mason 01525 404938

If wet, the event will take place in the Church Hall.

DOWN ON THE ALLOTMENTS

I think it fair to say that the vagaries of the British weather have meant, this year, having an allotment is proving to be somewhat of a challenge. The prolonged dry spell at the beginning of the sowing and planting period necessitated much watering to get the plants established. Interestingly though, weeds appear to thrive no matter what the conditions. Despite the drought there was still a frost on just one night which played havoc with some of the tender plants. Then of course it did eventually rain and everything is back on track and looking good.

Mike Phillips, the allotment manager, had a hip replacement a little while ago. I can report that Mike is making excellent progress and can be seen down on the allotments with just a walking stick!

The allotment show is on Saturday 3rd September. The show is open to everyone in the village so come and join us down on the allotment and enter your best home grown fruit, vegetables or flowers. The show schedule will be available at the beginning of August.

We are aware that a number of people use the track through the allotments as a short cut. We would ask that you please shut both gates properly. Plus if you have a dog, that it is kept on a lead.

If you would like to find out more about the allotments, Mike (01252 404452), would be happy to answer any queries.

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Trustees also invite applications from students residing in the Parish of Lidlington who wish to apply for a grant to assist them in furthering their education.

Applications may be made in respect of students who have attained the statutory school leaving age and who are attending or expecting to commence studies at Universities and Colleges of Further Education or to take up apprenticeships.

For further information regarding financial assistance please write to the Clerk to the Trustees, name and address below, indicating interest and in the case of educational grants, giving as much detail as possible including, name of student, location of University or College of Further Education, name of company apprenticed to, and description and length of course.

Furthermore it might be that residents of the village would like to make a bequest or an endowment to the Charity in their will to enable it to continue its work giving financial assistance to residents in one form or another.

To show interest in this area, also please write to the Clerk below.

Colin West
Clerk to the Trustees
Thomas Johnson's Lidlington Charity
17 Lombard Street
Lidlington
Bedford MK43 0RP

LIDLINGTON CHURCH

Well, here we are again, half way through the year and hurtling towards the summer holidays! Hopefully, this update finds you suitably recovered from the long snowy winter, and enjoying this glorious (?) summer weather and balmy evenings.

Looking back over the last six months I can hardly believe we have crammed so much in!

Christingle was another success again this year. It was lovely to greet so many familiar faces, and welcome some new ones. There were over 150 attendees, and the atmosphere was one of warmth and anticipation.

We have recently started **Café Church** once a month. If you have not yet been to one of these, please do make it a date in your diary. Every fourth Sunday we meet in the Church Hall at 10.45am for bacon rolls, or other nibbles, and refreshments, all provided free for you to enjoy. We can spend time chatting and eating, before some light activities; singing (led by our worship band), craft, drama, which is sometimes performed by our young people's groups, and a brief message. It is a great way to bring the church family and the community together in a warm and relaxed environment. Time is flexible, so people can arrive or leave whenever it suits. We usually finish with more refreshments at about 11.45am. We look forward to seeing you there.

The **After School Club** at Thomas Johnson Lower School has continued to thrive into a new term, and we have a very dedicated group of children coming along each week. As always it is a pleasure to work with each one of them as they explore the Christian faith, and learn more about God's love for them. Thank you to all the staff at TJLS for their continued support.

Storytellers continues to grow from strength to strength, as our team go into the school each week and "Open the Book" (The Bible) and act out a simple story for the whole school. We are made very welcome and love every minute of it! Some of the children are proving to be quite gifted actors too, as we often call on them to help act out the drama.

We were privileged to work with Mrs. Fletcher recently to do some "Creative Prayer" in the chapel with the children from years 1&2 and then years 3&4. These were wonderful afternoons where we set up seven prayer stations and discussed with the children about different ways we can talk to God. The children were so open, and obviously enjoyed the opportunity to express themselves in different ways. With thanks to Mrs. Fletcher for her enthusiasm and to all the parent helpers who also joined in with gusto!

There is not enough room for me to mention everything and everybody, so I will just briefly mention this year's **Fun Weekend**. Once again thank you to Mr. Nolan at TJLS for allowing us to come in and take over the school for the whole weekend, and trusting us not to make too much mess! The weekend will be held on 16th and 17th September, with the free family Family Lunch, including entertainment from I-tunes rounding off the celebrations. Please see the advert for more details. Last year we had over 50 children attend.

I must just mention that we will all miss Jenny Howlett's cheerfulness, her dedication, ready smile and utter loveliness every time we are at the school. She has been a good friend and encourager to us over the years. God bless you Jenny in your retirement.

As always, in the roller coaster of life I continue to praise God for His love and strength, and thank Him for bringing us here to live in such a great community.

May your summer be filled with joy and peace, and many blessings,

Siân Hiscocks, Lay Leader/Pastoral Worker

www.lidlingtonchurch.org.uk

Local contacts:

Rev. Graham Miles Tel. 01234 851987

Linda Bulled and Jeff Bulled Tel. 402647

Siân Hiscocks Tel. 405952

Hall bookings – Jean Peall Tel 01525 405730

E-mail for hall bookings and to receive weekly and monthly notices by request:

lidlingtonchurch@gmail.com

The monthly Newsletter can also be hand delivered. Please contact Jean 405730



Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September 2011

For 5 to 13 year olds
At Thomas Johnson Lower School

SATURDAY – 10.15am registration
10.30am – 12.30pm morning session,
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For further info. contact

Sian 01525 405952 or Jean 01525 405730
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH GRAVEYARD

After the hard winter, work was late in starting but is now at its normal level of activity. Two recent interments have taken place at the top of the right hand side of the Graveyard, where much of our recent work has been carried out and remains in progress. The battle with brambles continues on the old or left hand side.

Walkers joining the Graveyard from the bridle path at the top, have now created a path which is much safer under foot and leads to the Lime Walk and the gates. We thank them for this addition.

Lastly, we would like to record, again, our very sincere thanks to the Parish Council for their grant which is a key factor in the funding of the ongoing work. We could make more progress with voluntary help, call me on 404 170 if you wish to get details.

**Jim Nockels,
Graveyard Steward**

LIDLINGTON CONNECT comes under the umbrella of the Pastoral Care of Lidlington Church. Its aim is to outreach to the community at large and not just to the Church members or people who regularly attend Church. It is inter-denominational and it embraces everyone regardless of colour, creed, culture or age. It encourages us to look out for each other spiritually, emotionally and physically:

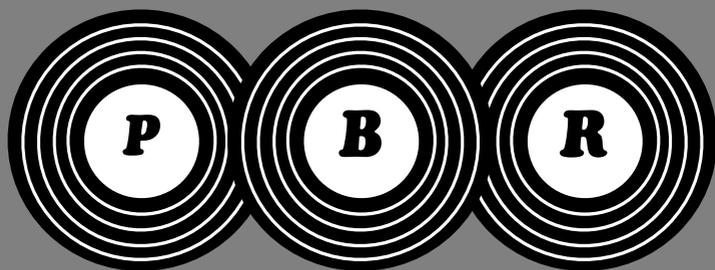
- By getting to know each other and helping to strengthen local links
- By praying for one another and, maybe, with one another
- By developing links with baptism families and welcoming new members
- By helping to make the housebound feel they belong, for example, taking round the newsletter, newspaper or just telephoning
- By sharing information and news of church and village activities
- By arranging transport as needed
- By noting the absence of a Connect member or member of the village and making sure all is well
- By making help easily accessible to people in need
- By keeping in touch with those who are ill or in hospital
- By helping to develop links between members of different churches and cultures

Through the Lidlington Church Community Box, Connect is able to help those who are in desperate needs or have fallen on 'hard times'.

Lidlington Connect was created three years ago, and has four coordinators who have visited people in their homes and have held a successful summer BBQ as well as two Christmas Carol services. Please be reminded that all are welcomed to Connect's events/functions and that they are not just for Church members.

Its next event is a community lunch on **Saturday 10 September** at the Church Hall at 11 am. We look forward to welcoming you all there.

Co-ordinators: Sian Hiscocks (405952); Lynn Worrall (406168); Diane Hinde; Sonia Nockels (404170)



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Sports Club News

Football

For the second consecutive year the football team were promoted, and next year will be playing in Division 1 of the Bedfordshire County Football League. The team, under the stewardship of Scott Kent once again, finished fourth in Division 2. Home form was excellent, the Team winning all but two of the fixtures at Hurst Grove. However, away form was poor, with only one victory on the road. Darren Sims was the season's top goal scorer with 16 to his name. Scott Kent will be leading the team once more next season with the campaign getting under way on Saturday 3rd September. New players are welcome.

Diary dates

Sports Club AGM – Wednesday 3rd August
Quiz Night - Saturday 8th October, Village Hall
Christmas Dinner and Cabaret – Saturday 10th December

Hill Race Results (with time in mins/secs)

M&M Trophy 1st Man	Paul Farmer 4.46
Brian Adams Trophy 1st Woman	Carla Fisher 5.14
Rod & Angela Rothery Shield Male Veteran	Andy Ralphs 6.44
Laura Salmon Shield Female Veteran	Carla Fisher 5.14
Tom Cray Trophy 1st Guest	George Rogers 5.31
Boys Nursery Yr 2 1st Ben Fletcher 7.49	2nd Sam Archard 8.02
Girls Nursery Yr 2 1st Hannah Lingard 9.18	2nd Emily Jeffs 9.19
Boys Yr 3 - Yr 6 1st Max Rowlands 6.23	2nd Aaron Hickey 7.21
Girls Yr 3 - Yr 6 1st Emily Tidd 8.27	2nd Ella Lancaster 8.28
Boys Yr 7 - Yr 10 1st Harry Murray 5.42	2nd Jacob Hiscocks 6.20
Girls Yr 7 - Yr 10 1st Lauren Bates 7.31	2nd Lauren Herbert 7.42
Men 1st Paul Farmer 4.46	2nd Paul Nockels 5.11
Women 1st Louise Roberts 11.45	2nd Gemma Lingard 13.24
Male Veteran 1st Andy Ralphs 6.44	2nd Adam Piper 6.47
Female Veteran 1st Carla Fisher 5.14	2nd Angela Staal 9.16

Village Hall Update

Having taken over the position of Chairman of the Management Committee from Rik Batsman at the AGM in April this year, I have committed to continue the Policy adopted by Rik of updating the facilities of the Hall as well as ensuring that we remain in compliance with the latest legal legislation which can be both difficult to understand as well as to implement. Rik is a hard act to follow after his 3 years of activity.

The Committee members in addition to Rik & myself are Pat Hammond, Helen Weeks (Minutes Secretary), James Martin (Treasurer) and Inta Batsman (Booking Secretary). In addition the Parish Council representative at all of our Monthly meetings is Councillor John Ludford.

Our latest update project starts for the week commencing 18th July when the Main Hall will be redecorated, the old Ceiling Fans have already been destroyed. Currently we are carrying out surveys on Fire Safety and Entrance & Exit doors.

We need more Committee members as well as a greater use of the Hall especially on Weekday afternoons. Call me on 404 170 if you are interested in joining us.

Jim Nockels (Chairman)

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For all events, please call for more details as many require advance booking or other conditions.

Conservation Task - Ragwort Pulling - Saturday 23rd July at 10.15am. Further details contact anna.charles@marstonvale.org or 01234 762614.

Kite making and flying - Friday 29th July
3 Sessions: 10.30am-12noon, 1pm-2.30pm, 3pm-4.30pm

Sunday Strolls - 7 Aug & 4 Sept at 10.30am
A Gentle Sunday Walk. Cost £1, payable on the day - no need to book. Meet at reception. Walks last approx 2 hrs.

Make a minibeast - Monday 8th August
4 Sessions: 10am, 11am and 1pm and 2pm - 25 children per session. Fun, facts and craft. Event aimed at 4-10 year olds. All materials provided. All children to be accompanied by an adult. £2.50 per child.

Herbal Medicine walk – 14th Aug 2pm-3.30pm and on 2nd Sunday monthly. Join local Medical Herbalist, Maggie Haworth, for one of her popular herbal medicine walks. Booking is essential. Cost £5 per person. (£2.50 of the ticket cost is donated to The Forest of Marston Vale)

Chasing Dragons - Friday 19th August
3 Sessions: 10.30am-12noon, 1pm-2.30pm, 3pm-4.30pm £3.50 per child.

Conservation Task - Hay Raking - Sunday 21st August at 10.15am Meet at the Forest Centre - finishes about 4.15pm. Please contact us and let us know if you would like to attend. For further details contact stephen.gascoyne@marstonvale.org or 01234 762610.

Woodworks! Saturday & Sunday 3 & 4 September 11am to 5pm

Bird Walk - Saturday 11 September, 8-11am
£3/adult, £2/child, £1 reduction for Forest Volunteers and Members. Please book in advance but pay on the day.

Forest of Marston Vale, The Forest Centre, Station Road, Marston Moretaine, Bedford MK43 0PR
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Web: www.marstonvale.org email: info@marstonvale.org

Lidlington Welcome Pack

If you are new to the village, or you know of a new neighbour, we offer a useful Welcome Pack with lots of local information.
Please call 405952 or email lidlintonchurch@gmail.com

L-Tunes



... is Lidlington's very own music group. We are open to new singers and musicians from the village.

We have at least one practice evening each month - more often just before our public performances.

For more info contact –
Iain on 405654 or
Sonia on 404170 or
Email: ltunes.band@gmail.com



Wootton Upper School
after-school
lift sharing.



Since the loss of the after-school bus from Wootton Upper School, a number of parents from Lidlington liftshare on different evenings. If you would like to participate please contact Tess on 01525 404938 familiamason@hotmail.com

Lidlington Activities

Monday

Toddler Group	0 to pre-school	9.30 – 11.30am	Village hall	Cathy 01234 767456
Shell Club (T)	7 – 12 yrs	6.45 – 8pm	Church Hall	Jackie 280478
Dog training – Puppy	to Advanced	6.30, 7.15 & 8.15pm	Village Hall	ARAS 840508
Army Cadets	12½ - 18yrs	7.30pm	Cadet Hut	01234 353291
Home Group	Adults	8pm- 10pm	Call for venue	Tess 404938

Tuesday

Coffee Morning	All welcome	10 - 12 noon	Church Hall	
Breakfast served	3rd Tuesday monthly			
Line Dancing		7.30 – 9.30pm	Village Hall	Lorraine 280086

Wednesday

Come and Play	Under 5s activity Except 1st Weds each month	10 – 11.30am	Church Hall	01234 767269
Line Dancing		7.00 – 10pm	Village Hall	Lorraine 280086
Home Group	Adults	8pm – 10pm	Call for venue	Jeff 402647

Thursday

Baby Group Drop-in session		10 – 11am	Church Hall	01234 767269
Line Dancing		10.30 – 12.30pm	Village Hall	Lorraine 280086
Prayer and Bible group (fortnightly)		1.30 – 3pm	Call for venue	Jackie 280478
Youth Group (T)	Yrs 6 – 8 Yrs 9 – 10	6.45 – 8.15pm 8.15 – 9.30pm	Church Hall	Tess 404938

Friday

Brownies	7 – 10 yr olds	6 – 7.30pm	Sports Pavilion	
Guides	10 – 14 yr old	7.45 – 9.15pm	“ “	
Karate	6 + yrs	7 – 8 pm	Village Hall	Karen 01234 311839

Sunday

Morning Worship	All Welcome	10.45am – noon	Chapel (check notice board for variations)	
Evening communion	(4th Sundays)	7pm	Chapel or Church hall (See notice board)	
Rock (children's church)	5 – teens (Held during most Sunday services)	10.45 – 11.45am	Church Hall	
Youth church	Yr 9+	7.15 – 8.45pm	Venue and dates vary	Tess 404938

Monthly

1st Wednesday	Lunch Club	12.30 – 2.30pm	Church Hall	Jackie 280478
2nd Tuesday	Ladies Club	8 – 10.30pm	Church Hall	Linda 402647

Phone numbers are local (01525) unless stated. Groups marked (T) are Term-time only.

Lunch club

On the 1st Wednesday of the month lunch is served at 12.30pm in the Church Hall. Cost is £3.50 for a two course meal followed by tea or coffee. Vegetarian option by request. Booking required - call Jackie on 01525 280478.
Open to all.

Breakfast at Coffee Morning

On every 3rd Tuesday of the month we serve cooked breakfast at coffee morning. Proceeds from the breakfast go to various charities. Coffee Mornings are held every Tuesday from 10am - midday in the Methodist Hall.
ALL WELCOME

Lidlington Helping Hands



An initiative run by villagers for villagers offering voluntary help to all who need a 'Good Neighbour'.

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Useful contacts

Local

Lidlington Website	www.lidlington.org
Lidlington Parish Council Clerk	01234 841835
Village hall bookings	01525 840131
	www.lidlingtonvillagehall.org
Church hall bookings	01525 405730
Robinson Dairy, Lidlington	01525 404628
Lidlington General Stores	01525 402896
Lemon Larder, delicatessen	01525 402923

Churches

Lidlington Church, Sian Hiscocks	01525 405952
Methodist Minister, Rev. Graham Miles	01234 851987
Churchwarden, Linda Bulled	01525 402647
Church website	www.lidlingtonchurch.org.uk

Schools

Thomas Johnson Lower School,	01525 402377
Marston Vale Middle School, Stewartby	01234 768224
Wootton Upper School	01234 767123

Doctors

Dr. Aylward & Partners, Houghton Close, Ampthill	08448 151055
Drs. Lockley & Haque, Oliver Street, Ampthill	01525 631395 / 6
Drs. Rowe & Shortland, Greensand Ridge surgery	01525 631390
Drs. Reddy & Thomas, High St. Cranfield	01234 750234
“ Marston Surgery	01234 766551
Flitwick Clinic, Highlands, Flitwick	01525 631199
Flitwick Surgery, Highlands, Flitwick	0844 4996928

Hospitals

Bedford	01234 355122
Milton Keynes	01908-660033

General

Central Bedfordshire Council	0300 300 8000
Bedford Borough Council	01234 267422
Highways Agency, Bedford	0300 1235000
Police Station, Woburn St., Ampthill	01234 841212
Local bobby - Police HQ, Kempston	01234 841212
Ridgeway Veterinary Centre, Flitwick	01525 714892
Bedford to Bletchley Rail Users Association	01234 351771
Ampthill Tidy Tip, Abbey Lane, Ampthill	01525 403611
Citizens' Advice Bureau, Woburn St. Ampthill	01525 402742
Flitwick Library, Coniston Road, Flitwick	01525 715268
A home library service is available for the housebound	
Bottle Bank	Green Man car park

Community Woodland Project at Top Farm

Following the completion of forest tracks at Top Farm the next stage is to plant trees! A community project is being developed to transform this area into a mixture of woodland and green space directly benefiting the people of Lidlington as well as becoming an attraction for wildlife. It will be designed with the local community in mind and once complete will be the perfect place for walks, picnics, for children to play in and as a relaxing backdrop for visitors who wish to enjoy the beautiful views across Lidlington and the entire Marston Vale area.

You can help make this project happen! The more letters of support we receive the better our chances are of receiving the funding for it. It need be no more than a few simple lines saying that you like the project and why you think it will benefit the community of Lidlington. Letters can be addressed to Hannah Braithwaite, Forest Centre, Station Road, Marston Moretaine, MK43 0PR. Thank you!



The new path between Greensand Ridge and Bye Road



View from the hill. Photograph courtesy of Terry Jepp.