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ABOUT T & T NEWS...

T & T News is published four times a year in March, June, Sept, Dec. We aim to get the magazine distributed mid month of issue.

In order that we can achieve this deadline we need your articles as early as possible. For our March edition please get your articles and advertising to us by 20th February 2008.

That's it....

Join us for our Spring edition in March 2008. Thanks for reading T & T News and don't forget to let us know your news, stories and comments for the next edition. Bye for now.

T & T NEWS

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WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to another edition of T & T News. This edition will be going to around 500 extra households bringing our total distribution to around 3000 copies. If you are one of our new readers then welcome to your new community magazine.

Our advertisers have given us great support by advertising in the magazine so do make sure you consider them when looking for a local service. Without advertisers the magazine would be unable to continue.

In addition to advertising we have been very lucky to obtain a grant from County Councillor Valerie Letheren's Community Leaders Fund and you can read more about this on page 3.

We have tried to include more news from local groups in this edition but know there are many more yet to be mentioned. If you belong to or run one of them please do get in touch with your news and promote your community service.

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David Winterburn, Editor

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YOUR SOAPBOX

Our article on Kings Wood last month certainly had several of you to getting in contact with comments. While there was not support for blocking the woods the reasons for doing this appear to be to stop motorbike riders. This issue is something unanimously people do not want in their local woodland. It is a shame when a local amenity such as this is abused and then by attempting to stop it a further set of problems is put in place.

I understand from contacts within the community someone was recently spotted putting down barriers of tree branches in the wood. Now they have been spotted will it continue? Will the bike riders just come and ruin our wood if the placing of barriers stops? We will have to wait and see. Lets hope some sense prevails on the issue and if not the law is enforced against those who abuse our woods. They should be home to the wild and a place for us all to enjoy on any day at any time of the year.

QUIZ ANSWERS (FROM PAGE 13)

- 1841 Prince Albert
- Henry Cole in 1846
- Tom Smith English
- Czechoslovakia 23 years old
- Silent Night
- St Nicholas dropped coins down the chimney for a poor family and they fell in the children's shoes that were drying in the grate – now children hang up stockings.
- Holland
- Scrooge, Bob Cratchett, Tiny Tim
- Rich land owners went out to distribute boxes of luxury goods to the poor
- Truro

THE GUIDE—Transport

Public transport in Totteridge and Terriers is provided by the following operators (All services go via Wycombe Town Centre / Station)...

Arriva, The Shires and Essex—Main Routes 31 (Penn), 33 (Tyzack Road), 262 (Amersham / Chesham), 345 (Kingshill / Gt Missenden)

Carousel Buses—Main Route 4 (Amersham / Chesham)

Chiltern Railways—Rail Services to London, Birmingham, Princes Risborough & Aylesbury.

Taxis—Arrow Cars

THE GUIDE—Parks & Woodlands

Bowerdean Recreation Ground is situated between Lucas Road, Bowerdean Road and Underwood Road. It can be accessed from foot-paths off Underwood Road and Lucas Road. A small open space and provides a play area for the local community.

Totteridge Recreation Ground is situated between Walton Drive and Totteridge Lane. It can be accessed from Walton Drive or Freemantle Road. A large recreation ground for use by the local community. The park has a range of facilities including 2 football pitches and changing rooms that the Council takes bookings for. There is also a small car park but this is only open when events take place.

Kings Wood is located from the Totteridge side behind Tyzack Road and covers an earea that extends across to Hazlemere and Penn. There are a number of access points including from **Terriers Green**—This is a conservation area adjacent to the Beech Tree Pub.

T & T NEWS RECEIVES GRANT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR VALERIE LEATHEREN...



Totteridge and Terriers News was very pleased to receive a grant from County Councillor Valerie Letheren's Community Leaders Fund towards production of the magazine.

As many of our readers will know the magazine first launched its pre-view edition in July this year with support from advertisers and a small team of volunteers. In order to secure a long term future for Totteridge & Terriers News it was necessary to look at other ways of funding the magazine beyond the limited amount of advertising revenue that could be raised.

Valerie Letheren is the local County Councillor for the Terriers and Amersham Hill Ward that covers a substantial part of our distribution area. In our picture above she is seen handing a cheque over for £1000 to T & T News editor David Winterburn. The extra funding will ensure the magazine can continue during 2008 and will help to increase the distribution area of the magazine through a larger print run. Another 500 households are expected to receive a copy of the Winter 2007 edition as a result of this grant.

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Just for fun once again its time to get your thinking caps on for our quiz. Being it is December we thought we would test your knowledge of Christmas.

There is more to this season than you think and just as now some things always end up in a last minute rush as in the case of the Carol in answer to question 5. Good Luck!

Score 0–3 Christmas? - What Christmas?

Score 4–7 You are doing well

Score 8–10 Wow! A real expert on the festive season!

Answers are on Page 15

1. When was the custom of the Christmas tree introduced to Britain and who by?
2. Who started the tradition of sending Christmas cards?
3. Who invented Christmas Crackers and what nationality was he?
4. What Country was King Wenseslas King of and how old was he when he died?
5. Do you know which Carol that was written in a few hours on Christmas Eve?
6. What is the origin of children hanging up stockings on Christmas Eve?
7. What is the origin of the name Santa Claus.
8. What is the name of the miser who repents just in time for Christmas Day, the name of his clerk, and the name of his crippled son?
9. Why do we call 26th December Boxing Day?
10. Where Did the Christmas Carol Once in Royal David's City originate?

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Girlguiding

High Wycombe East

girls in the lead

In the area of High Wycombe East District (most of which is in Terriers and Totteridge) we currently operate nine groups for girls aged between five and twenty-five. This is made up of

2 Rainbow Units - girls aged 5 - 7, 4 Brownie Units - girls aged 7 - 10

2 Guide Units - girls aged 10 - 14, 1 Senior Section unit - girls aged 14 - 25

Some units have spaces for girls on their joining lists.

Our organization enables girls and young women to fulfil their potential to take an active and responsible role in society through its distinctive, stimulating and enjoyable programme of activities which are delivered by trained volunteer leaders.

Adults volunteer as Leaders in Guiding because it is fun and very rewarding, they are able to use their existing skills and develop new ones while meeting new friends as well as caring for, helping, encouraging and promoting young people. Prior experience is not necessary as training is provided.

In this area we are currently experiencing a shortage of adult leaders, as are many areas of Girlguiding. We have some groups that may be in danger of closure if volunteers are not found soon, please consider joining us as a volunteer.

If you are interested in our organization please contact Julie Plummer, District Commissioner on 01494 528478.

Thank you.

Neighbourhood Policing - News from Thames Valley Police...

Your local Neighbourhood Policing team would like to thank those who took part in our public consultation. The top three priorities for each area, for the forthcoming year, have been set as follows:-

Amersham Hill & Terriers Wards

1. Speeding & Anti-Social Use of Vehicles
2. Parking
3. Burglary

Bowerdean & Totteridge Wards

1. Speeding & Anti-Social Use of Vehicles
2. Anti-Social Behaviour
3. Drugs

Crime Prevention and Detection

Winter months, particularly those surrounding Christmas, can offer rich pickings for criminals. These simple tips should help keep your belongings secure, and if you are unfortunate enough to have them stolen, assist in their recovery.

- Close and lock doors and windows when you go out. Do not leave keys on show, or in the locks.
- Close and lock ground level windows and doors when you retire for the night
- Keep garden tools secure. Burglars often use tools from the victims shed to force entry to the property.
- Mark valuable items with your postcode using an ultraviolet pen. Regrettably many stolen items that are recovered are entered into auction due to it being impossible to trace their original owner.

6.00pm—Candlelight Carol Service
All ages welcome. Refreshments following the service.

Tuesday 25th December

10.45am—Family Service (For all ages)
Celebrate the birth of Jesus. Refreshments following service.

If your local church is not shown above then try looking on www.achurchnearyou.com. This web site has details of most local churches within our area and many from across the country too.

YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS...

Terriers & Amersham Hill Ward
Valerie Letheren (County Councillor)
Tony Green (District Councillor)
Roger Colomb (District Councillor)
Arif Hussain (District Councillor)

Bowerdean Ward
Julia Wassell (County & District Councillor)
Chaundrey Ditta (County & District Councillor)

Totteridge Ward
Joel Foley (District Councillor)
Glyn Galbraith (District Councillor)
Julia Wassell (County Councillor)
Chaundrey Ditta (County Councillor)

Note: The Totteridge & Bowerdean County Councillors also represent electors in the Micklefield ward.

Christmas Services at your local churches....

With the Christmas one of the most important events in the Church calendar featured in these two pages are just some of the services and events being held locally.

St Francis Church, Amersham Road, Terriers

Sunday 23rd December

6:30pm—Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with members of Chiltern Camerata. There will be a collection for the work of Cross-roads—Caring for Carers. The charity seeks to improve the lives of carers by giving them time to be themselves and have a break from their caring responsibilities.

Monday 24th December

4.00pm—Crib Service for children and families

11.30pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity including the blessing of the Christmas Crib.

Tuesday 25th December

10.00am—Parish Communion (A service for all ages)

St Wulstan's RC Church, Hollis Road

Monday 24th December

9.30pm—First Mass of Christmas (In Polish)

11.30pm—First Mass of Christmas (In English)

Tuesday 25th December

9.00am—Christmas Morning Mass

10.45am—Christmas Morning Mass (In Polish)

Totteridge Baptist Church, Hillary Road

Friday 23rd December

10.15am—Family Worship with Crèche

A proud father? All ages welcome. Refreshments following service.

- Register details of your mobile phones and electrical equipment, by visiting www.immobilise.com and keep a written record of their serial numbers. Photograph valuable items such as jewellery and antiques.
- Discreetly dispose of packaging from high value items. Don't leave packaging lying around for opportunist thieves to see.
- Use curtains in hours of darkness. Potential burglars can see into lit rooms and assess your valuables.
- Remove valuable items from vehicles. Some laptop computers and satnav equipment, emit signals, even when turned off. These signals can be detected using scanning devices, alerting criminals to their presence.
- Report suspicious persons and vehicles. Inform the Police and your neighbours, as soon as possible, of any suspicious activity.
- Know what is happening in your area. Become a registered recipient of crime alerts and witness appeals, local to the area in which you live and work. Complete an application at www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org or contact one of your local officers for more information.

Your Neighbourhood team comprises:-

PS 4578 Simon Johnson,
PC 5776 Michelle HEARNE, PC 1731 Richard HOBSON,
PCSO 9420 Natasha BLAKE, PCSO 9507 Emma BUCKLE,
PCSO 9536 David DEL MONTE and PCSO 9596 Adam RIGG



Planning Issues....

As T & T News go to press you will already be aware of development of the former Terriers First School land behind the Esso / Tesco Express store. Over the next few years there could be further development as the council considers plans for the Wellesbourne site and at Terriers Farm. Both of these developments will have a great impact of the Terriers area and wider in regards to school places and transport issues. As more details and firm plans become available we will report on these in future issues.

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The autumn saw a number of successful events for Chameleon and a growing membership. This has been helped not only by in shop advertising and the internet but most importantly through magazines such as this.

With a wide age range and diverse interests to cater for our events reflect this and some of the popular ones we run at regular intervals. In addition to evening and weekend events we now have a growing number of daytime activities for those who are work free. An example of this includes a Lunch Club, Coffee Morning and the occasional day trip. Popular evening and weekend events include Pub Nights, Bowling, Pub Quizzes, Meals out, at home evenings and Walks. Visits to the cinema and theatre are becoming popular too and there is usually at least one event in our bi-monthly programme. In our next programme we plan to include:-

Friday Lunch Club

Pub Night

Sunday Lunch

Theatre trip

Skittles / Bowling evening

Walk

At home evening (DVD / Games)

However this is just a selection and we generally have 6 – 8 events per month. Some events are run at minimal cost allowing us to be open to all.

This year we have continued to attract new members to the group and have a growing number from Totteridge, Terriers and surrounding areas. Although we are not the biggest singles group around we offer a warm welcome and good value events. If you are single, 30 plus, looking for a social life and new friends then why not give us a try? Chameleon is not a dating service and exists solely as a social group. To find out more call Joyce on 01494 – 461328, Ian on 01494 – 436329 or e-mail: chameleon_bucks@tiscali.co.uk. Web site: www.bucksinfo.net/chameleon.

Let us know about your events at Totteridge & Terriers News

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