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That's about it...Join us again in March 2010. In the meantime you can catch up with all the latest news on our web pages at:

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NEW DISTRIBUTORS REQUIRED

We are currently looking for new volunteers to help distribute copies of T & T News. The magazine is distributed to around 3000 homes at present in Totteridge and Terriers. We are planning to expand this slightly and therefore need new delivery people.

The magazines can be delivered anytime over a 10 day window. If you are able to help then please get in touch through the contact details on this page. We look forward to hearing from you.

News from Totteridge F.C.....

Totteridge F.C. run a number of teams including Under 12's, Under 15's and Under 16's age groups.

If you are interested helping with refereeing, coaching or starting up new teams particularly for younger players at Under 8's to Under 11's the club would like to hear from you.

Contact details are available on the club web site at <http://tottfc.intheteam.com> Players should contact the relevant age group manager with all other enquiries to the secretary, Peter Jemmett.

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WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the Winter 2009 edition of your local community magazine. With issue 10 comes our first colour cover and an extra four pages. We do hope you find this is an improvement to your community magazine and would welcome your comments.

I do hope you are looking forward to Christmas and perhaps will enjoy an extended break from work or other activities over the festive season. For many of you particularly those with families the preparation work has no doubt already begun with shopping, cards to write and presents to buy.

This month we include a round up of community news, a piece on Girlguiding, news from local churches and another story from David Church taking you back to Priory Road—Dead or Alive.

Again we welcome some new delivery team members for this edition. I would like to thank them very much for volunteering their time to get the magazine out to you. With the shorter and colder days this is our most difficult time to deliver the magazine so we are especially grateful. Also thanks to our existing team who have worked hard over the last two years to ensure the magazine is on your doorstep.

For our Spring 2010 edition we are planning to develop T & T News further so we continue to be your first choice for community news and local business services.

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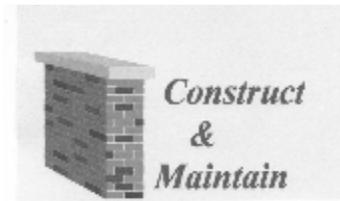
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Sunday 20th December

6-7pm Candlelight Family Carol Service

You are invited to join us. You will receive a warm welcome to this service celebrating Christmas with all ages.

Friday 25th December—Christmas Day

10.45—11.30am Christmas Day Family Service

Come and join us to celebrate the real Christmas. Share the experience as we worship God. The service will be geared for all ages.

For more details contact: minister@totteridgebaptist.com

For details of other events at the Totteridge Baptist Church go to:
www.totteridgebaptist.com

St Wulstan's Church, Hollis Road**Father Innocent Induction**

Father Innocent had his induction at the church on Friday 4th December in the presence of Bishop Peter, visiting priests, parishioners from Our Lady of Grace, St Edmund Campion, St James and other friends. The event was followed by a wine and cheese reception in the Parish Room.

Bishop Visit

The Bishop of Northampton is due to make a pastoral visit to the parish of 13th December. He will preside over the Sunday Masses both at St Wulstan's and Our Lady of Grace in Booker. The services will take place at 9am and 10.30am respectively.

Christmas Services

The church will hold a number of special services over the Christmas period. Details of these can be found on the St Wulstan's web site at www.stwulstanschurch.org and then following the links to events and the timetable for services during the month.

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COMMUNITY NEWS ROUND—UP

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<http://www.bmgresearch.co.uk/buckscsp/KMS/elab.aspx?noip=1&CampaignId=231>

Town Centre Shopping

Shops in High Wycombe are gearing up for the Christmas rush with many stores open longer than usual. There will be free parking on Thursday 10th & 17th December from 10am in Wycombe District Council Car Parks and from 6pm in the Eden Car Park.

Special events include on 10th December an Italian Market, children's rides and attractions, gift wrapping service and carol singing. There will be traditional festive music set around the Christmas tree in Frogmoor. On 17th December the town centre will host a continental market and events will include face painting, story telling, carol singing, live music and dance.

Traditional Christmas Day Lunch

For those who are alone this Christmas a Traditional Christmas Day Lunch is being held at St Andrew's Church on Hatters Lane. If you would like to book a place or just find out more information then call 01494 529668.

Have your Say

Wycombe District Council has received around 500 responses to its consultation campaign "Have Your Say". In a financial climate where we are all looking closely at where we spend our money, local councils up and down the country are going to face some difficult spending decisions over the next few years. The campaign that has been running on the councils web site has encouraged people to share their views on where money should be spent and where savings should be made.

The results of the consultation should be known in spring 2010 and will help shape the council's budget for April 2010 to March 2011. If the consultation proves successful the council plans to run the campaign every two years.

COMMUNITY NEWS ROUND—UP

Wellesbourne Site Update.....

Demolition is currently taking place on this site prior to redevelopment for 239 houses by George Wimpey. As you will remember this was strongly resisted by local residents and the local district and county councillors but was granted by the inspector on behalf of the Secretary of State on appeal in 2008 ,with certain conditions. including those relating to the highway. As soon as building commences the developers as part of a S278 agreement will need to construct a roundabout into the site from Kingshill Road as well as a right hand turn lane into Green Road. The developer is also obliged to pay £255,000 to the County Council for them to provide traffic calming measures in Green Road and Chadwick Street both of which could experience more traffic with the development. They also have to pay £254, 000 to the Wycombe Transportation Strategy for improvements to bus services etc. Apparently this does not represent a breach of the planning permission therefore as yet has not triggered the S 106 contributions.

There is bound to be disruption to residents during the development of this site and Bucks County Council will work to keep this to a minimum whilst this is going on. Traffic calming can be installed in different ways and is intended to deter cars using these roads as a rat run even more than they do now. It is intended to wait until the development is almost completed before installing it so that it is not damaged during the construction period ,and before that to consult with the residents most affected to understand how best this can be achieved. Once BCC have received the money from the developers they will commence the work. of designing suitable schemes. However it is reasonable to expect all the improvement works and the traffic calming to be completed prior to the final occupation stage of the development.

In the meantime recently the developers have sought permission form Wycombe District Council to construct a temporary building and 3 houses[the latter being three of those granted approval on appeal.] If WDC grants permission for this to happen it will not be considered sufficient to trigger the highway works as described. The whole process is going to be a difficult time for everyone and makes us even more determined to continue to resist development at Terriers Farm. Residents will remember that thankfully permission for this was refused on appeal. At this moment in time we do not know when Wimpeys intend to commence their construction of the site as a whole and therefore when disruption would begin to occur.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information on 01494 528691 concerning transport issues.

Val Letheren
County Councillor
Amersham Hill and Terriers

News from your local churches....

With Christmas now only a couple of weeks away our local churches tell us about special services at this time of year. Each of our local churches has a regular service every Sunday and they hold other events and services throughout the week. Details can be found by contacting your local church and where possible will be included on the T & T web site at www.bucksinfo.net/tandtnews

St Francis Church, Amersham Road, Terriers

Sunday 13th December—Advent 2

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

4.00pm Christingle Service - A service for all ages celebrating the light of Christ.

Wednesday 16th December—Trinity 9

1.30pm Skylarks Christmas Party for under fives and their parents and carers.

Sunday 20th December—Advent 4

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

12 Noon Christmas lunch at The Terriers (Advance booking at the church essential)

Thursday 24th December—Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service— For children of all ages with Christmas songs and cards

11.30pm Blessing of the crib and Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Friday 25th December—Christmas Day

10.00am Family Communion—A service for all ages

Saturday 26th December—St Stephen

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th December—St John the Evangelist

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion—A service for all ages

Monday 28th December—The holy Innocents

10.00am Holy Communion

Totteridge Community Centre

As we go to press the Totteridge Community Centre is due finally to re-open on Totteridge Drive. The opening night on Friday 4th December will feature live music from Richard Lee. The volunteer committee have worked hard to restore the centre and sort out various financial and ownership issues ahead of the opening weekend. It has taken some two years and a lot of fundraising plus a grant from the district council to make the re-opening possible.

Amongst the work carried out at the centre has been clearance of the external parts of the land and new fencing. While inside the electrics have been replaced, the heating system serviced, new flooring and bar area have been fitted. It has undergone a total transformation which will provide a much needed hall venue in the area and meeting place for local communities.

The centre now operates as a registered charity and is to be run for the benefit of the community. If you run a local group or are planning to start one then the centre may be able to offer facilities. You can contact the centre by visiting the web site at www.totteridgecommunitycentre.org or by calling the new contact number 07527 796197.



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Terriers and Amersham Hill Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG), who meet every 6 weeks to discuss and try to solve local community issues have noted a dramatic decrease in burglary rates since November 2008. Last November there were 15 burglaries compared to 6 in March 2009.

The NAG decided every household in Terriers and Amersham Hill would receive crime prevention leaflets at the beginning of Summer 2009 to raise householders awareness of how to reduce the chances of being burgled. Between 1st July 2009 and 5th October 2009 there were only 9 burglaries, a low number, yet still very distressing for those 9 households involved.

So this time of year with Christmas fast approaching is usually a time when burglary rates can increase again due to the chances of most people having cash and gifts in the house. Please try to take these precautions to keep your house and belongings safe and your Christmas as stress free as possible!

- Put presents under the Christmas tree early on Christmas morning or keep the tree out of view from the window
- Lock and bolt your doors and windows
- If you are expecting a parcel, make sure someone is there when it is delivered, or ask a neighbour to take it in. Avoid having it left on the door step
- Keep keys, mobile phones, purses, wallets and other valuable items locked away out of sight
- Don't leave your keys in the door at any time
- Never leave keys in view of the windows or doors
- Once you've opened all your gifts, don't leave the boxes on view outside to advertise your good fortune to criminals

**If you would like to become a NAG member or would like further information on NAG's please contact the following:
PCSO Emma Buckle C9507 or PCSO Sue Smith C9279 on Thames Valley Police non-emergency number 0845 8 505 505.**

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fierce Head Mistress. She accused me of lying and sent us both packing. Standing on the landing of the nearby stairs, "Padder" let out an enormous sigh, muttered "Women" and pulled a coin from his pocket and gave it to me. That's the way to teach!

The (Other) women teachers were lovely but my favourite was Miss Crowe whose steady, traditional teaching gave me my best start in life. For some reason she made us sit boy-next-to-girl. Audrey (who lived—and still lives—nearby) and I were paired off. Her cheerful attitude to life's every problem was (and is) an inspiration to me. But at playtime she always went off with her friend Jean, while I went with John. Sitting at the end of a winter's day, after Miss Crowe had read us a story from the classics, we would say a prayer and sing "Sun of my soul, thou Saviour Dear". We would look out on the real setting sun beyond the trains. This was Heaven and the opposite of wooden horses and empty envelopes.

John and I were both expected to (and did) "pass" the 11+ exam. But it was a narrow squeak for me. Sitting confidently and gazing into the distance towards the end of the test and with a few minutes left, I was suddenly aware of the teacher's hand descending on the paper and tapping the last page of the test, which I'd failed to see. Competition for "passes" was fierce between our school, Spring Gardens and Green Street. My teacher couldn't afford to "lose" me. For once I was being stupidly over-confident.

So John and I at the age of 10 changed schools once again and were sent up the Amersham Hill. Doubtless a few of the neighbours looked at our maroon blazers and muttered, "It's all right for those Grammar Bugs!" Actually it wasn't.....

David Church
Totteridge Resident



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Priory Road—Dead or Alive

There were no gangs or pigs (as there had been at Totteridge Road) to disturb the calm of my second school—Priory Road. Just the steady flow of hearses, taking people to their last resting-place. (It had originally been called Cemetery Road.) The start of the new term was delayed for two weeks after the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, giving schools time to arrange air raid protection. Unlike me, my mate John took it all in his stride, when on our arrival we were immediately taken underneath the school garden into the air-raid shelter. (We were to spend many hours there over the next two years—when the sirens wailed or more often for a practice.) In fact no bombs were dropped on Priory Road or anywhere else in the neighbourhood.

Even more frightening than the shelters were the two young men teachers, whose bullying ways would not be tolerated today. Reeling boys and crying girls beneath a torrent of sarcasm were a shocking sight. How we admired one cheeky boy, Hudson, who dared to answer them back—which for some reason amused our tormentors! (Hew escaped all punishment.) Mum had always taught me to say prayers at bedtime and now the usual requests for her, Dad and my rabbit, Jean I added my own silent prayer: “Please take those men away”. Within days they received their calling up papers and went off to intimidate the real enemy. I became an immediate believer in prayer—and have continued ever since!

Physical Training (P.T.) in the yard, especially being told to do forward-rolls on a coconut mat and jump over a wooden horse, was a torment to me but neither encouragement nor threats could make me budge and I was written off as a cowardly failure. My salvation was the frequent steam-trains which passed over the nearby railway bridge, many headed by “namer” engines and going to all parts of England and Wales. It was the start of my lifelong love-affair with trains. This was the REAL world, far removed from being told to jump over silly horses!

The remaining male teacher was an older, kindly man, who had probably been excused military service because of flat feet and a “cat-like tread” which had given him his nickname, “Padder” (Rowe). I already liked him but one incident turned him into my hero. A national celebration (in 1940—the mind boggles!) included a gift of two three-penny pieces (2 1/2p) to all school children. But my envelope contained only one coin. I appealed to “Padder” who pulled one of his customary faces and took me to Miss Nicholls, our



girls in the lead

100 Years of Girlguiding !

Over 120 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders, Adult Leaders and Trefoil Guild Members from Totteridge and Terriers, were part of the 2,500 members who met at Wing in September to mark the start of our celebration of 100 years of Guiding at our special Centenary Launch Party.

There were lots of activities to take part in and shows and demonstrations to watch. These included sheepdogs rounding up ducks, falconry display, dancers, and much more. The girls enjoyed juggling, climbing towers, bouncy castles, archery, craft to name but a few. The afternoon rounded up with the biggest parachute games you can imagine, followed by a disco in, and overflowing out of, a marquee before all making our way back to about 50 coaches for the journey home to various parts of the County.

There is lots going on in the next year heading towards our 20.10 20/10 2010 finale (8.10pm, 8th October 2010) which will round off the year.

To take Girlguiding forward into the next 100 years we urgently need more Adult Helpers

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CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



As I put this piece together the clocks have already gone back and those longer darker nights are well and truly with us for a few months. We have had some great events outdoors over the summer including barbeques, day trips out to places such as Blenheim Palace, West Wycombe House and Gardens and to the coast at Bournemouth. Now we shall be looking forward to a few more inside events although no doubt we shall include the occasional walk and other outside activity in our bi-monthly programme. With an average of seven events a month there is always plenty going on whatever the season and weather.

Our programme is always evolving based on new ideas from our members. We encourage this through our planning evenings and pub nights so there is almost certainly something in each programme to suit everyone. Meals out, Day trips, Bowling, Skittles, Quiz Nights, an at home DVD evening, Take-Away night, Walk, Pub Nights, Theatre and Cinema visits are just some of the events over the last few months. Over the summer months a number of new people have joined us and we extend a very warm welcome to them. We will be looking forward to their ideas for the future!

We hold our regular monthly pub night on the last Friday of the month at the Red Lion in Penn. This is a great place for new members to come along and meet us for the first time in a friendly informal atmosphere. There is food available too so why not avoid the cooking for one night? Our Lunch Club continues to be a successful daytime event and we have recently tried this midweek instead of the traditional Friday. This is held in The Beech Tree at Terriers which recently came under new management and has a reasonably priced menu. Again this is a great informal event to meet and chat with members old and new.

Over the past year we have continued to attract new members to the group and have a growing number from Totteridge, Terriers, Amersham Hill and surrounding areas. If you are single, 30 plus, looking for a social life and new friends then why not give us a try? There are no strangers at Chameleon, just new friends to be made in a social group run by and for its members. To find out more call Joyce on 01494 - 461328, Martin on 07747 - 703663 or e-mail: chameleon_bucks@tiscali.co.uk. You can also visit us on the web at www.bucksinfo.net/chameleon where there is further information and an events listing.