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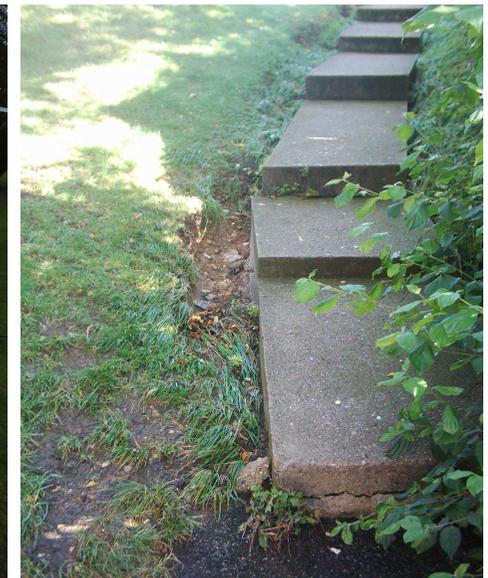
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Left - The notice posted in Windsor Drive announcing the application.  
Right - The back entrance steps to Windsor Drive which would become a public path.

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## WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the winter 2010 edition of your community magazine. As this edition hits the doormat Christmas is only a few days away and we have already had the first cold snap of the season. Lets hope snow does not cause the same problems as last year and our county council is well prepared to deal with the effects.

In this edition of the magazine we have news about progress on a proposed new footpath in Terriers that is dividing opinion in the neighbourhood. We have news on Girlguiding, Chameleon Singles Group, the second part of David Church's story Basham & Cheese, the local Neighbourhood Action Group and more.

With Christmas an important and busy time of the year for our local churches we have two pages of news showing services and events happening over the month of December.

Finally as always we welcome your input to the community magazine. If you are a member of a local group or just want to make a comment on a local issue then get in touch. While we cannot guarantee to publish everything we receive we will do our best! All articles submitted are subject to editing if required and editorial judgement.

May I wish you all the best of the season and a very Happy New Year. Here's to 2011!

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## Basham and Cheese—Totteridge Hill's Double Act

Part 2 - We pick up the story after a visit to the chip shop....

Unbelievably - in these days of closing shops - there were three grocers on Totteridge Hill in my boyhood, not reckoning Lord's at the bottom and the Post Office at the top - the traditional Co-op, the enterprising Hortin's and the quiet store next to the newsagents, run by Misses Ray, one very slim and the other well built. They had their own clientele and were said to be generous, especially when people fell on hard times. So that excluded us! Patient reader (surely singular?) we're nearly home! Please stay, as I describe my two favourite shops. To one I was sent. The other was a twice-yearly secret mission.

In those pre-Tesco days Co-op was king. Mum and most others were totally committed. Each had a "share number" (ours 6542) and twice a year a dividend was paid on all purchases - usually about 18 old pence (7p) in the pound. Returning home from a long queue with £2 or £3 (equivalent to a day's pay) was cause for celebration. The Co-op horse bought our bread; Mr Coker our Co-op coal; Co-op Butcher (Mr Basham) and grocer (Mr Chandler) dealt with most of our rations. Nearly everything in the grocer's was stacked on shelves behind the wooden counter. Mr Chandler, a shy gentleman, busied himself with weighing and bagging sugar and tea, wrapping the margarine or much-patted butter and slicing the cheese or rare sliver of ham. Cecil Puddephatt, the perfect grocer who later set up his own business in Totteridge Drive, and his ladies served you, putting the items on the counter and taking your money. I was sent sometimes to get the week's groceries, with only the petrol bus coughing its slow way up the hill to watch out for. There wasn't usually much to carry - rations being quite meagre - but this particular day I was really weighed down. Mum was horrified to find I'd cleared the entire counter and had brought home several families' rations - probably a capital offence! We returned what wasn't ours, and the Police were not called (no phone). Thus I am alive today.

Before Christmas and Mum's birthday I used to slip quietly down to the lowest shop on the hill - Gertie Reeves ladies and children's clothes shop. A gracious, well attired, softly spoken lady gives me her full attention, as I select the usual apron or dozen mixed cotton reels. The whole shop has a fresh, perfumed aroma. The war goes on outside but here in Miss Reeve's shop all is well with the world - apart from the nuisance of every price ending in "three farthings" and no-one having change. Happy Days!

David Church (Totteridge Resident)

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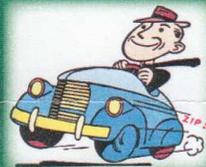
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## Local News Round Up (1)

### More Roadworks likely on Kingshill Road

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Early next year a new sewer will be installed to cope with all the extra drainage that will be required. While the developers are looking at bringing this out through the back of the estate a connection down Kingshill Road is likely. If this is the case then the road will need to be closed for a period of time to allow a wide trench to be dug. During the works traffic would need to be diverted along Green Road creating extra congestion on this already busy road at peak times.

### Terriers Evening W.I.

Terriers evening W.I. went to the Olympics in October, that is they had a tour of the site which they found very impressive. A Blue Badge Guide accompanied them and the tour went on to the Thames Barrier and Museum of Childhood.

The wall hanging by our craft group was awarded "Highly Commended" in the W.I. competition. It was a teaching aid covering seasons of the year and was presented to Cedar Park School at our October meeting.

We have heard about Chenies Manor and gardens and Dr.Maisey encouraged us to be positive about our health, exploding some myths along the way. In November we had a taste and bake evening which was very popular and gave some new ideas for supper.

Our future programme is:

6th January - Curiosities in the Chilterns

3rd February - Working of a Magistrates Court

3rd March - Animal heroes and Villains of the Great War

We meet at Cedar Park School, Cedar Avenue, Hazlemere at 7.45pm and are always pleased to see new members.

For further details contact Margaret Rodgers on 01494 - 524947

## Local News Round Up (2)

### Community Leaders Fund

Local councillors have a community fund that can be used for the benefit of local residents. Terriers and Amersham Hill Councillor Valerie Letheren has around £1000 available for worthy causes in the area and is looking for your suggestions. If you are involved with or know of a local worthy cause that could benefit from funding then contact Val on 01494 - 528691 or by e-mail at [vletheren@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:vletheren@buckscc.gov.uk)

### New footpath moves a step closer

A new public footpath in Terriers moved a step closer last month when Buckinghamshire County Council's Rights of Way Committee approved an application for a modification order submitted by a resident in Sheraton Drive. The order when made will create a new public path by inclusion on the definitive map between Sheraton Drive and Windsor Drive.

The route which has recently been gated provides the back exit from the flats on Windsor Drive across private grounds owned by the residents. The application was supported by 29 residents from Sheraton Drive, Amersham Hill Drive and Arnison Avenue that claimed use of "The Path" over a period of 20 years. This was disputed in a submission from the landowners at the meeting held on 10th November at County Hall.

It is likely once the order is announced there will be several objections to it from those who live on Windsor Drive who face an unregulated public path through the private gardens. Should there be objections to the order it will be passed to the Secretary of State and it is likely there will be a public enquiry as a result.

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## Amersham Hill and Terriers

### Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) News

November 2010

The NAG haven't held a meeting since September as the October meeting was a joint one between the Amersham Hill and Terriers group and the Bowerdean and Totteridge Action Group, to see how the NAGs could work together to improve the local area. The NAGs are still two separate entities and will continue to meet every 6 weeks to discuss their individual issues.

Burglaries have increased in the area due to the darker evenings and proximity to Christmas. Please take extra care to safeguard your property and not invite burglars to come and take a look around! Please look out for suspicious people and vehicles and report it to Thames Valley Police on our non-emergency number 08458 505 505 or in an emergency ring 999.

Parking is still an issue in many roads, as well as Speeding and Anti Social use of Vehicles and these priorities are being worked on continuously.

Our top priorities are being looked at in response to the needs of the local community. If you would like to give feedback on what you feel is a major issue that needs tackling, please contact one of your local Neighbourhood Policing Team (details below) or come along to a Have Your Say meeting (HYS), held on the second Monday of each month at St Francis of Assisi Church Car Park on Amersham Road from 14.30 – 15.30. Have Your Say meetings give you a range of opportunities to have your say on local policing priorities in your neighbourhood. At HYS meetings, you can meet your local Neighbourhood Policing team and discuss any concerns about issues in your area.

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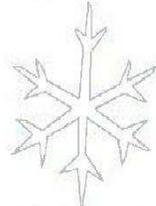
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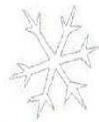
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## Letters to the Editor

At T & T News we always encourage you to write in with your news and views. This may be on something included in a previous edition of the magazine or simply on a local issue that raises your temperature. Here Andrew Gough from Walton Drive takes issue with our story in the summer edition (Issue 12) of the magazine regarding pedestrian access between Windsor Drive and Sheraton Drive....

I was dismayed by the NIMBY (not-in-my-back-yard) attitudes displayed in the article on page 6 of issue 12, in which you supported a restriction of pedestrian access between Windsor Drive and Sheraton Drive.

It is ironic that on the previous page you had reported on a "bleak picture of life in a few years time,....because of global warning".

Surely in these circumstances it is the duty of all responsible citizens to encourage travel on foot (and by bicycle). The blocking up of a pedestrian access between cul-de-sacs makes journeys on foot slower (and therefore less practicable), and leads to unnecessary car use.

I understand that the pedestrian route between Windsor Drive and Sheraton Drive has been in common use for many years. It is a shame T&T News choose to support the interests of the selfish few over the needs of the wider community and of humanity as a whole. And I urge you to make amends by in future supporting the creation wherever feasible of new footpaths and cycle paths, if these would provide useful shortcuts for local residents.

**Editors reply....**

"Not in my back yard" and "selfish few" are very emotional phrases indeed. Only recently some 400 people packed a meeting to oppose a new stadium at Booker and even more have attended meetings to oppose HS2 (High Speed Rail). No doubt most of these people do not dislike football or rugby or enjoy travelling on the slow train. Put quite simply they do not want these developments where they live. I think perhaps that may be the attitude taken by those who live at Windsor Drive. They are not against footpaths but simply do not want a public path across their gardens.

(See previous page for update on this story and pictures on Page 19)

## Wycombe District Council - News Round-Up

### Recognition for joint magazine

The council has been pleased to learn that the new resident's magazine produced in partnership with the county council has received recognition and been awarded Creative Saving Excellence by the Chartered Institute of Public Relations. Last year the four district councils of Buckinghamshire along with county embarked on a project to make cost savings on residents magazines. The project has resulted in the 215,000 households across Buckinghamshire receiving a joint magazine with four regional versions for Wycombe, Chiltern, Aylesbury Vale and South Bucks.

### Council's Shrinking footprint earns national award

Energy saving measures aimed at shrinking the council's carbon footprint have been highly commended in this years National Sustainable Management Awards. The awards recognise achievements in reducing carbon emissions in buildings and making financial savings. Over the past five years WDC has reduced its carbon emissions by 18%. Since joining the Carbon Trust's Management Programme in 2005 the council has installed a number of energy saving measures in its High Wycombe offices and other operational buildings. These include a "Powerperfector" device to use less electricity, movement sensitive lighting and energy efficient boilers.

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6.30pm - Festival of Lessons and Carols

Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4pm - Crib Service

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To ensure Girlguiding UK's half a million members shared this special moment, Vision parties all around the UK were joined via a live link-up with the Chief Guide Liz Burnley who spoke from a Vision event in Oxfordshire. All Saints Parish Church in High Wycombe also joined in the celebrations by ringing a quarter peal to mark the end of 100 years of Guiding and the birth of the next!

It has certainly been an exciting year for the District, and one that has provided inspiration and motivation for the future. Any girls aged from 5 years upwards are welcome to join the movement and as always we are particularly keen to hear from adults who would like to help in any way. If interested, please contact Alison Gieler at [alisongieler@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:alisongieler@dsl.pipex.com).

Lyndsay Stone

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Winter is now with us and we are turning our thoughts towards more indoor events for the remaining cooler months of the year. We have had a good mix of events throughout the summer including a day trip to the Isle of Wight and a Canal Boat Trip on the Grand Union Canal at Cosgrove near Milton Keynes. Add to this some pub meals, visits to places of interest, walks, a concert, skittles and a quiz night and you can see there has been plenty for our members to do.

Our programme is always evolving based on new ideas from our members. We encourage this through our planning evenings and pub nights so there should be something for everyone as they suggest and organise the events! Meals out, a day trip to Cheddar Gorge, Bowling, Skittles, Quiz Nights, at home evenings, Take-Away nights, Walks, Pub Nights, Theatre and Cinema visits are just some of the events we have planned over the next few months. Some of these are events are 'regulars' for club members that we repeat them from time to time due to popularity. Over the last few months we have continued to attract a number of new people locally 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 a couple of different venues and days of the week. Again this is a great informal event to meet and chat with members old and new.

Over the past year membership has grown steadily as new members join the group and we have an increasing number from Totteridge and Terriers and beyond. 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](mailto:chameleon_bucks@tiscali.co.uk). You can also visit us on the web at [www.bucksinfo.net/chameleon](http://www.bucksinfo.net/chameleon) where there is further information and an events listing.