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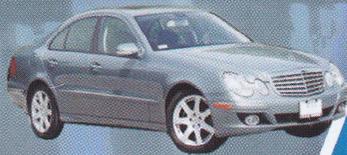
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WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the winter 2011 edition of T & T News. As we put together this edition it hardly feels like Christmas is just around the corner. While summer perhaps did not live up to expectations autumn on the other hand has been very mild so we shall be hoping this year to avoid delivery problems for the magazine due to snow. Lets just hope I have not spoken too soon!

Talking of speaking too soon next year looks set to be a very busy one and perhaps a challenging one too. We will also have the Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee taking place so there are bound to be local events around this. Please do let us know your plans along with details of anything where the community gets involved such as a street party. We can include details in our March and June 2012 editions as appropriate.

Staying on the theme of challenges next year we will be looking at adding more colour pages to T & T News. This of course will depend on additional funding and maintaining the support of our advertisers which have as always been first rate. Do make sure you support them too by using some of the service offered in this magazine.

This month we have articles from Steve Baker MP, Girlguiding, the digital switchover and help scheme, Chameleon, local Churches, Bucks CC and MPF Counselling and more.

All that remains is for me to wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year. See you in 2012!

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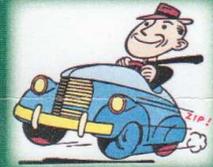
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MPF Counselling Appoints New Head of Counselling

MPF Counselling, the Bucks-based charity which offers affordable counselling to adults in High Wycombe and the surrounding areas, has announced recently the appointment Dr Christine English as their new Head of Counselling.

Christine English is a BACP Senior Accredited counsellor with 10 years counselling experience including being Clinical Lead for a voluntary sector counselling service attached to Reading University. She currently has a private psychotherapy practice, convenes an experiential group of trainee counsellors at Basingstoke Counselling Service (a WPF affiliate), and is also teaching an Introduction to Counselling course for the University of Oxford Department of Continuing Education.

MPF Counselling offers clients a confidential counselling service to help them deal with issues, such as depression or anxiety, which may have been triggered by recent events such as the break-up of a relationship, low income or unemployment. They are located in the centre of High Wycombe and can offer appointments during the day, as well as in the evening. It is part of the wpf network, a long-established national body with recognised standards for training, counselling and supervision. In addition, it adheres to the requirements for ethical and professional conduct set by the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy.

Nigel Roberts, Chairman of MPF Counselling, said, 'We are very happy that Christine has accepted this position as she has very strong counselling, supervision and management experience. She is very enthusiastic about the role and will be a great asset for MPF.'

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Local News Round Up (1)

Terriers Evening W.I.

On September 22nd our members gathered at Hardings restaurant at Aylesbury College to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. We had a memorable evening with excellent food and service. The students were most attentive, opening doors and attending to our needs on all occasions. There was only one hiccup. Our president had thoughtfully decorated tea lights to be taken home as a memento. However, these were mistakenly lit by the staff which made the tables look very pretty but were a bit of a fire hazard.

We went on a trip to the Andes, Amazon and Galapagos Islands in September. We were introduced to red and blue boobies and Lonesome George, the only surviving tortoise of its kind - how sad for poor George.

Stonor Park was our destination in October, a very interesting local Stately Home that has been in the same family for over 850 years. It has strong connections with Catholicism and Sir Edmund Campion took refuge there during the Reformation.

November was our AGM when the year was reviewed and president and committee elected for the coming year. Our membership is growing and our finances are healthy partly due to a very successful Market Stall in September. The evening concluded with a "Show and Tell" session. Members had stories from memories of Jimmy Savile, celebration of a Golden Wedding and family histories. As an Institute we boast a Wren who was one of the first to work on board ship with 700 men. She explained that she was not allowed to spend the night on board but was put ashore each evening.

Future programme.

5th January - Women and Girls in India

2nd February - Air Ambulance

1st March - Tracing your Family Tree.

We meet at Cedar Park School, Cedar Avenue, Hazlemere at 7.45 p.m. and are pleased to welcome new members. For further details contact Margaret Rogers Tel 01494 524947

Councillor Supports local playgroup

Terriers and Amersham Hill Councillor Roger Colomb donated his ward community funds to Terriers Playgroup to help fund a new signpost. This was recently installed at St Francis Church Hall, Amersham Road, where the playgroup meets every week-day morning during term time.

Terriers Playgroup, a registered charity, has been operating at St Francis Church Hall for 42 years providing pre-school education and play for the area's children. They can be contacted on 07967 - 898285 or visit their website at www.terriersplaygroup.co.uk

Your local District and County Councillors have small funds of money that can be used to support local community projects and charities. If you are involved in a project that could benefit from some support and is based in the Terriers and Amersham Hill ward please contact the councillors by e-mailing terriersandamershamhill@gmail.com or visit their website at <http://terriersandamershamhill.yourcllr.com>

(See cover for picture on this story)

Local News Round Up (2)

Totteridge Community Centre AGM

The Community Centre on Totteridge Drive will be holding its AGM on Sunday 11th December from 11am until 12 noon. The past year has proved very busy and challenging, but also rewarding. Use of the centre has continued to rise with more people using the centre for a wide range of activities including parties, Yoga, Keep Fit and educational classes.

The Community Centre has been nominated for a Community Champions Award and an announcement will be made at the AGM to whether this has been successful. The nomination is testament to the hard work of the staff and volunteers who have turned the old dilapidated building round in the last three years and has had overwhelming support of members.

The AGM is a public meeting so everyone within Totteridge and District are invited to attend. There will be time to ask questions at the meeting but if you have a specific question that needs a more detailed answer please let any of the trustees know prior to the meeting.

Digital TV Switchover - Help Scheme



Analogue television will be switched off across the London TV region in April 2012 - this will affect all residents who receive the **ITV London Tonight** news programme. If you have five channels or fewer on any TV in your home, you will need to switch them to digital, or you will be left with a blank screen at switchover. Most people manage this change smoothly, although some older and disabled people may need additional practical help, which is available from the Switchover Help Scheme.

The Help Scheme is run by the BBC and their standard option provides everything you need to switch one TV to digital for £40 (or free if you are also on income related benefits). There are no hidden costs. This includes easy-to-use digital equipment; installation by a security checked installer and a 12-month aftercare service, including a free helpline. The Help Scheme is now writing directly

to everyone aged 75 and over and certain disabled people to offer them help. You must respond to the Help Scheme to receive their help, therefore please don't ignore any letter you may receive. For more information visit www.helpscheme.co.uk

T & T News receives Donation from Community Centre

T & T News was very pleased recently to receive a donation of £150 from the Totteridge Community Centre towards the costs of running the magazine. Each edition of the magazine currently costs around £700 just to print and while all other work is undertaken by volunteers covering the cost of each magazine can still be difficult and relies on a mix of advertising and other funding. We are therefore very grateful to Totteridge Community Centre for the donation.

News from Bucks County Council

Winter gritting routes have been reviewed after last years bad Winter, and are available on line on the Transport for Bucks website. We have stocked up on our supplies of grit ready for the frosty nights and have all our new grit bins now installed and ready for use. Residents will see that there are now notices on them reminding members of the public that the grit is there just for the use of the adjacent highway.

In my new role of Cabinet member for Children's services I am looking for new foster carers and prospective adopters for our less fortunate children and would welcome any inquiries from any readers who are interested in learning more. Our staff give plenty of support to residents who are willing to help give these young people a better start in life and the stability they need. Do contact me if you think you could help play a very worthwhile role. nobody is excluded on grounds of age, race Single people can also be considered.

Lastly, the County Council is reviewing its Home to School Transport policy. In a world of increasing costs and greater strain on the Council Tax payer along with other County Councils, Buckinghamshire is consulting the public and users of the service as to the fairest way forward in difficult times for all. The consultation started in November and runs through to January. It can also be found on the Bucks County Council website.

My very best for Christmas and Happy 2012

Valerie Letheren
County Councillor for Terriers and Amersham Hill
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News from Wycombe and Westminster - Steve Baker MP

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As a result of my campaigning on maternity services, I have become a supporter of the Royal College of Midwives and have joined its Parliamentary Panel. This is a group of MPs and peers from across the political spectrum who are advocates for women and maternity services. The Panel is to be formally launched in the House of Commons on 23rd November, and I am pleased to support the College, midwives and maternity services.

During September, I was honoured to formally open the new Highcrest Academy. I wish the school every success and feel sure its status as an Academy will see it go from strength-to-strength. Also, I was recently asked by Tesco to present computer equipment to local primary schools, bought using the vouchers given to customers and collected by schools. As someone with a background in computer science and engineering, I believe it is important for schools to give pupils the best grounding possible in technology.

On 24th October, I was one of the 81 Conservative MPs who defied the Whip and voted in the House of Commons in favour of holding a referendum on this country's membership of the European Union. I know many people are concerned at the unfolding events in Europe, and the possible effects these will have on Britain and its economy. I can assure you that the Party is united in its desire to find a new relationship with the European Union, and a belief that the present system is unsustainable. You are always welcome to view my contribution to Parliament debates and my voting record by logging on to www.theyworkforyou.com

Many voters have contacted me to express their discontent over the Government's plans for high-speed rail (HS2). I have opposed these plans in debates in the Commons and was disappointed to be the only member of the Transport Select Committee to vote against the report endorsing this scheme. I brought forward a number of amendments to change the tone of the report, which were narrowly defeated. Until the Bill goes through Parliament, there is still the possibility that it will either be dropped or will be voted down.

I welcomed news that apprenticeships for young people in Wycombe have increased by over 50%. This is over 200 more than in neighbouring constituencies. This shows that youth employment prospects in the South East area are increasing through business investing in the talents of our local young people. I was delighted to attend Wycombe Business Expo, which showed the many diverse companies based in the Wycombe area. It was encouraging to see local business coming together, sharing ideas and best practise. All these initiatives will add to the practical effort to create jobs and boost growth based on real skills and added value.

As always, I am pleased to hear from constituents whether they have views on national or local political issues. Please feel free to contact me either via the House of Commons or my constituency office in the West Wycombe Road or by email steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk. Alternatively, you can ring my office in the House of Commons on 0207 219 5099 or the constituency office on 01494 448408.



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Our programme has a number of regular events such as the pub night on the last Friday of the month and the lunch club usually held on the first Friday of the month. However, we are always looking for new ideas and events and encourage all our members to get involved as organisers be it an at home event, trip out or to a venue such as the pub, theatre or cinema. For the next few months we will be doing more indoor events and making use of our own homes to welcome other members where we can. This will include such events as games evenings, sample events, sharing meals, DVD evenings and take-aways.

Our pub night on the last Friday of the month is a great place to meet new members and you would be very welcome to come along. We meet from 8pm and there is food available until 9pm if you wish to eat and avoid the cooking at home for an evening. You are of course welcome just to join us for a drink, a chat and to find out more about the group. Our Lunch Club continues to be a successful daytime event and we have been holding this regularly over the last few months at The Crown in Hazlemere but in the coming months may be trying new venues giving variety in hospitality and food on offer.

Membership has been increasing over the last few months and includes a number of local people from Totteridge, Terriers, Bowerdean and the 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.