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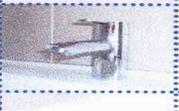
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### Friday 13th December

Light up a Life and remember someone special. A festive switch on of the Christmas lights by Mary Berry at the South Bucks Hospice, Pusey House, Amersham Road. Starts at 6pm.

### Until Monday 23rd December

A brush with Art at the Wycombe Museum from artists linked to Wycombe district. Exhibits and taster art and craft sessions. Admission Free.

### Until Tuesday 24th December

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### Sunday 9th February

Snowdrop Walk in West Wycombe Park in aid of Child Bereavement UK. Noon to 4pm. Admission - Adult £2.50 / Concessions & children 3+ £1.50 / Under 3's are free.

### Thursday 20th February

Deadline for articles for the spring 2014 edition of T & T News. The magazine will be out early March.

### Regular events

#### Monday's

Totteridge stroke Support Group meets at the Totteridge Community Centre from 11am until 3pm (Communication support 11am - 1pm, General support 1 - 3pm). Please contact the organiser Debbie Bullard on 01296 632217 for more information.

#### 1st Thursday of the month

Terriers W.I. meeting at Cedar Park School, Hazlemere at 7:45pm

If you have an event for the diary then please let us know and we will be pleased to include details in this listing or on our web site at [www.bucksvoice.net/tandtnews](http://www.bucksvoice.net/tandtnews)

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## WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the winter 2013 edition of T & T News. As we went to press the telephones and broadband for around 1000 residents in Terriers has only just returned after nearly a week, a result we understand of vandalism to a cable on the Amersham Road.

Many local groups have by now had their fundraising event for the festive season and if you did I hope it went well raising lots of much needed funds. Remember whatever time of year if you are holding a community or not-for-profit event to let us know.

For 2014 T & T News is very grateful for a grant of £1,000 from Terriers & Amersham Hill County Councillor, Valerie Letheren. This will enable us in the New Year to add some extra pages and copies bringing more community news to more residents.

Finally thanks to you our readers and to our distributors who make the magazine possible. On behalf of all the team here at T & T News may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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The UNDER 13's, playing in their new 'CASH GENERATOR' sponsored kit (see photo) have, with the introduction of a few new players, started the season with a renewed confidence. They lost narrowly in a couple of the early games but are now on 3 match unbeaten run (at the time of writing) and have moved into the top end of the league table.

The improvement is in part due to a new self-regulating training control introduced by the coaches. Each player is encouraged to share the responsibility of the team's training ethos and has the right to call to order any mischievousness (there's always one or two!). This has helped improve the discipline within the team as well as the work ethic while teaching that the rewards, in terms of results, are possible when you put the effort in.

The introduction of the new UNDER 8's was always going to be a steep learning curve for the players, but the team have come on in leaps and bounds within a very short time and are now holding their own and winning against teams who have been playing together much longer. There is a great camaraderie between the coaches, parents and players and it's great to see their shared enthusiasm on a match day.



The whole club are particularly excited by a new sponsorship agreement with FRANKIE & BENNY'S. This goes beyond just a new kit for our UNDER 8's with the Eden based restaurant in High Wycombe offering to support the club through incentives, discounts, prizes, increase community awareness and maybe even the occasional appearance of their mascot, Sketch the dog! The one I'm looking forward to though is the Pizza Party where the children get to turn their hands to making pizzas; I can just see the mess already.

We are fortunate to have some really passionate caring coaches who work well with the children and the club is probably at its best level for many years. Growth through new younger age groups is now important for the future development of the club and our catchment area of Tottenham, Bowerdean and Micklefield gives us a fantastic base in which to draw new players.

Where we find it harder is finding people to run the teams, with this in mind the club are committed to helping volunteers by subsidising the cost of training on FA level 1 coaching, child protection and emergency aid courses. If you've considered taking up a volunteering role in what is a very rewarding environment but are concerned as to whether this is right for you, come along to our training sessions and meet the coaches and players. They will explain how the role works and give you an insight into why they do it, or alternatively, please contact the club secretary for more information.

If you are interested in joining please contact Richard Porter (UNDER 13's) on 07710 825387 or email: richard\_porter@heathrowexpress.com and Oliver Witney (UNDER 8's) on 07706 888441 or email: oliver.witney@gmail.com



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## Local News Round Up (1)

### Terriers Evening W.I.

New England in the Fall is legendary for its spectacular autumn colours. Pumpkins line the roads waiting to be used for lanterns at Halloween. Margaret Deakin, our speaker for September, recalled her visit to this country. She reminded us of the journey of the Pilgrim Fathers from Plymouth seeking religious freedom leading to the building of a colony at Cape Cod and the founding of Boston. The settlers continued to be ruled from England but felt they were unfairly taxed resulting in the Boston Tea Party and the War of Independence.

At our October meeting, Mike Payne shared his passion for Pinewood Studios with us. The enterprise started in 1934 at a Country Club owned by Charles Boot, He was joined by J. Arthur Rank and Pinewood Studios was born. Apparently the name was chosen to imitate the more famous Hollywood Studios So many box office hits were made at Pinewood from James Bond films to Alastair Sim in "Green for Danger" We remembered how we all fell in love with Dirk Bogarde in our teens. The Studios flourish to this day and indeed while walking in the adjacent Black Park I discovered sets being built for "Cinderella" to be released in 2015.

A group of members and friends enjoyed an outing to the Poppy Factory in Richmond where ex-servicemen are employed making poppies for the British Legion. Poppies were first imported from France in 1921 by Ann Guerin. The choice of flower was inspired by a poem written by John McCrae in Ypres in 1915, "In Flanders Fields where poppies blow". He wanted to ensure that future generations would remember the sacrifice made by so many. It was soon realised that it would be better to produce poppies here and a factory was started employing five severely disabled W.W.1 veterans The volume of work increased and premises were found in Richmond where today about fifty people make 80,000 wreaths each year including those laid by the Royal Family at the Cenotaph.

Our November meeting was the A.G.M. when President and committee were elected for the coming year. A Halloween quiz followed when we had to decide among other things who Samhain was Lord of( The Zombies) and how pumpkins grow which was much easier.

Future programme not available but we meet on the first Thursday in the month at Cedar Park School, Cedar Avenue, Hazlemere at 7.45 p.m. and are very pleased to welcome new members. For further information contact Margaret Rogers Tel 01494 524947.

**Have you got The Bug! .... See P.10 for more details .....**

## Local News Round Up (2)



Saunderton based charity Child Bereavement UK is inviting families to take part in their fourteenth annual Snowdrop Walk at West Wycombe Park, on Sunday 9th February from noon until 4pm.

The Snowdrop Walk is a special day to remember the babies and children who have died and the children who are bereaved each year. Snowdrops will be available for purchase on the day and charity staff and volunteers will be on hand to help with the planting at The Temple of Venus within the park. Special activities for children include a Rhyming Creature Hunt for which they will get a fun-filled goody bag at the end.

Hot food and refreshments will be available from West Wycombe Village Hall at the end of the walk, where some extra children's activities will also take place including colouring and puzzle building.

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## Local News Round Up (3)

### News from Bucks County Council - Val Letheren updates us on her work.....

I thought that with the onset of winter it would be appropriate to give a roads and gritting update.

Green Road changes are now complete and it has been resurfaced at the same time, as well as its pavements restored all from the developer contribution pot! Funds are not so easy elsewhere and I have had to make bids to the Highways dept for our most needy ones. I still have Gerald's Road and Mayhew Crescent in the programme and they were to be completed this Autumn but due to all the rain they have now been delayed until next March and better weather for completion. They have been prepared and sealed already so that further damage is prevented. I am still trying to get funding to complete the footways in Gerald's Road.

I have also asked for Fremantle Road, Chadwick Street and Tower Street to be put in the forward programme and do let me know if your road should be there too.

I do regularly inspect for myself but I am always responsive to residents information about bad area. The budget is limited but I make myself heard !

### Winter Gritting

We now have 25 gritting lorries covering 40% of Bucks roads concentrating on the main networks. Using 5 day weather forecast whether to salt or not which is when road temperatures are likely to fall below 1 degree C. Salting is normally carried out after the evening rush hour or before the morning traffic peak hour. However no guarantee can be given that the roads will always be clear of ice .

Salt bins are now in place on many sites around our division , most of them put there in response to residents requests. They are solely for the use of the public highway and are generally restocked before and during Winter.

We now have 'Snow Routes'. They are the key routes on the strategic network and in time of very severe weather are given the highest priority to be kept serviceable . Amersham Hill is definitely one of these.

The issue regarding clearing the snow outside your house is given guidance on the DfT web site. It is unlikely that you will be sued or held responsible for any injuries on the path if you have cleared it carefully. People using these area have a responsibility to be careful for themselves!! Tips are

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Too often in the past, public services have been provided and people have been told the arrangements were in their best interests. In effect, we have had to like it or lump it. The Government has been looking for new ways of allowing people to influence decisions which affect them, and we now have more power to make these decisions for ourselves. It is clear to me that if we had patient-led commissioning, those patients would demand A&E and maternity services at Wycombe Hospital. That is why I have been working on this idea with the think-tank Civitas.

Across the country there is currently a consultation being carried out called *The NHS Belongs to the People – A Call to Action*. A number of public meetings have been held locally; if you missed the one held in Wycombe in November you can still participate by going to the following website and giving your views: [http://www.chilternccg.nhs.uk/call\\_to\\_action\\_t105787.html?pa=0](http://www.chilternccg.nhs.uk/call_to_action_t105787.html?pa=0) This is the opportunity for people to give their thoughts on how everyone's healthcare needs can be met, and what must happen to build an excellent NHS now and in the future; I urge as many people as possible to participate.

There is a rich tradition running through this country of friendly societies, co-operatives, charities and trade unions which have worked for the benefit of their members and the communities in which they operate. Such groups should be encouraged, allowing us to once again to discover that society is the co-operation of a free people.

Please feel free to let me know your views on national issues, or if you would like help with a local problem. You can contact me by emailing [steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk) or by writing to the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Alternatively, you are welcome to ring my West Wycombe Road office on 01494 448408.

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I hope that we in fact have an easy Winter but it is always best to be prepared!! Transport for Bucks has a website called [www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport) which you will find interesting. You can also follow where the gritting lorries are actually in operation when it all starts happening. You can also follow them on Twitter@TfBalerts. My very best wishes for safe journeys always. Please remember that most minor roads will not be salted and it always better to travel a little further on a main road that has been treated than a minor one that has not.

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That 2013 was a year of massive change in the NHS won't have passed you by. Readers may have observed new health sector jargon and expressions like "Clinical Commissioning Groups" and "Health and Wellbeing Boards" on television or in newspapers. You may well wonder what they actually mean to you, when all you really want to know about is how quickly you can make an appointment with your GP, pick up a prescription or whether a 999 call will get you an ambulance as swiftly as you need.

Another piece of the jigsaw is the newly formed Healthwatch organisations – established to become the "consumer champion" for patients and social care users across the country. We have our own local one called Healthwatch Bucks and they are really keen to hear from you. They came into operation just six months ago with a voluntary board of expert trustees, partnership with a range of charities like Citizens Advice and Carers Bucks, and over 1200 volunteers and subscribers already on board.

Healthwatch Bucks wants to receive, co-ordinate and monitor all of the views of patients and social care users. Their website [www.healthwatchbucks.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchbucks.co.uk) is the place to post your views or you can give your feedback over the phone on 0845 260 6216.



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## **Christmas Services in Terriers and Totteridge**

### **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

4.00 p.m. – Christingle Service at St Francis

*A service for all ages celebrating the light of Christ coming into the world  
There will be a collection in aid of the Children's Society's work*

4.00 p.m. – Carol Service at St Wulstan's

### **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

6.30 p.m. – Festival of Lessons and Carols at St Francis

*Traditional hymns and carols of Christmas.*

*There will be a collection in aid of reconstruction work in the Philippines*

### **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve**

4.00 p.m. – Crib Service at St Francis - *A service for all ages*

9.00 p.m. – First Mass of Christmas at St Wulstan's *in Polish*

11.30 p.m. – Midnight Mass of the Nativity at St Francis

*Beginning with the blessing of the Crib*

12.00 midnight – Midnight Mass at St Wulstan's *in English*

### **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

9.00 a.m. – Christmas Mass at St Wulstan's in English

10.00 a.m. – Parish Communion at St Francis - *A Service for all ages*

11.00 a.m. – Christmas Mass at St Wulstan's *in Polish*

## **A New Year in Terriers**

After the flurry of celebrations on the weekdays after Christmas (St Stephen on Boxing Day, St John the Evangelist on 27<sup>th</sup> and The Holy Innocents on 28<sup>th</sup> December), each marked by a 10.00 a.m. Communion service with Christmas Carols, life at St Francis quietens down until the New Year. At 10.00 a.m. on New Year's Day, however, there will be a service to mark the beginning of 2014. This will be followed by seasonal refreshments in the Vicarage.

On Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> January, there will be a "Messy Epiphany" celebration. People of all ages are invited to share in a special event to mark the approaching end of the "twelve days of Christmas". The next day (Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> January) will be a church celebration of Jesus being made known to all nations, with a service for all ages at 10.00 a.m.

The following Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> January) at the 10.00 a.m. Parish Communion, the congregation at St Francis welcomes The Revd. Hugh Ellis, Team Rector of High Wycombe, who will preach at a special service to commemorate the Baptism of Jesus. A.W.D.

## The birth of a child

At the heart of our Christmas celebrations is the birth of a child. Most parents will agree that the birth of a child is always a life-changing event. However, the birth of this child has brought about more change than any other. Most obviously it has changed the way in which the world reckons time. The date of his birth (or rather the calculation of that date made fifteen centuries ago) marks the beginning of our “Common Era”. More importantly for millions of people since the beginning of that Common Era, the birth of this child has changed the way that human beings think about God.

Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, was born in Bethlehem in the reign of King Herod the Great. He grew up in the Galilean town of Nazareth. He was executed in Jerusalem by the Roman authorities in the governorship of Pontius Pilate. Christians believe that in this short life (Jesus is generally reckoned to have been killed in his early thirties) God the Creator entered his creation and shared the whole of human experience from conception to death. Billions of words have been written over the centuries to try to explain what this means. Bishop Ambrose of Milan, in the fourth century of our era, wrote “He was a baby... so that you may become a complete mature person. He was wrapped in swaddling cloths, so that you might be freed from the bonds of death... He came to earth so that you may be among the stars.”

The contemporary American writer, Richard Rohr develops similar ideas when he writes: “The incarnation of Jesus demonstrates that God meets us where we are as humans. God freely and fully overcomes the gap from God’s side. The problem of redemption is already resolved once and for all, long before its dramatic illustration on the cross. Bethlehem already revealed that it was good to be a human being.

“For the Christian, spiritual power is always hidden inside of powerlessness, just as God was hidden and yet revealed in a defenceless baby. If God is ever to be loved and shared, God had to risk both human embodiment and human vulnerability. This is the only thing that enchants and evokes the human heart. We do not properly fall in love with concepts or theological ideas (although some do try); persons fall in love with other persons.

“In a weak little child, God is both perfectly hidden and perfectly revealed—and fully lovable.”

The churches of Terriers and Totteridge invite you to join them this Christmas and to fall in love with God as he comes to us in the child of Bethlehem.

Tony Dickinson

*Canon Tony Dickinson is Vicar of the parish church of St Francis, Amersham Road, Terriers.*



## What’s Going on in Girlguiding?

All the age groups in Girlguiding in the area have been taking part in a variety of activities since the last newsletter. They all have the opportunity to try new activities, build their confidence and make new friends.

### Here is some news from a few of our units....

At 22nd High Wycombe **Rainbows** (Age 5 - 7) we have had a fun filled half term. We have focused this half term on our Rainbow Promise, we have had so much fun. We made colourful rainbow shakers. Beautiful hand crafted friendship bracelets. Baked some yummy treats and made some wonderful rainbow placemats. We practised our promise each week and learnt to understand the promise and how important it is. 'We promise to trust in our beliefs and to be kind and helpful'. We ended our half term with a rainbow promise party. We all went through the rainbow and made our promise. It was a very exciting time as the new rainbows got to make their promise for the first time and the older rainbows all got to renew their promise. After the promises were made we celebrated with home decorated rainbow biscuits. We have all had an amazing time and are looking forward to lots more fun.

The **Brownies** (age 7 – 10) (3<sup>rd</sup> Terriers and 1<sup>st</sup> High Wycombe packs) went on weekend Pack holidays at Ellesborough, near Wendover, with one of the leaders taking her holiday assessment to become qualified to take the girls away. Next year is the Big Brownie Birthday (Brownies will be 100 years old) and there will be lots of exciting events going on including Fun days and a holiday open to all the Brownies in Buckinghamshire at a PGL activity centre.

This term the 3rd High Wycombe **Guides** (age 10 – 14) have been up to quite a lot of exciting things. In October they joined 1st High Wycombe Guides and went to Wembley Arena to see the Big Gig, this is a pop concert exclusively for Guides and Wembley arena held 11,000 of them at each of the two performances! For most of the Guides this was their first time to Wembley and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves including riding there on the train. On Bonfire night we wanted to have a campfire so we got together with St Augustines (16th High Wycombe) Brownies, and went to Longridge Activity Centre in Marlow for a big Campfire to sing songs and toast marshmallows. To finish the term off the Guides are currently planning a Christmas Quiz night for St Augustine’s Church for the Community Action part of their Challenge Badge.

This report has been contributed to by two leaders in training - Isobelle Doherty (Guides) and Lisa-Marie Smith (Rainbows)

We are always looking for more adult help, with more adults we can recruit more girls that are on our joining lists. There are lots of roles available, no experience is necessary, just a willingness to get involved and have fun alongside the girls. If you are interested log onto [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) or contact Terrie on 01494 445816 or email [terrie-s@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:terrie-s@tiscali.co.uk)



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## CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



The "better than 2012" summer meant this year we could make use of the great outdoors. While we did not have a holiday away this year a day trip to Bognor Regis meant we were able to take in that great British event of going to the coast. We enjoyed a little sunshine, the beach, crazy golf and a Fish 'N' Chip supper.

Several of our members and in particular some who are new to the group are interested in live music. We have recently therefore been going to Dusty's at Holmer Green on a monthly basis. Other events that have taken place over the last few months include a visit to Claydon House, a Curry Night at the William Loosely, and a day trip to the Bluebell Railway. There has been a lot going on with several different events held each month. All are organised by members acting as hosts and to them all we are very grateful as without organisers there would be no Chameleon!

For Christmas this year we organised two events to cater for both those who prefer a daytime or an evening event. Our daytime event will be held at The Dolphin on Totteridge Lane while for the evening event we are going to the Hazlemere Golf Club for a dinner dance.

Our pub night is a great place to meet new members and you would be very welcome to come along and join us for a drink. We meet from 8pm at The Crown, Amersham Road, Hazlemere. Next dates are 27<sup>th</sup> December, 31<sup>st</sup> January and 28<sup>th</sup> February. There is food available if you wish to eat.

Our membership includes a number of local people from Totteridge, Terriers and surrounding areas. If you are single, 40 – 60's, looking for a better 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 – 817895, Martin on 07747 - 703663 or e-mail: [chameleon\\_bucks@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:chameleon_bucks@tiscali.co.uk). Visit us on-line at [www.bucksvoice.net/chameleon](http://www.bucksvoice.net/chameleon) for more information and an events listing.

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