

Totteridge and Terriers News

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In order that we can achieve this deadline we need your articles by the 15th of the previous month. So for our September edition please get your articles to us by 21st August.

Advertising deadline is a week later on 28th of the month.

Out & About...

Getting around the local area should be easy with frequent public transport on two key routes. Red Route 33 serves Totteridge every 10 minutes daytimes while Green Route 31 serves Terriers every 15 minutes. Evening travel is a little less convenient with services at less than half daytime frequencies.

Other bus routes serve Terriers running through to Amersham and Great Missenden. All the buses serve both the town, bus and rail stations making onward travel easier.

KEEPING FIT...

With the summer here are a few ways to get out and about without the car!

Walking - Always a great way of keeping fit and it is easier than more other forms of exercise! For organised walks try joining a local group.

Ramblers — www.ramblers.org.uk
Simply Walk — Contact Fiona Broadbent 01494 421736 or e-mail: Fiona_Broadbent@Wycombe.gov.uk

Cycling— All you need is a serviceable bike and the countryside is all yours. Try...

CTC (Cyclist Touring Club)— www.ctc.org.uk

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WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the preview edition of Totteridge and Terriers News. This is your brand new local magazine and its your news and stories we want to include. Unlike many other community magazines we are not connected to any particular organisation so you will not just be hearing one side of a story. But if we are to represent all 'sides' then we need your input.

If you are a local business your support is needed too. There is plenty of space in each publication for advertising and advertorials to promote your business. By including your business here you will be reaching local people and more than likely at a considerably reduced cost than advertising elsewhere. You will find details of the advertising rates and sizes within the magazine.

You will find in this edition information on local groups and a What's on guide to events in the area. If your group is not included then let us know so we can include your news and events next time.

Our first full edition will be published in September. Enjoy your holidays!

David Winterburn
Editor

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WHAT'S ON... IN TOTTERIDGE & TERRIERS

Wednesday

WeightWatchers
St Francis Church Hall—Weigh in 5.30pm / Talk 6.00pm

Thursday

Quiz Night at The Beech Tree

Friday

Rockin' Tots
Musical Play session for babies and toddlers up to 4.
St Francis Church Hall 1.45—2.30pm.

Lots missing from this column?....

Let us know your events and activities so we can include them in our first full edition in September. Our contact details are on the back page of this preview edition.

The above are just an example of the type of events we can include but variety is the spice of life! If you have a community event the chances are we will be able to include it helping boost participation.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONT...

Many people say that they never see a police officer in their area. If this is the case, then there is even an even greater need for NHW. There is a feeling that there used to be a police officer on every street corner. This was only ever the case in old black and white films! Such a situation never existed in reality. It certainly does not exist now and it never will exist in the future. Consequently, the role of crime prevention via NHW is even more important.

Perhaps you live in a road where crime is rare. Good! We would like to help you keep it that way, but you will also get valuable information on crimes and crime patterns that are happening elsewhere in your area. This information will come to you via our Ringmaster message system, but, in many areas, schemes communicate with each other on problems affecting their particular locality.

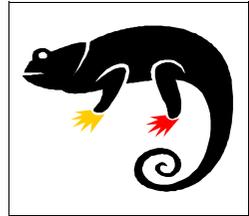
To learn more on NHW, contact...Geoff Pegg on 01494-523649

NEW BEAT OFFICER

WPC Michelle Hearne has replaced PC Paul Jervis as the local beat officer for the Totteridge, Terriers and Micklefield areas. The monthly beat surgeries which have been held at St Francis Church Hall are therefore cancelled for the foreseeable future.

Paul Jervis has patrolled our local streets for the past 14 years and I am sure will be missed by many residents. He has also been a great help to promote the Wycombe District NHW Association. As he conveys his thanks to everyone for the support received during this time I am sure we will all wish him well in his new post. As from Monday 4 June Paul joined the shift patrols at Amersham.

CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



Chameleon's outside events got off to an early start this year as April's weather felt more like July. As I write this we are looking forward to our summer events with many currently planned for the great outdoors and day trips very much the order of the day from July to September.

With a wide age range and interests to cater for our events reflect this. 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 a visit to Chenies Manor. Popular evening and weekend events include Pub Nights, Bowling, Pub Quizzes, Meals out, At home evenings and Walks. Occasional trips out to see a film and visit the theatre are also included in our programme and we are planning to visit Water-perry Gardens in July during the Art and Craft event.

This year we have continued to attract new members to the group and have a growing number from around the Totteridge, Widmer End, Hazelmere, Holmer Green and Kingshill areas. Although we cannot claim to be the biggest singles group around we offer a warm welcome for new members from all walks of life.

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 run by and for its members. To find out more call Joyce on 01494 – 461328, Ian on 01494 – 436329 or e-mail: chameleon_bucks@tiscali.co.uk. You can also visit us on the web at www.bucksinfo.net/chameleon.

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IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEEDED?

Well, yes, it is actually!

It is the largest community initiative ever to help prevent crime. In the territory covered by Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association, there are over 500 schemes with 900 people directly involved in running them and they relate to about 15,000 households. Since it is generally estimated that around 80% to 85% of crime can be prevented, the aim of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is to get more people to be aware of what they can easily do to put themselves less at risk of being the victims of crime. They can do this collectively, where crime or behavioural problems are affecting their area, or as individuals by taking simple precautions.

Many people believe that they are running their own unofficial NHW scheme by keeping an eye on each other's houses when somebody is away. This is fine and it is absolutely in the spirit of NHW. However, if this means spending 15 minutes or so each day in checking their neighbour's doorstep, checking that nothing is protruding from the letterbox, and then going round the back to make sure everything is secure there, then what about the security on the house for the remaining 23 hours and 45 minutes of the day? We can help there by providing simple and effective advice.

We also need to consider car crime, which, in numbers of incidents, is usually a bigger crime heading than burglaries. Furthermore, of course, the risk of this type of crime needs to be considered at both ends of the journey.

In addition, the NHW movement is a valuable source of advice regarding robberies (theft from the person), violent crime, anti-social behaviour, and doorstep crime (bogus callers and distraction burglaries). In fact, the many types of doorstep crime tend to be very under-reported. So, we not only need to advise people how to avoid this type of crime, but we also need to encourage the reporting of it to the police in order to give them the best chance of catching those committing these crimes. In fact, such is the nature of doorstep crime that many people may not even realise they have had a criminal in front of them on the doorstep.

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