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T & T News on the Web

The Totteridge and Terriers News web pages are now available at:

www.bucksinfo.net/tandtnews

The site was launched last year and we are now regularly adding events to the diary part of the site. If you have anything taking place and have missed the deadline for the quarterly printed edition of the magazine then let us know and we will add your event. Your news stories can appear here in the same way—just let us know what is happening down your way!

If you have missed any previous editions of the magazine they can be downloaded from the site, saved and printed out. It is also a great way of keeping in touch if you move out of the area or letting friends and family know what happens in your home area.

Let us know what you think so we can add more to it and make it a real resource for the community.

Keep sending us your news and views at tandtnews@tiscali.co.uk

About T & T News...

T & T News is published four times a year in March, June, September and December. We aim to get the magazine distributed by mid month of issue. In order that we can achieve this deadline we need your articles as early as possible. For our autumn edition please get your articles and advertising to us by 20th August 2009.

That's it....Join us again in September 2009. Thanks for reading T & T News.

Bye for now.

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WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the summer 2009 edition of your local community magazine. This edition celebrates our second birthday and we must thank all our advertisers and supporters without whom we not be able to continue. As a reader of T & T News you too have played your part in this magazines success as any publication will tell you!

As I finalise the editorial for this edition we have been treated to one of the sunniest and warmest days of the year so far. The weather forecasters I understand are telling us there is more to come so whatever you are doing this summer enjoy the great outdoors.

If you are organising an event then let us know about it and afterwards how it went. We are developing our web pages at www.bucksinfo.net/tandtnews and this can be used for news and information between printed editions of the magazine.

Finally, a small plea from your team here at T & T News. We are currently looking for new people to distribute the magazine. If you can help please get in touch through the contact details on the back page.

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There is no set number you need to be able to deliver but as a guideline 100 copies can on average be delivered in little more than an hour. We are therefore only looking for people to give up a small amount of time. The magazines can be delivered anytime from 8am until 8.30pm over a 10 day window. However during the winter months it is preferable to do this during daylight hours for safety reasons.

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- Tailored services that better meet your local communities' needs?
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- Action from public organisations to make a real difference to you and your community?

If the answer to one or more of these questions is yes, then you may like to know that the local councils in your area are meeting in public on a regular basis to work on matters of importance to your local community. In High Wycombe Buckinghamshire County Council, in partnership with Wycombe District Council have set up a Local Community Partnership (LCP) which meets every 3 months to take action on issues which matter to local people. Other partners are also working with us such as Thames Valley Police, Bucks Fire and Rescue, local Health providers and Buckinghamshire New University. This is part of the wider Pathfinder initiative which seeks to integrate the work of County and District Councils and create efficiencies, whilst still retaining the individual organisations.

The LCP can influence decisions about how money is spent locally, how to target services better for local people, what to prioritise in your area and has some money for local projects.

Local people are welcome to come along. We have an open door policy, with time set aside for public questions at every meeting. If you would like to ask a question or get an item added to the agenda please contact your Area Co-ordinator, Madeleine Howe email mphowe@buckscc.gov.uk

The LCP is a new way for the councils to work with local communities and would welcome any thoughts on how this can be improved. From the experience of earlier meetings we will be managing the public question time fairly so that everyone who has sent in a question has the opportunity to have it discussed at the meeting.

At the last meeting two locals residents' groups – Bassetsbury Allotment Holders Association and Heart of Ryemead Community Association - attended with questions and issues of concern and we were able to provide responses to these in writing following the meeting.

The two councils are working on other ways in which you can take part in local democracy on a much more local basis and have input into these meetings. You will be hearing more about this work in a future edition. As part of the Pathfinder work we are exploring how the Public Sector bodies can meet in your area and have a single conversation with local people. This is being trialled in the Downley and Disraeli area and a rural area of the District. This is currently being evaluated and a decision taken on how this can be best taken forward across the District. There are also many other ways of local people and communities getting their voices heard, such as contacting their local Councillors, responding to consultations, organising a petition to present to either council or the Local Community Partnership, or asking a question at relevant District Council or County Council meetings.

If you would like to know more about these meetings and how you can take part please do contact your Area Co-ordinator, Madeleine Howe by email on mphowe@buckscc.gov.uk or telephone on 01494 475378.

News from your local churches....

Totteridge Baptist Church

Christianity Explored

Would you like to explore Christianity?

We are currently running a course looking at the basics of Christianity. This is an ideal way to discover what the Bible has to tell us about Jesus Christ - who He is, why He came, why He died on the cross and what difference this could make to us.

A small group meets at Totteridge Baptist Church, Hillary Road on Thursday evenings from 8.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. in the church lounge. Here they can work through the course together, sharing thoughts as they read through the gospel of Mark. There is a very helpful video that gives points for discussion.

We are looking to start some more of these groups on different days and at different times to suit those who would like to explore Christianity. If you would like to work through this course then contact us so that we can arrange a suitable time for you to join in a small group with others who, like you, would like to explore Christianity.

Contact Mike Birmingham for more details.

Tel: (01494) 533502 E-mail minister@totteridgebaptist.com

Website: www.totteridgebaptist.com

St Francis, Amersham Road, Terriers

Regular Sunday services are held at 8am (Holy Communion) and 10am (Parish Communion). The church also runs a number of other activities details of which can be found at www.terrierschurch.org.uk

St Wulstan's Church, Hollis Road

A sung mass is held at 9am every Sunday with a further service at noon. At 10.45am a mass is held in Polish. Services and confessions are also held at various times during the week at this family friendly church. Full details of all activities can be found at www.stwulstanschurch.org

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COMMUNITY NEWS ROUND—UP

Neighbourhood Watch Week

Neighbourhood Watch Week coincides this year with the Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association's Crime Prevention event. This will take place on Saturday 20th June from 9am until 4pm in the Eden Shopping Centre. The stand will be located near the entrance to Tesco and is being staged under the banner of the Wycombe Community Safety Partnership. Organisations taking part include Thames Valley Police, WDC Community Safety Department, Trading Standards, Bucks Fire and Rescue, Handy Van Scheme, Anchor Safer Housing and Neighbourhood Watch.

New Play Time Funds

Wycombe District Council has been successful in applying for an award of £200,000 in funding from the Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to build exciting new children's playgrounds and recreation areas in Castlefield and Princes Risborough. The council is hoping for a further award next year of £209,000 to work on another four sites.

Police Open Day

Thames Valley Police are holding an Open Day at their training centre at Sulhamstead near Reading on Saturday 8th August 2009. You will be able to see the Police Helicopter, meet the mounted and dog sections, see displays from the emergency services and tour the museum. A food court will be available on site during the day. Admission is £2 per adult with under 16's free. Gates open at 10am with last entry at 3.30pm. Parking is available on a first come, first served basis. Disabled parking and wheelchair access available. No dogs allowed except guide dogs. For more information visit the web site at www.thamesvalley.police.uk/events

Buckinghamshire Link

Buckinghamshire LINK officially launched on the 25th February 2009 at the Green Park Training and Conference Centre at Aston Clinton. LINK stands for Local Involvement Network and is a new way for people in Buckinghamshire to get involved with the NHS and local social care services and have their say about them. You can find out more about the LINK and getting involved by visiting the web site at www.buckinghamshirelink.co.uk or by calling Hazel Wiltshire, Bucks LINK Administrator on 0845 094 9497.

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HIGH WYCOMBE

That June evening Dad had gone to do his regular ARP duties with his Hillside mate, Bill Woodley. It was still daylight and there was no need to check the neighbourhood's blackout. So they made their way straight to their concrete shelter in Totteridge Road (Bowerdean Crossroads), where later St Mark's Church—and now a mosque—would stand. They would take it in turns to sleep. But not tonight!

Mum and I were preparing for an early night. She was tired and I had a busy day ahead at school (RGS) - which in fact never happened (too much broken glass for the caretakers to cope with!). The strange heavy, chugging, motorbike-like sound from the sky above Totteridge Hill sent us rushing to the back windows. Through the distant trees we could make out the silhouette of a narrow, ugly object. As we watched, the engine stopped. A few moments later came the loudest bang possibly ever heard in the area.

People rushed out of their houses and now Dad and Bill, armed with an authority which they had never enjoyed before, ordered everyone to stay indoors, while they hurried over the rough, steep scrubland (now Adelaide Road). In a field (now Totteridge Recreation Ground) they found a large, smoking crater—and one dead cow. Gerald's Road bore the brunt of the blast and the glaziers were kept busy in that area (including the church, schools and shops) for many a day afterwards.

East Wycombe's peace was eventually restored but some of us have been a bit jumpy ever since! More (V1) flying-bombs landed in nearby villages over the next few weeks but fortunately for us the supersonic (V2) rockets, whose approach was heard AFTER they had landed, never reached this area. Not even the special folk in Bassetsbury Lane would have survived one of them!

Soon the Dutch launch-sites were overrun by the Allies and the devastation ceased. The interesting question is what might have happened to the outcome of the war, if the Germans had discovered these weapons earlier. We might easily have lost the war..... But let put away such dismal thoughts and enjoy the present day peace and calm of the Bowerdean Valley, while we can!

David Church
Totteridge Resident

AN UNWELCOME TOTTERIDGE VISITOR

It is 65 years since the big bang shocked—and in some cases shook—our area. It came at the end of a sunny June 20th Day in 1944. A fortnight earlier (D-Day) Allied Forces had re-entered Europe and now the Germans were retreating from France and the other occupied countries.

A year later (VE-Day) would see the end of a war which had devastated many cities, including London, but had left High Wycombe (not that far away) untroubled—apart from the occasional surplus bomb dropped in Kings wood by German planes returning from a night raid. In this fifth year of the Second World War we were not looking for trouble to come from the skies. We were wrong and although there were no casualties, we felt quite indignant at this unexpected intrusion!

How we escaped up to then, has puzzled some of us ever since. Bomber Command was based at Naphill (Walter's Ash) where raids on Germany were planned; American forces were stationed at the (requisitioned) Abbey School and Dawes Hill; Hughenden Manor was the centre of map-production for the RAF; Booker Airport was kept busy training glider pilots to drop behind enemy lines; many factories in the area had switched from furniture to fighter plane production; tanks were regularly tested on the hills above Broom and Wade's (later Compar) engineering works in Bellfields.

Were there no enemy spies and if there were, why were they so ineffective—or were they just ignored? My mother knew the reason! The talented Mitford family lived in Bassetsbury Lane. Hitler was on friendly terms with at least one of them. She made him promise not to hurt her family or “the neighbours”. The whole of Rowan Avenue where we lived, believed this story. So while we listened nightly to the racket of bombs and anti-aircraft guns and saw the flames and smoke rising above London, we were able to relax—until that June night.

For not even Hitler could protect Wycombe from flying-bombs, which went wherever they wished. Nicknamed “doodle-bugs”, in 1944 they began to be fired from launch pads in Holland. They had no pilot and chugged their noisy way across south-east England, until their fuel ran out and they plunged to earth.

Courts in Action

Wycombe Magistrates' Court invites the public to watch court proceedings accompanied by magistrates who will explain what is happening. These escorted court visits take place 4 times a year from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Places are limited so reservations are required. The next one is scheduled for Monday 13 July.

During the morning visitors will spend some time in the public seating area of the courts. The courts may be dealing with a bail application, sentencing an offender or conducting a trial. There will also be time available outside the court room to discuss the cases with the magistrates who will be accompanying you.

Most visitors have never been in a magistrates' court before and find the whole experience fascinating and want to see more, which they can do. Adult criminal courts are open to the public every day.

The advantage of the escorted court visit is that visitors are accompanied by magistrates who will answer questions and thereby increase understanding of the proceedings.

Places are limited and can be reserved by telephone on 01494 651035 or email wycombemags@btinternet.com.

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Summer is finally here and we have already enjoyed our early season barbeque. Events in the great outdoors look to be the order of the day in the next few months as long as the long term weather forecast lives up to expectations.

Our programme continues to have a variety of events and with the summer ahead we shall embark on a few day trips out and the odd walk or two. Already planned for June we have a day trip to Brighton and a chance to play a round of crazy golf a little closer to home at The Terriers Pub on the Amersham Road. Add to this an at home take away evening, pub night and a lunch and pretty much another month will have been filled with events. Planning for July and August is already underway and no doubt we shall be making use of the long summer days for some of our activities.

We continue to hold our regular 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. Our Lunch Club is usually held on the first Friday of the month and seems to have settled at The Crown in Hazlemere. Again this is a great informal event to meet and chat with members old and new.

With a wide age range and diverse interests to cater for our events reflect this and some of the popular ones we run at regular intervals. Skittles, Theatre evenings, Cinema trips, Coffee Mornings, days out and Fishing are just some of the activities suggested for the future. We usually run around 6-8 events a month with some at minimal cost allowing us to be open to all.

Over the past year we have continued to attract new members to the group and have a growing number from Totteridge and Terriers 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.