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That's about it...Join us again in September 2010. In the meantime you can catch up with all the latest news on our web pages at:

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## WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the Summer 2010 edition of your local community magazine.

It doesn't seem 3 years ago when we put together the first edition of T & T News. But here we are on our 12th edition and now very much part of life in Totteridge & Terriers. In that time we have grown a bit too recently introducing a colour cover and four extra pages. Print run for this edition is up again to 3,500 copies which means we are now reaching an extra 1,500 readers compared to our first edition.

Inside your magazine this quarter we have a round up of local news plus pieces from the Police, local Guides & Brownies, Chameleon, the Local Community partnership and lots more. We are however aware there could be even more of your local news included. So if your group is not represented then get pen to paper (or computer, keyboard and mouse!) and get writing your story. Generally we allow up to an A5 page for each item so you can write around 400 words.

David Church is back for this edition with another story entitled "A Clean Sweep". For those of you who remember the annual ordeal of having a chimney swept will be pleased to know how things have improved over the years.

From our local churches we have more in the way of announcements this time around but remember they all continue to offer regular services on a Sunday and at other times too.

Happy Reading!

David Winterburn, Editor

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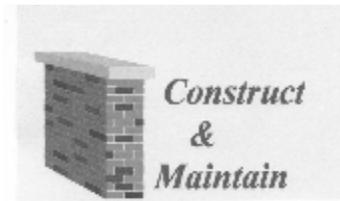
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### Totteridge Community Centre

The centre now has extended opening hours and a range of activities taking place. The latest activity to be added is a new group for Stoke Sufferers which will take place on Monday's between 1—3pm from the 7th June.

If you are a football fan the centre will be showing all the England World Cup matches and some of the key other matches too. If you just cannot get away from your computer there is now free Wi-Fi available so you can be on-line while you enjoy an activity or drink from the bar.

### Totteridge Football Club

The club has now completed the 2009-110 season and will over the summer be preparing for the new season. The club has a number of teams with matches played at Hillcrest Community School on Hatters Lane or at the Hazlemere Recreation Ground. This season they have entered U12's, U15's and U16's.

If you would like to find out more about the club or help out then contact the club or 07875—066802 or visit the web site at <http://tottfc.intheteam.com>

### Do you run a club in Totteridge or Terriers?

If you do then this space could be yours. We are keen to include more news from clubs around the area and would welcome your input. In between the printed editions we can include events and news via our web pages at [www.bucksinfo.net/tandtnews](http://www.bucksinfo.net/tandtnews)

Submitting your item is easy and can be done by e-mail, post, fax or for short pieces of news you can telephone us. Generally we limit each piece of news to one page maximum but at our smallest font size this can still accommodate around 400 words. Of course you do not need to write a full page, a line or two would be sufficient!

The Totteridge and Terriers News is published four times a year in March, June, September and December each year. Our deadline for the next edition is 20th August. The magazine has a short turnaround and we aim to deliver the magazine from the first Saturday of the month over a 10-day window.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS ROUND—UP (1)

### Terriers W.I.

“Fair Trade and a World without jam” gave us food for thought in April and May. Paul Sheppard from Tradecraft explained how we could help tea producers receive a fair wage by supporting companies who respected Fair Trade agreements and asked us to be aware of this when we did our shopping.

“A world without jam is a W.I. Film which paints a fairly bleak picture of life in a few years time, restricted electricity supplies etc because of global warming. We need to make decisions now about reducing our carbon footprint even if we feel the impact may be small.

The story sacks I mentioned in the last edition are now finished and ready to be handed over to the school. We had an outing to Hidcote Gardens and Chastleton House which we all enjoyed even though we choose a cold wet day in May.

A W.I. Exhibition has opened at Wycombe Museum to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Bucks Federation of Women's institutes. It will be there until the end of the year so plenty of time to have a look. Our future programme is

1st July	Garden Party
August	No Meeting
9th Sept	Chenies Manor—Its History and Garden

We meet at Cedar Park School, Cedar Avenue, Hazlemere at 7.45pm.  
 For further information contact Margaret Rodgers on 01494 524947.

### News from Bucks County Council

It has been a very busy year so far in the Councils transport department, coping with the worst winter for 31 years. First we had snow and ice which went on for far longer than normal causing national shortages of gritting salt. In Bucks we never ran out but had to restrict the gritting routes to main roads and bus routes only. This caused a greater dependency on grit bins which quickly ran out of grit, not helped by some members of the public removing it from site for their own use. The big job following the thaw has been to repair our severely damaged roads and residents will be aware of all the work that has been going on in our division with more to follow.

## COMMUNITY NEWS ROUND—UP (2)

To celebrate summer there will be a new wooden seat on Church Common behind St Francis where one can sit and enjoy the views. The previous two seats that were there had gone beyond repair and I have been able to fund the new one from the Councils community fund. The two new seats on Amersham Hill seem to have seen plenty of use this past year.

My thanks to all residents who have kindly reported non functioning street lights especially Geoff Pegg of Neighbourhood Watch fame. Please continue to do this if you can but we shall also be doing more regular scouting by transport officers in future.

Val Letheren  
Cabinet member for Transport BCC  
County Councillor for Terriers and Amersham Hill

### Windsor Drive residents battle against path

Residents of the flats at Windsor Drive woke one morning to find a notice attached to the back gate and a also a lamppost on the estate. The notice advised of an “Application for a modification order” The order if granted would “recognise” a public path across the privately owned grounds and car parking areas linking Sheraton Drive through to Windsor Drive. The application was submitted by a resident in Sheraton Drive with some support from those living in Amersham Hill Drive.

Many of the residents of Windsor Drive have written to the County Council and their local councillor on the issue which would threaten the privacy and security of the estate. The estate has suffered from people coming in from the Sheraton Drive entrance and recently a gate was installed to restrict this. The grounds have suffered from fowling by irresponsible dog owners, damage to hedges and litter. Students from the nearby Royal Grammar School passing through have also cause an issue.

The County Councils process for dealing with an “Application for a modification order” is a long one. It may lead to a public enquiry at which the applicant will have to prove evidence of usage over 20 years or more. Similarly the residents, Management and Freehold companies who look after the estate will have to provide evidence of what has been done to deter trespassers from the land. Residents and owners of the flats meanwhile have an uncertain time ahead until a decision can be made.

## High Wycombe Local Community Partnership

### Community Planning for High Wycombe

If you would like to hear about what is happening on your doorstep, and let local councillors, police and health authorities know what you think, visit your Local Community Partnership.

Your local meeting is the High Wycombe Local Community Partnership and the meetings give local residents an opportunity to influence local decision-making and bring together key figures within your area who will listen to what you have to say.

At the moment local councillors and community representatives for High Wycombe are involved working on an area plan for the town. They have reported on what local people think is important for the area and these issues are now being looked at to see how best to tackle them. A workshop is being held in June as the next stage in the plan, and an action plan will be drawn up and projects identified to start work on the ground.

Some examples of the top priorities being worked on are:

- Need more activities for young people in the area.
- Anti Social behaviour
- Cheaper and better publicised public transport
- Speeding on local roads
- More affordable housing – houses not flats
- Support for local businesses in the town
- Concerns about moving many hospital services away from High Wycombe
- More GP surgeries/pharmacies/NHS dentists

The LCP has a number of budgets to spend on projects and initiatives which link to the identified priorities for the town. Last year a grant was given to Totteridge and Terriers News in recognition of the service it provides to the community in the area.

You can find details of our services and plans for the High Wycombe local community area and details of agendas for LCP meetings on our website by following this link:

[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/our\\_communities/high\\_wycombe.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/our_communities/high_wycombe.page)

You are very welcome to attend your local LCP. A set time is allocated to questions from residents. If you do wish to ask a question at a meeting, it is best to send this in advance to enable us to provide you with a full answer. Your local Area Co-ordinator Madeleine Howe will be happy to hear from you. Madeleine's contact details are:

by email to [mphowe@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:mphowe@buckscc.gov.uk)

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## Fundraising at St Francis Church

Since the last edition of T & T News Vicar Tony Dickinson and members of the congregation have been busy fundraising at the Church. The target is to raise £100,000 for much needed restoration. By Easter £7,000 had been raised from events including the Maundy Thursday supper and Good Friday services but there is still a long way to go to meet the target.

The vicar put himself forward for a sponsored slim by shedding kilograms in order to gain pounds. He weighed in at 75k, a little over 12 stones and by now will no doubt be feeling the benefits of being a little lighter! Parishioners have also been collecting coins at home in a jars in order to make a mile of coins. This was due to be laid out between the entrance to the church over to the hall giving a mammoth tasks to count all the proceeds. Just how many coins do you get on average in as mile? Perhaps we shall find out by our next edition.

The Pancake Supper and Quiz Night were another couple of popular events raising over £170 towards the fund. If you would like to find out more of can help then contact Canon Tony Dickinson on 01494—520676 or e-mail: vicar@terrierschurch.org.uk

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### Cannabis Factories

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windows always closed and blacked out / activity only heard during the night / unusual smells or sounds .fertilizer bags, grow bags or water piping lying around / more bin bags outside the property than usual / new locks or alarms installed / other suspicious or unusual activity

Residents from Amersham Hill Drive reported their suspicions as "I'd get the odd strong whiff of cannabis when I was outside in my garden... during the harsh winter we just had, every house in the road had snow covering the roof except that house" Report suspicious activity to the Police.

### Man stabbed- Green Road

An 18 year old male was charged with wounding with intent to endanger life after a man was stabbed in Green Road on 8 May 2010 at around 7.15pm. Anyone with information is asked to contact DC Katie Spour at High Wycombe CID on 08458 505505 and quote URN 1227 of 8 May.

### Arson with Intent to endanger life – Worleys Citroen

In the early hours of 31 March, reports were received of a Mercedes van on fire outside Worleys Citroen, Hamilton Road. The van, containing gas cylinders, was extinguished and the Police and Fire services are working together to establish the cause of the fire, although initial enquiries suggest it was a targeted attack aimed at a particular individual.

### Residents put on community fun day

The Amersham Hill and Terriers Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) hosted a Community Fun Day on the Green adjacent to Highworth Combined School on Sunday 9 May. Despite the bitter weather residents turned out to enjoy the day and give feedback to the Council , Fire Service and Police on what local issues concern them. The NAG would like to thank all the residents who attended and all those who made it possible by donating their time and/or services to the event.



**Have Your Say** meetings give you the opportunity to have your say on local policing priorities in your neighbourhood and meet your local Neighbourhood Policing team.

**Terriers** – meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Amersham Road at 7pm.

**Totteridge** – meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month the Community Centre on Totteridge Drive, 10am.

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and we hardly knew he'd been. And the charge? The same (in real terms) as 70 years ago - the equivalent of a working persons daily wage.

So now we have a nice (independent of electricity) gas fire fitted and I await that Great Power Cut, which will surely bring the frozen neighbourhood rushing into the only warm house. "£10 per person per 10 minutes warm-up" should secure me a worthwhile "Clean Sweep".

David Church  
Totteridge Resident

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## A Clean Sweep

To boyhood ears the words seemed contradictory—"A Clean Sweep"? Certainly the soot-encrusted (even before he started) figure who came to sweep our Rowan Avenue chimney, wouldn't have fitted that description. Mum dreaded this annual ordeal—covering the furniture with old tablecloths and the (lino) floor with newspapers, taking down the photos and keeping the doors and windows shut. Even so soot seemed to permeate the whole house for weeks afterwards. At least the sweep was always a cheerful character, who removed the cigarette from his mouth, only to rest his blackened hands on the walls (which later had to be scrubbed clean), and gaze proudly at the new speckled ceiling, while drinking his second cuppa. I was glad to be sent outside, to check if the brush was visible above the chimney-pot. Even if it wasn't, I would have said it was, just to get rid of him before my snow-white cat fell into his filthy little truck—although dad always said black cats were lucky!

Now my wife and I live on the hill above the Bowerdean estate. Things have improved and the sweep we had, before we switched to central heating three decades ago, left less mess than his predecessor. Even so we breathed a sigh of relief, as he walked back to his van dragging a sack full of soot over carpeted floors, pausing only to give me a warm handshake. Thank goodness he didn't try to hug my wife!

In last winter's severe weather I began to wonder what we could do for heat, if there were power cuts. A gas fire seemed to be the answer—until the (Gas Safe) engineer said casually "You have to get the chimney swept" Our hearts sank. The nightmare had returned. I thought of our old neighbour, who used to sweep his own chimney. The resultant chimney fire and call to the Fire Brigade became such a regular event, we always had tea and biscuits ready for the firemen, when they came down from checking our loft and have their regular Union meeting in our front room. If I had a go at our chimney would they come to my aid, I wondered. Perhaps not a good idea and anyway I hate getting my hands dirty! I wondered if there were any small boys around, who for a few toffees would crawl up the chimney for me but then though Social Services might object.

So I turned to Yellow Pages™ and was amazed to find how many sweeps there still are. Who should I ring and what would they be like? Perhaps a fellow Totteridge resident was the best idea. He would show me the most consideration. Where better to look than this magazine, which you are reading now? I came across Johnny, who quickly agreed to come and assured me there would be no mess. But what on earth is an "AZTEC" sweep? I pictured a guitar-swinging Mexican in a sombrero, serenading the neighbours before he started. In the event Johnny turned up in neat English attire. He got out of his (clean) white van, came in, smiled at the covers over the TV etc and set to his task with brush and (glorious) vac, pausing only to smile reassuringly. The job was quickly done



Imagine trying to get 80 Brownies all packed together in one large hall to sleep by 10pm! That was the challenge for those who helped organise our Brownie sleepover last month in Hughenden Village Hall. It was a noisy and energetic 24 hours packed with activities and games and food, and one more Centenary adventure for us to look back on. Many of our Brownies will be going on pack holidays to our local holiday site near Wendover this summer, whilst others are looking forward to a Circus day complete with Big Top and circus skills workshops!

Our Guide units have a busy summer ahead of them too. They are going a bit further afield for their sleepover and are camping in the grounds of Warwick Castle! Some of the older girls are planning trips to Our Chalet in Switzerland, and participating in the Tall Ships adventure around the Coast of Scotland. In general our Guide meetings, which are open to those aged 10-14 years, offer girls more opportunities for outdoor activities, especially during the summer. Where else could you learn to cook over a camp fire, go dragon boating or kayaking at Longridge, try indoor wall climbing, or go on night hikes?

If you are an adult and like the sound of these activities too, why not consider helping at a Guide unit? We would particularly welcome extra help at our Guide meetings, and no camp fire experience is needed! We have 2 units meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during term time, so if you would like to come along to a meeting to find out more, please email Alison at [alisongieler@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:alisongieler@dsl.pipex.com)

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## CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



Summer is finally here and we are turning our thoughts towards events in the great outdoors. We started off with a late spring BBQ on the second Bank Holiday in May held at one of our member's homes. Over the next few months we are planning a day trip to Canterbury by High Speed Rail, Canal Boat Trip on the Grand Union Canal near Milton Keynes and we shall be taking the Hovercraft over to the Isle of Wight. Add to this some visits to houses, gardens, museums and other places of interest and very soon the bi-monthly programme starts to fill.

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, Day trips, 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 done recently. Many of these are events we repeat from time to time as they are always popular. 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, Terriers and 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](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.