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Events & Information Diary

This is your guide to just some of the events that are on in the local area. If we have not shown yours remember we can still add it to our web site at www.bucksvoice.net/tandtnews or if it after mid-September include it in our autumn edition.

Friday 19th June

Rennie Grove Groovy Shoes Day

Where your groovy shoes for the day and make a £1 donation to the charity. Donation can this year be made by texting SHOE15 £1 to 70070.

Thursday 9th July

High Wycombe Decorative & Fine Arts Society

Summer Lunch and visit with Marlow DFAS to Fawley Hill Railway & Museum near Henley. A unique visit to this private railway not normally open to the public and strictly by invitation only. Members may take one guest which must be pre-booked at the lecture on 8th June. For more information about the society see the web site at www.highwycombedfas.org.uk

Sunday 12th July

Wild West Summer Fair & Craft Market - Missenden Abbey

Enjoy craft stalls Western-themed games, a rodeo bull, live wild west show, line dancing, raffle and tombola. Food and drink available including a hog roast and outdoor saloon bar.

Open Gardens Tea Party - Amersham Road, High Wycombe

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Monday 31st August

Hazlemere Fete

All the fun of a summer fete at the Hazlemere Community Centre on Rose Avenue. Come along and enjoy the afternoon from 12 midday until 5pm. There will be lots going on including a Dog Show, Classic Cars, Judo display, Punch & Judy, Penalty Shoot Out, Stalls and much more. Admission is free.

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WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the Summer 2015 edition of T & T News.

As I put this edition of the magazine together the forecasters are predicting an early June heatwave so lets hope it's the start of a great summer ahead.

We are also in a year where there is likely to be great change ahead in our local area. The pressure for more housing is difficult to resist and after the development of the old Wellesbourne site there is likely to be more to come on Terriers Farm. Other infill and possibly more homes on the old MWH site will add to a growing population in our area and less green fields around. We'll keep you informed the best we can.

In this edition we have W.I. News, an update on local Policing, Church News, Chameleon, newly re-elected Steve Baker MP reports and news from Totteridge FC.

Read on for all your local news..... Good reading!

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If you interested please contact the club secretary for more information.

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAYRE !!

For the 4th year running we will be at the August bank holiday Hazlemere Fete on Monday 31/08/15 with our ever so popular 'beat-the-keeper' penalty shoot-out. In addition we have also been invited to run this years BBQ and are pleased to have help from the Army Cadets who will serve our customers for a share the profits. The fete (free to enter) is definitely worth a visit with numerous stalls and side shows, if you haven't been before make time this year and come and say hello to us (and see if you can beat our keeper while you're at it - he's not that good, honestly).

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TOTTERIDGE FC has provided football to the local youth in the community since 1996. For more information and contact details please visit our web site – tottfc.intheteam.com or find us on facebook.

As another season comes to a close we can reflect on the progress our Under 14's have achieved over the last few months. The team can take great pride in the fact they were challenging for promotion right through the season. In a closely fought battle it was the two defeats to the eventual worthy champions, Chesham Athletic, which saw Totteridge slip to 4th place.

HELP !

With the season barely done & dusted we start looking towards for the next one. All three teams from last year are raring to go again and hopefully build on the progress they achieved in the last year.



We are particularly keen to hear for any-one interested in taking over the management and recruitment of players to our established Under 8's team, you will be ably supported by a level 1 coach. A coaching certificate is desirable but not essential as the club will subsidise the cost of the level 1 coaching course in exchange for a commitment to the club. This position is voluntary but the club will cover all out of pocket expenses.

Our Under 8's train Saturday mornings and what they learn is put into practice in the occasional Sunday 'mini' match against opposing clubs during the football season. The mini format is great fun and encourages each player to play an active role in the game and provides them with an excellent platform in which to develop their own personal skills and team ethic.

Terriers Evening W.I.

It has been a busy time for W.I. members with Centenary events taking place across the County. The baton duly arrived at Pan Mill on April 26th borne along by Harley Davidson motorbike riders. The Terriers Evening W.I stall added to the celebrations plus a beautifully decorated fruit cake made by one of our members for a "Guess the weight of the cake" competition. Cups of tea were enjoyed at Stuart Lodge, Headquarters of the Bucks Federation.

In June there is a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace when one of our members will represent us. Our own local B.F.W.I. Garden Party will be held at Waddesdon Manor. The AGM will be held at the Albert Hall. The proceedings will be relayed to the cinema in the Octagon. You may even hear strains of Jerusalem coming from there on June 4th.

At our monthly meeting in March we were tempted with delicious chocolate, hand made by Anton and Hazelle. They have a shop in Princes Risborough where all their products are made from sustainable sources. The chocolate tasting was very popular. We felt a little less guilty when we were told that 70% plus chocolate could be good for the heart and the reason you want to keep eating it is not the cocoa but the sugar.

Our April meeting was held at the end of March because of Easter. It was also a time when all the W.I.s in the Hampden Group met together. A full hall listened to Dr Gill Eyers telling us about the effect volcano's have on our world. Eruptions can not only devastate the surrounding areas with lava flows but the dust and ash pushed in to the atmosphere can effect our weather for many years bringing about unusual weather patterns causing crop failure etc. More recently aircraft have been grounded because of the danger of dust in their engines causing travel chaos in a world that relies heavily on air travel. Mount Vesuvius is our local volcano. It has not erupted for many years. Could another eruption be imminent? I hope there is plenty of warning because building is still taking place on the side of the mountain.

In May we discussed the resolution which will be presented at the AGM. This year it called on the Government to end the distinction between personal care and nursing care when assessing a persons needs as the dividing line between Social Services and the NHS causes a great deal of confusion. We were also confused so left it to our delegate to make up her mind which way to vote when she heard the arguments for and against on the day.

Future programme

July 2nd	Garden Party
Sept. 3rd	Lacemaking

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



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Well, Amber Rudd, the new Secretary of State for the Department of Energy and Climate Change, says... Let's put her (and our MPs) to the test...

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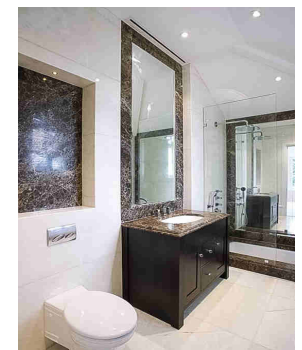
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Rennie Groovy Shoes Day is back on **Friday 19th June**. We are calling on everyone to wear funky footwear and donate £1 to Rennie Grove. This year there is a special text number to make a donation by texting SHOE15 £1 to 70070.

To help celebrate 30 years of care there will be a Wild West Summer Fair and Craft Market at Missenden Abbey on **Sunday 12th July**. Stalls, western-themed games, a rodeo bull, a live wild west show, line dancing, raffle and tombola are all part of the fun on the day.



Over the summer months there are a number of fundraising events in which you can attend or take part in....

Join members of the Wembley Road Club for their 27th annual 30 mile charity ride on **Sunday 21st June** starting at The Plough in Amersham. To register call John Morris 01494 722611 or Rose in the fundraising office 01494 464045.

Come and join our Open Gardens Tea Party on **Sunday 12th July**. Explore stunning gardens, feast on finger sandwiches, sweet treats and tea, be entertained, browse stalls of gifts and goodies all supporting local hospice care. Entry is free, although donations greatly appreciated.

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News from Westminster to Wycombe - Steve Baker MP



The voting public have returned the Conservatives to Government with 331 seats in the House of Commons and a slim majority. I was delighted to be re-elected to represent Wycombe in Parliament and I am grateful to the electors of Wycombe for sending me back.

This week, the Queen came to Parliament for the State Opening, which marks the commencement of each session in Parliament.

In her speech, Her Majesty laid out the Government's plan for the coming year with bills to implement pledges on education and childcare, taxation, enterprise and employment, housing, planning and security. A key pledge was to negotiate for substantial change to the UK's relationship with the European Union. The EU was one of the main reasons I got involved politics, and I look forward to continuing to take an active role on the issue before the referendum.

Conservatives in Parliament continue to support making our own Supreme Court the ultimate arbiter of law in this country so the public can have confidence in our human rights law. Other constitutional measures include further devolution to Scotland, Wales and our cities as well as giving English MPs a veto over matters only affecting England.

Locally I will continue my work supporting Wycombe Hospital and our local NHS services. We need more emergency medicine consultants to stay in that speciality so last week I met Dr Clifford Mann, President of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, to discuss how to help tackle the issue. Record numbers of specialists will be in training this summer and I will be working with the RCEM in coming months to help ensure they remain available to build up urgent and emergency care everywhere.

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Terriers & Amersham Hill

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Anti-social parking continues to be a problem on Green Hill whereby individuals are completely blocking the pavement which was deemed hazardous to pedestrians. Sufficient warnings have been made but there is now no other option than to issue more tickets.

The Police have been made aware of vehicles and individuals involved in drug dealing on Freemantle Road and Terriers End. Vehicle registration numbers have been recorded and stop checks will be carried out. Members of the public should report suspicious instances on 101 or 999 if a crime is in progress.

It is hoped to hold NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) meetings on a more frequent basis. The last meetings were on 9th March and 1st June.

If you are interested in attending future events contact :
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Totteridge & Bowerdean

April saw the report of just one theft from a motor vehicle. Hotspot areas continue to be patrolled on a regular basis to help deter further offences from being committed.

The neighbourhood team have received numerous reports of vehicles causing unnecessary obstruction on Arinison Avenue. The local policing team are now taking a very robust approach to obstruction and the blocking of junctions.

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Our regular events each month include the Lunch Club on the first and the Pub Night on the last Friday of each month. The Lunch Club as the name suggests offers a chance to meet up for a light lunch while the pub night is an evening event held at The Crown in Hazlemere where food is also available. A regular coffee morning also takes place on a weekday morning offering a chance to meet up and chat usually hosted at a members home.

Several of our members are interested in live music, cinema and theatre and when there is something of common interest we try to book taking advantage of group rates where possible. We regularly visit Dusty's Blues Club in Holmer Green which has some great bands for a local venue. Events over the last few months include a Take-away evening, visit to the Rebellion Brewery and a trip to the Coventry Transport Museum all of which were enjoyed by those attending. There is always a lot going on with around seven different events each month. All events both at home or at a local venue are organised by members acting as hosts. To them all we are very grateful as without organisers there would be no Chameleon.

All our events are open to new members with the Pub Night a great place to meet up. You would be welcome to join us for a drink on the last Friday of the month at The Crown, Amersham Road, Hazlemere from 8pm. There is food available if you wish to eat and many members take that opportunity to skip the cooking at home!

Our membership includes a number of local people from Totteridge, Terriers and surrounding areas. If you are single, 40 – 60's, looking for a great 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 one of our membership secretaries Heike 01494 – 459246 or Joyce 01494 – 817895 or e-mail: chameleon_bucks@tiscali.co.uk. Visit us on-line at www.bucksvoice.net/chameleon for more information and an events listing.



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Amid exams, revision and A-level preparation, I decided to take a weekend break and join the 16th High Wycombe Brownies on their Pack Holiday to Ellesborough. Having not been on Pack Holiday for over 7 years, it was so much fun remembering and re-experiencing the traditions of hot chocolate before bed, midnight feasts, half mumbling Graces that everyone *should* know and collecting leftovers in the dreaded slop bucket...! As well as reliving my Brownie childhood memories, being on Pack Holiday as a Leader, rather than a 9 year old girl, was very exciting and a little strange. Firstly, the change in responsibility was quite a difference; now I had to find socks – instead of just losing them – burn my face whilst trying to toast the marshmallows of 15 girls – not just my own – and shout instructions to unsuspecting Brownies on how to empty a bin – instead of doing it myself! I can safely say that being on Pack Holiday as a Leader was just as much fun as going as a Brownie...if not more so! Despite the increase in responsibility, I still made sure I could make myself badges, plant pots and rabbit masks – there was no way I was missing out on any craft activity! I really enjoyed the experience and it made me realise that I definitely want to run my own unit when I'm old enough (and qualified!) It was great to see how much the girls enjoyed themselves and I'm counting down the days to my next Pack Holiday!

Harriet Ferguson. 16th High Wycombe Brownies

And from a Young Leader

From the 15th-17th May, the 16th High Wycombe Brownie group went on a pack holiday to the Ellesborough Guide Centre. The weekend was centred around the theme of 'Alice in Wonderland', and even had a Mad Hatter's tea party on our final day, where we had a picnic on the field outside the centre. All the Brownies loved the weekend, and this was my first pack holiday as a young leader and I really enjoyed it. Throughout the weekend, we did lots of craft activities and played outdoor games with the Brownies as the weather was so nice. My favourite craft was badge making, and all the Brownies loved it too. On the second night we had a campfire and toasted marshmallows which was great. Overall, the weekend was fantastic and really enjoyable

Eloise. 16th High Wycombe Brownies

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- "Messy Garden Party" at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday, 11th July in St Francis Church Hall
- Teddy-Bears' Picnic from 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, 3rd September in the Vicarage Garden
- Bucks Historic Churches "Ride and Stride" on Saturday, 12th September - an opportunity to visit our historic (and recently restored) building that should not be missed.
- Messy Church (for all ages) at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday, 19th September in St Francis Church Hall
- Harvest Supper and Quiz Night at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 26th September in St Francis Church Hall (we shall be joined at this by a group of visitors from our partner parish in Sweden - about whom I hope I shall have a lot more to tell T & T News readers in the next issue)

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Tel: 01494 - 263359

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Tel: 01494 - 529668

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Tel (Parish office) 01494 - 438300

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In memory of Hugh Brocklehurst

Richard Hugh Pierrepont Brocklehurst, known to everyone as “Hugh”, died suddenly in Stoke Mandeville Hospital on 31st March. He was 87 years old and had lived almost all his life in High Wycombe, apart from his years at school in Bradfield and at university in London.

Hugh was the son, and second child, of Richard and Lydia Brocklehurst, who were among the original congregation when St Francis Church was completed in 1930. Hugh, like his sister Amabel, was very musical and joined the church choir at an early age. He finally retired from the choir in the summer of 2014, after eighty years’ service as chorister, choirman, choirmaster and organist.

Church music in the Anglican cathedral tradition was another of Hugh’s great loves and central to the expression of his deep Christian faith. He was active in the Bucks Organists’ Association and in the Royal School of Church Music. Most summers he would spend a week or two away with a scratch choir, singing the services in a cathedral somewhere. He was also responsible for running the Bishop’s Chorister awards in the Diocese of Oxford on behalf of RSCM for many years.

After National Service with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, Hugh spent most of his working life with Rover Cars, ending his career as their chief designer. He remained vigorous and active until the last two years of his life, when a series of infections sapped his strength and made him increasingly frail and dependent on Sally’s care, which was given unstintingly. Hugh’s death, however, came unexpectedly and he died early in the afternoon of 31st March.

He will be missed by many. May the kingdom of heaven be his!




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WYCOMBE WENCHES WI

Wycombe Wenchies have been up to all sorts of things since the last T&T News.

We started with a trip to Hollywood Bowl in the Eden Centre. Although some members demonstrated excellent bowling skills, we will not be entering in any competitions just yet. Food (and the odd glass of wine) play a big part in the life of Wycombe Wenchies and we all enjoyed a lovely meal at the Hit or Miss in Penn Street.

Our spring ramble took place around Downley and finished with lunch in the De Le Spencers Arms. Our next ramble will be in the autumn and family and friends are always welcome. Each year we hold a 'Sparkling Afternoon Tea' and as usual there was an array of beautiful dainty sandwiches, homemade scones and cream and then a selection of cakes. There was plenty of tea and chat!

One of our members is opening her garden for us and as well as giving us an opportunity to learn more about gardening, it will also be a fundraising event and refreshments will be served. We have now started up a Craft Group, with one group meeting in the evening and the other during the afternoon. We have made paper beads, shared patterns for items that members have made, such as knitted chickens, tea cosies and fabric bags for children and adults. At the next meeting members will be learning to crochet.

As you may be aware the WI is celebrating its 100th birthday in September and throughout this year various events are taking place. The WI Centenary Baton is travelling around the country and it stopped off in Buckinghamshire in April. It arrived in High Wycombe on a Harley Davison motorbike. It arrived at Stuart Lodge where the refreshments were provided by us. The traditional cake baking of the WI is alive and well. The Baton will eventually arrive at the Royal Albert Hall for the Annual Meeting in June.

Some of our members will be going to the Bucks centenary garden party at Waddesdon but one of our members will be representing us at the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Wycombe Wenchies will be having their own celebration later in the year.

Our programme for future months is as follows:

June – Wycombe Homeless Connection – Speaker Dr Sheena Dykes
July – Flower Arranging
August – Summer Social
September – Celebrating 100yrs of the WI

We meet at the Totteridge Community Centre in Totteridge Drive, High Wycombe, HP13 6UH on the 2nd Thursday in the month at 8pm until 10pm.

If you are interested in joining Wycombe Wenchies, you can either just turn up to one of our meetings, give Jean a call on 07891 296 631 or email her on wycombewenchies@hotmail.co.uk. We welcome new members of all ages.

To find out more about Wycombe Wenchies visit our website: <http://wycombewi.weebly.com/>