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## Events & Information Diary

### Thursday 8th June

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

Monthly meeting of the W.I. Talk this month is "Embroidery and Beadwork". Guest speaker is Marcelle Siddall.

### Wednesday 2nd June / 12th July / 9th August

**Wycombe Wenches W.I. Meeting. Totteridge Community Centre 8-10pm**

The W.I. meets every 2nd Wednesday throughout the year with a wide range of activities and guest speakers.

### Friday 23rd June

**Rennie Grove Groovy Shoes Day**

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### Thursday 6th July

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

Monthly meeting of the W.I. which this month features a Garden Party.

*(Note: There is no meeting in August)*

### Sunday 9th July

**Pann Mill Open Day on The Rye**

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### Sunday 20th August

**Deadline for the autumn 2017 edition of T & T News**

Our next edition will be delivered from early September.

### Thursday 7th September

**Terriers W.I. Meeting 7:45pm at Cedar park School, Hazlemere**

Monthly meeting of the W.I. . Talk this month is "The Czech Connection".

Guest speaker is Neil Rees

Remember to let us know your events for the diary. Between printed editions we can include your events on our web site diary.

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## WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the 10th anniversary edition of T & T News.

It was back in June 2007 when we first did a trial edition of the community magazine. That magazine was just 8 pages black & white photocopied with a print run of 1000 copies. By the first full edition in September we had increased to 16 pages and more than doubled the print run.

T & T News remained a B&W publication until 2010 when we went colour. Over subsequent years the magazine has grown to the current 32 page full colour magazine and is still published four times a year.

Many of our current advertisers, distributors, contributors and readers have been with us from the start. If you were we thank you very much for your support. If you have joined us along the way you are very welcome too.

Here's to the next 10 years of your community magazine which I hope will continue both in print and on-line to serve the local community.

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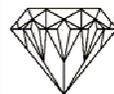
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**Chapman-Jemmett Special Contribution Shield** – Shafique Eisa won this award for the second year running. Together with his wife Louise, he again ran our BBQ stall at the Hazlemere Fete in what turned out to be the single largest fund raiser in the club's 21 year history, beating his previous year's club record. This made the club financially secure throughout the season giving us the confidence spend more freely whereas we may have had to be more rigid to the budget.

**Chairman's Award, Clubman of the Year** - Last in this line up is Oliver Witney. Oliver works tirelessly overseeing all the mini groups as well as running his own team, also he is extremely pro-active in all club functions and a driving force in promoting the club. Beyond all this, he took on some of my secretarial duties following my heart attack in the early part of this year, allowing me to step back during my recovery period. He is without doubt, a great asset to the club.

### **HAZLEMERE FETE**

As mentioned above, the August bank holiday Hazlemere Fete has become a significant fund raiser for us. For the 6<sup>th</sup> year running we will be attending with our ever so popular 'beat-the-keeper'; this provides an excellent opportunity to show case the club to attract new players and volunteers as well provide a bit of fun to the punters. The BBQ is the real money spinner though and again we will be looking to our club membership to help on the day. Any offer of help will be gratefully received. The 'beat-the-keeper' is also proving to be popular with invites coming in from Highworth School and a charity event on the Rye.

### **TEAM MANAGERS & HELPERS WANTED**

With more joining we now have over 40 young players at our Saturday morning 'mini' training sessions down the Rye, we could really do with more 'coaching' help and possibly 'managers' to introduce new age groups to provide football to a greater cross section of the local community.

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### TEAM NEWS

The club has enjoyed one of its best finishes to a season in many years.

The Under 16's, under team manager Liam O'Rourke in his first year at the club, completed the league season with a 4-0 win away at Widmer End Colts to take the runners-up medals. In celebration of this achievement the team 'hired' Thame United's stadium to play out a grande finale with a convincing win over Crendon Corinthians to bring an highly successful season to a close.



The club re-visited Thame United again the following day as the Under 12's took on Thame Boys in the final of the South Bucks Mini Soccer Conference blue division play-off, despite taking an early lead they eventually went down 2-4 to finish runners-up as well. They soon brushed off that disappointment and went on to win the Beaconsfield Town 6-a-side tournament the following day. Not to be outdone by this success, the Under 11's reached the final of the Risborough Colts 6-a-side tournament beating Long Crendon 3-0 in the semi's before losing to Radnage Raiders 0-3 after a close first half. There are a few more tournaments still to play so further success could just around the corner!

### AWARDS



We changed the format for this years awards and held a BBQ at Wright's Meadow. Cllr Julia Wassell who recently made a generous donation to the club, came down and handed out the awards as our guest of honour. Amidst the normal player achievement awards there were a few top club honours that deserve a special mention here: (Cont P.29)



### Terriers Evening W.I.

“Fags Ends and Frustration” was the intriguing title of the talk by N.G.Fielding which entertained us at our March Meeting. Mr Fielding had for many years been a member of the Regional Crime Squad. His talk covered not only the successes of his team in apprehending criminals but also the time and patience it may take to build a suitably strong case to achieve a prosecution.

At our April meeting Dr Brenda Harold opened our eyes to the botanical richness of our local area by her talk on the wild flowers of the Chilterns. Few of us knew how diverse the habitat is and how fortunate we are. Dr Harold illustrated her talk with many beautiful photos of the flowers we may find if we look carefully enough.

In April we hosted the Spring meeting of the Group to which we belong. Our speaker was the very entertaining Debbie Brady telling us of her life as a Fleet Street photographer and showing us some of the ground breaking photos she had published. One of our members had the dubious pleasure of being decked out in all the gear which a press photographer has to carry, including a small step ladder.

May saw the meeting at which the members discussed the resolutions to be presented at the Annual Meeting in Liverpool on 7 and then decided how to instruct their delegate to vote on their behalf.

Our quiz team, comprising Celia Carter, Chris Gray and Margaret O'Connor is one of the eight teams from Bucks which will contest the final of the 3 Counties Quiz in June. Of those eight teams we achieved the highest score. This we hope is a good omen for when we meet the other finalists from, as said, Bucks and eight teams each from Bedfordshire and Herts.

Future meetings are:-

6 July	Garden Party
August	(No meeting in August)
7 September	The Czech Connection with Neil Rees

We meet at Cedar Park School, Cedar Avenue, Hazlemere at 7.45pm and are always pleased to welcome new members.

For further details please contact Margaret O'Connor 075026 12093

Back in February frontline air ambulance staff treated students from The Highcrest Academy to a special tour showing them around their helicopter and answering questions. The school send 11 pupils to RAF Benson on a fact finding mission as part of the academy's year long commitment to support Thames Valley Air ambulance as its chosen charity.



The students who visited the base were winners of a special Highcrest competition which asked students to submit questions to be put forward to crew members. Questions included How Stressful is it working long hours? What do you do in a life or death situation? How long does it take to train as a paramedic or pilot? What equipment do you use when there is a patient on board?

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The developments will include:

- The launch of community hubs at Marlow and Thame Hospitals
- Frailty Assessment Clinics
- Locality integrated teams to provide joined up care
- Rapid response intermediate care
- Community care coordinator

The trust will monitor how well things work over the next six months and use what is learnt for any final plans, with a view to a further expansion of the scheme to other parts of the county.

Further information can be found at:

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## Jason Watkins becomes Patron of Child Bereavement UK

BAFTA award-winning and Olivier Award-nominated stage, film and television actor, Jason Watkins, has become a Patron of Child Bereavement UK. The charity supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement.



Watkins is a much-loved face of British drama; he recently appeared as Solomon Coop in *Taboo*, Tim Ifield in *Line of Duty* and Mr Humphries in the tribute to *Are You Being Served*. He also played Simon Harwood in *W1A*, Herrick in *Being Human*, Gavin in *Trollied*, and Gordon Shakespeare in the *Nativity!* film series. His lead role in two-part drama *The Lost Honour of Christopher Jefferies* won him the BAFTA TV Award for Best Actor of 2015.

Very sadly, Jason and his wife Clara's two-and-a-half-year-old daughter Maude died of sepsis in 2011. He dedicated his 2015 BAFTA award to her and has actively campaigned to raise awareness of sepsis and its symptoms. Jason is also an Ambassador of UK Sepsis Trust.

*He said: "The physical and emotional trauma of losing your child is overwhelming, but Child Bereavement UK provide a touchstone that you can access, giving you practical tools to help you carry your loss with you as you move forward. Child Bereavement UK's work supporting bereaved families is vital and I am delighted to help raise awareness of their important work."*

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## Totteridge Recreation Ground

A consultation summary report has been issued into possible developments at Totteridge Recreation ground. This follows on from a questionnaire that was distributed in 2013 to residents living nearby and followed up by a workshop to capture local residents views on community and open space facilities. The results from the workshop were used to inform Wycombe District Council so decisions could be made about future community and sports facilities.

The aim of the consultation was to find out:

- Did people use Totteridge recreation Ground?
- Within the Recreation Ground which location was preferred for a community hall?
- Which of the open space developments they thought would be most used by people.
- Would they support improvement to cricket facilities so a local team can play there?
- From a free text area to find any other comments not covered by the prescribed questions.

The consultation period ran from 21st November 2016 to 12th January 2017. The council received 56 completed questionnaires plus one letter by post and four e-mails.

Responses gave a majority support to:

- Using the recreation ground (Almost all)
- New Community Hall at the car park end
- Support for improvement to cricket provision
- New circular path with lots saying they would use the facility

Other areas such as new seating, gym equipment, outdoor tennis tables, ground trampolines, a ball wall, crickets nets, improved cricket pitch and table, new tennis and multi game courts all received support where some people would use the facilities.



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## Highcrest enterprise team lights up Lithuanian trade fair

Enterprising Highcrest Academy students saw their name in lights after inventing a new gadget to give people a cheap way to hook up neon lighting. The invention was so successful that five Year 10 students and two teachers from the school were flown to Lithuania in March to showcase it at an international trade fair. The students were part of a Young Enterprise company called Mörk Valo formed at the academy. The company has already sold dozens of the kit, which retails at £4.99 and costs £2.89 to produce.



Christopher Humphries, Business teacher and Young Enterprise Co-ordinator at the academy, says Highcrest was the only Bucks school represented at the international fair. In all, it was one of just three UK schools among the 50-strong group of companies at the event. Pupils had to give presentations and present a video about their product. Mr Humphries said: "It was an incredible experience. I was very proud of our students who were brilliant. They were at a disadvantage because most of the other schools represented had students who were four to five years older than ours, but our team performed so well." The inspiration for the kit came after a visit to the God's Own Junkyard in London, which exhibits neon artwork.

Ruby Mitchell, 14, who was one of the five-strong team that flew to Lithuania, explained: "I visited the junkyard in London and wanted to buy a light but then I saw it had a £200 price tag and thought we could come up with a simpler alternative for people to use. "The trip to Lithuania was a really good experience and helped us open up a bit and become more confident." Fellow student Robert Wallace said: "I really enjoyed the trip. It was interesting to see the other enterprise groups and products. I learnt how to present my product and gained quite a lot of confidence from doing so."

The kits, which are packaged in a box, are made of electroluminescent wire connected to a battery pack. They allow, for example, people to put up neon displays of their artwork or make colourful lighting displays on their walls. Humza Akhtar, 15, who is Managing Director of Mörk Valo, added: "We sold 25 kits at the Eden centre when we had a stall there earlier this year. We believe that the reason why we had a successful outcome was because our product was new and unique."

The success of the project comes after Highcrest was named last year as the UK winner of a major European schools award project. Assistant Headteacher Gaynor Weldon was flown out by competition organisers to Riga in Latvia on September 22 to collect Highcrest's prize in the Entrepreneurial School Awards.

Mörk means dark in Swedish and Valo means lights in Finnish.

## Annual Crime Figures Published

The annual crime figures across the Thames Valley policing area were published on 3rd May.

Overall crime in the Wycombe district increased by 6.4% which fared better than the figure across the force of 7.2%. There were some areas where crime had significantly decreased however such as robbery which this year went down by -16.2%. Shoplifting on the other hand saw an increase of 26.9% and making off without payment was up 25%. Homicide saw the biggest rise of 100% but in context there were just 2 incidents over the year up from one in 2015/16 and none in 2014/15.

Crimes against society saw an increase of 11%. This included a 10% increase in drug offences, 13.7% for trafficking and 9.3% for possession.

Hate crime overall was up but religious incidents recorded fell significantly by 67%. Disability recorded crime was up 20% but non crime occurrences were down by 22%. Domestic abuse recorded crime was also up by 9%.



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The Lotto was formally launched by the Mayor on 24th May 2017 and will have a jackpot prize of £25,000 for matching six numbers. There will be other cash prizes of £2,000, £250 and £25 plus a chance to win three free tickets.

There will be two parts to the Wycombe lotto scheme. Local good causes will be able to join up and promote their own dedicated webpage to raise funds. When people buy Wycombe Lotto tickets directly through their preferred local good cause 50p in every pound spend by players using this method will go to that cause. A further 10p will go into the general community chest fund and the remaining 40p will be put towards the prizes, operating costs and VAT.

Players who do not wish to support a specific cause will still be able to play with the full 60p in every pound going into the general community chest.

Wycombe joins a handful of councils currently running local lotteries including Aylesbury Vale, Portsmouth and Corby. If you work or volunteer for a good cause and would like to find out more e-mail:  
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This edition of T & T News marks our 10th Birthday. We know many of you have been regular readers since we started back in 2007. Things have changed during that time and we want to hear your stories on how different Totteridge & Terriers is now.

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If you run a local group and would like to let the community know what you do, attract new members or get support for an event then get in touch. The deadline for our autumn 2017 edition is 20th August.

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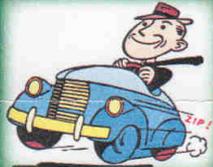
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**What's Going on in Girlguiding?**

Many units attended the District Thinking Day event – a dance workshop for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides (Leaders had a go too!). Different dance styles from around the world were tried including African dance, Jazz dance, Ballet and Bollywood/Bhangra, these were demonstrated and supervised by dance students from Wycombe New University and the event was enjoyed by all.

Several units took part in the Division swimming gala at Wycombe Leisure Centre and had a great time. Girls from several units, both Brownies and Guides took part in the High Wycombe Gang show and their units went to watch and support them. The Leaders got together for a social at a dessert restaurant in High Wycombe which gave us all the opportunity to catch up with one another.

**Brownies** have been covering the topics of Kindness, National 'Be Heard' day and what it means to 'be a buddy'. Some girls have been working on their friends to animals badge and their writers badge (with the help of explore learning) and one unit did the Road Safety badge last term and did a science experiment following their visit to Guide HQ in January. Two units have been on residential weekend holidays.

**Guides** went climbing at 'The Climb' at Amersham Leisure centre. They decorated cakes for Comic relief and worked on the Go for its (projects) of Passion for Fashion. Sports, Fitness and Healthy Eating. One unit went on a residential to Phasels Wood where they did pedal racing and a Cresta run, they also had a service for Thinking Day and did litter picking on the Rye and nearby woods.

**Senior Section** - recently the East District Rangers went to the local dessert cafe to treat themselves. It is the last week before the GCSE exams start, and a lot of the girls in the unit have been working very hard. Although it seems like a lot of our meetings include various different types of food - we are also an adventurous lot and do a variety of activities. Last term we had a particularly memorable evening when Berkshire Reptile Encounters brought some of their exotic animals to our meeting. The girls had lots of fun holding snakes, lizards, giant snails, and even cockroaches. They asked questions and learnt a lot, some of them seeing these creatures in real life for the first time. Pictures of horrified yet fascinated faces as a cockroach was placed into their hands will be providing us with good memories and laughter for a long time to come. The girls were very proud of themselves and had lots of fun. They definitely want Berkshire Reptile Encounters to visit us again, but until then we have climbing, swimming and lots more to do.

**Samantha Barlow**



### Desperately Seeking Susan

A special thank you goes out to all who donated to this appeal. With the generous support given the hospice raised an amazing £36,075. The hospice hopes to recruit a new nurse very soon which will ensure they can continue to respond to patients as needed.

### Marathon Team

The 20 strong team running for Rennie Grove in the London Marathon have so far raised a total of £45,000. Well done to all who trained hard to ensure this and raise the much needed funds. It is a fantastic achievement and already plans are underway for entry into the 2018 London Marathon. If you would like to take part next year as part of the hospice team then visit the web site [www.renniegrove.org](http://www.renniegrove.org) and complete an application form.

For those looking for something shorter and sooner than the Hemel Hempstead 10k run may be for you. There is also a 1.5k superhero fun run for kids. More details on the web site.

### Bereavement Support

A new bereavement support group has started in Tring in addition to those at Hazlemere and Grove House in St Albans. The new group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the High Street Baptist Church.

The sessions are designed to give people the opportunity to come together and talk openly about their loss and open up to anyone who has been bereaved. You can find out more on the web site or e-mail [family.support@renniegrove.org](mailto:family.support@renniegrove.org)

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*Wycombe Wenches WI* will also be continuing with their own home spun events under a thriving additional activities programme. We have a well-attended book club, theatre group, bake and share section and craft group as well as our own regular yearly and seasonal events. For July, members have devised a treasure hunt which will mean following clues around High Wycombe getting exercise, having fun and engaging our brains all at the same time. In August, we shall celebrate our summer social with an indoor picnic and tea cup floral competition. We have enjoyed our monthly speakers who taught us how to make fascinators for our hair; learned the first moves of Tai Chi and explained the ups and downs of a stuntwoman.



We have an open door policy to welcome any woman wishing to become a member. Come along and try a few taster sessions if you are wary of joining straight away. We currently have 34 members but have room for more should you wish to join us.



For the opportunity to make new friends and join in a wide variety of activities, why not get in touch? We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, in Totteridge Community Centre, from 8-10 pm. Guests and prospective new members are always made welcome so don't be shy, contact us and try us out.

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Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June – Birth of John the Baptist  
Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June – St Peter and St Paul  
Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July – St Thomas  
Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July – St Mary Magdalene  
Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Trinity 6  
Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> August – Transfiguration of our Lord (Trinity 8)  
Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August – St Bartholomew

### Regular parish activities:

**Sunday services at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.**

**Communion services each Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.**

“Knit, craft and natter” each **Wednesday at 11.00 a.m.** in collaboration with the South Bucks Hospice.

**Messy Church at 4.00 p.m.** on the **third Saturday** of each month for people of every age: craft work and messy play, a short act of worship and a shared meal.

**Drop-off and Sort at 1.30 – 5.30 p.m.** on the **second Sunday** of each month for donations for refugees (in collaboration with High Wycombe Helping Others).

Services on Saints' and holy days see website: [www.terrierschurch.org.uk](http://www.terrierschurch.org.uk).

The **Julian Meetings** for people interested in exploring meditation and the way of contemplative prayer. These take place in church at 8.00 p.m. on the **first Monday** and at 2.30 p.m. on the **third Monday** of the month.

**Keep Fit** for the not-so-active, church hall at 3.00 p.m. on **Tuesday** term-times.

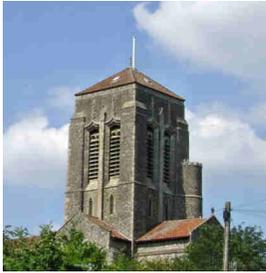
**Christian Aid Lunch**, church hall at 12.30 p.m. each **Friday** during term-time.

The **Walkers United** group meet on the **first Saturday** of each month from February to November for a walk and a pub lunch. Details of starting point published on the church notice-board.

The monthly **working parties** keeping the church grounds tidy on the morning of the **second Saturday** of each month (weather permitting) from around 9.30 a.m.

With every good wish to you and yours at the holiday season approaches.

*Tony Dickinson*



## Summer at St Francis' Church

“The light shines through them”

*This is a politics-free column*

What is a saint? Who is a saint? When I ask that question I am not thinking about people with haloes who appear in stained-glass windows or in paintings. In the Christian scriptures the word “saint” is applied to every follower of Jesus Christ in much the same way that Muslims refer to all who follow the way of Islam as “believers”. In everyday speech, however, it has a more precise meaning. If we say of someone “He” (or more commonly, perhaps, “she”) “is a real saint”, we are not talking about their faith but their behaviour. A “saint” may be to all outward appearances a very ordinary person, but their actions go beyond the ordinary in the way they show love and goodness at work in a human life. They are, to quote the motto of our local Churches Together group on the eastern side of the town, “ordinary people called to do extraordinary things for God” – even though they may not have any clear idea of who God might be.

Each major faith tradition has its own way of recognising and honouring those who are especially close to God, and especially those in whom that closeness has been remembered for generations after their death. During the summer, many Christian saints (or should that be “Saints” - with a capital “S” marking them out as Special?) are remembered in the Church’s calendar with a holy (=special) day. It is from the keeping of those days that we get the word “holiday”, because in times past people did not work on such days. Many of these Saints are people who are linked very closely with the life and death and resurrection of Jesus – and not always in a good way. While the list of summer Saints includes Barnabas, who was described in one of the earliest Christian writings as “a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith”, and Mary Magdalene, the first witness of the resurrection of Jesus, it also includes Simon Peter, who denied three times that he knew Jesus, and Thomas, who doubted the reality of the resurrection. That they are recognised as “Saints” is a reminder that nobody gets it right all the time.

The best definition of a saint that I have heard is one given by a young child, who went to church regularly and was fascinated by the pictures of Saints in the stained-glass windows, particularly loving the bright sunny days when the light streamed through the glass and brought out the rich colours. One day at school the teacher asked the question with which I began: “What is a saint?” The child was the first to raise a hand and to answer, “They are special people. The light shines through them”. By that answer the child may have meant the light of a sunny day, but there is also a deeper meaning. The light that shines through a Saint is not sunlight, but the light of God’s goodness and God’s love.

## CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



Following our AGM back at the end of January we have continued on with many of our regular events throughout spring. As the longer and hopefully warmer days are ahead we are looking forward once more to doing more in the great outdoors. For our costal day trip this year we plan to return again to Southend which we have not visited for a few years. In the past we have been to Clacton, Bognor Regis, Brighton, and the Isle of Wight amongst other destinations. Last year we ventured even further with a mini cruise to St Malo.

We will be getting out on two feet on Midsummer’s Day for an evening walk taking in local paths and Kings Wood between Terriers and Tylers Green. Before that we will have another of our “Meet & Greet” evenings over at the White Lion in Cryers Hill, a Fish ‘N’ Chip lunch at the new Churchills at Park Parade and be visiting Dusty’s Blues Club in Holmer Green for some live music. Our popular visit to the Rebellion Brewery is also back on the programme for early June. If you enjoy a cuppa then our Coffee Morning on the second Friday of June could be for you. There may even be the odd bit of cake on offer too!

Some of our popular events run regularly so there is no reason to miss out with both Friday Lunch Club and the Pub Night taking place every month on the first and last Friday respectively. We also go to the theatre, cinema, live music performances, comedy evenings, and various other events and trips out throughout the year.

All our events are open to new members with the Pub Night a great place to meet up. You would be very welcome to come along and join us for a drink on the last Friday of the month at The Crown, Amersham Road, Hazlemere from 7:30pm. There is food available if you wish to skip the cooking at home and many members take that opportunity!

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. We have several local people from Totteridge, Terriers and surrounding areas and you would be very welcome too. To find out more call our membership secretaries Terrie 01494 445816 or Joyce on 01494 817895 or e-mail: [info@chameleonsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@chameleonsingles.org.uk). You can also visit us on-line at [www.chameleonsingles.org.uk](http://www.chameleonsingles.org.uk) for more information or connect with us through Facebook.



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## Your Community.....Getting Involved

In this day and age of the computer, tablet and smartphone finding a world of information is nothing more than a click of the mouse or tap of the touchscreen away. But even with this technology at hand knowing what is around locally is not always easy. Below are just a few organisations, groups and public groups you may wish to get involved with. Even if none of the below are of interest then you are always free to click or tap away for more information.

#### W.I. (Women's institute)

As the name suggest this one is for the Ladies. Locally we have two active groups, Terriers W.I. and Wycombe Wenches. Both are regular contributors to this magazine but more importantly welcome new members.

#### Men in sheds

Men in sheds is a place where men of all ages can come along and take part in activities similar to what they would do either at home or in the garden but with the bonus of like minded men providing good company. A typical "Shed" provides materials, equipment and tools to enable members to develop interests and get involved in productive activities either using existing skills or learning new ones.

#### NAG's (Neighbourhood Action Groups)

A NAG is an initiative set up to deal with key issues identified by the community. The group is co-ordinated locally by Thames Valley Police. Typically NAG's consist of residents including young people, district and parish Councillors, representatives from the business community, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and the local Policing team. Each NAG usually identifies three key priorities for the policing team to address with the assistance of the community.

#### Scouts, Guides & Sports Clubs

There are several local groups and clubs you can join locally. All are run by volunteers for the benefit of young people although of course in the case of sports clubs there are those that cater for adults too. Some are local while others may involve travelling a little further across High Wycombe.