

Totteridge and Terriers News

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Totteridge FC was formed in 1996 with the objective of providing boys (and girls) in the local community with the opportunity to play organised football within the local leagues. Initially only one age group was catered for, but since that time the club has grown. In the current season we are running teams at four age groups – U13, U14, U16 and U18. Each team is competitive in the league in which it plays through the winter. In addition each team usually enters a number of local tournaments between seasons and the club is proud to boast a number of league, cup and tournament honours won over the years.

Matches are played on Sundays with home games being played at Highcrest Community School (younger teams) or Hazlemere recreation ground (older teams). The club also runs a small number of social events through the season to boost club funds and keep player subs to a minimum.

For next season, the club is very keen to extend the number of teams it operates – ideally to a position which means every age group from U7 to U18 is covered. We are particularly keen to reintroduce younger teams as we have operated in previous years to play the ever popular ‘mini’ football, this provides an excellent introduction for younger players into football. To this end we are always interested to hear from potential new players. However teams do not run themselves and as such we also need to hear from parents or adults that would be prepared to run or help run new teams. This can be hard work, but it can also be very rewarding work as our current managers and helpers will testify.

If interested, please contact the club secretary or other club official. Contact details can be found on the club’s website:- <http://tottfc.intheteam.com> If not, please do look at our website anyway where you will find all kinds of facts and figures, results, league tables and even match day photos. You might change your mind!

Eric Chapman, Chairman, Totteridge FC

That’s it....Join us for our Summer edition in June 2008. Thanks for reading T & T News and don’t forget to let us know your news, stories and comments for the next edition. Bye for now.

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WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to another edition of T & T News. In this edition we have lots to report with definitely no padding! May I firstly thank all of those who have submitted an item for this edition. We are as ever keen to hear from as many local groups in the area as possible. If we have yet to mention an organisation that you are connected with then put pen to paper or engage mouse and send us your news.

Thank you to all those who entered our ‘Spot the Shot’ competition in the winter 2007 edition. We have now selected a winner so well done to Jean in New Drive who receives a £10 Argos voucher. The answer was Totteridge Recreation Ground.

In this edition we hear about potholes and streetlights, efforts to revitalise Totteridge Social Club and a bit on some of the volunteering opportunities available. Our regular contributions on Girlguiding, Neighbourhood Policing and news from local churches is all inside your local community magazine.

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THE GUIDE— Travel Update

From April 2008 there is going to be a major change to concessionary bus travel. The change is being introduced as a result of the Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 that was introduced in the House of lords on 27th November 2006. The act provides that everyone over 60 in England, and disabled people in England, will get free off peak travel on all local buses across the country from April.

From next month no longer will you be restricted to the use of local bus services only in your home county and a few selected places outside. You will be able to use a local bus anywhere which will be highly useful when visiting friends and relatives or perhaps taking a holiday in England away from it all.

Off peak travel hours are generally defined as between 9:30am and 11pm. Travel before this and late at night will not be available under the concession. However this is part of the statutory requirement and some authorities may decide to extend this into other times.

If you have been thinking about getting out further than the county boundary then from April jump aboard the bus. However, the concession does not apply to long distant services such as those run by National Express and some other special services such as those running to major airports.

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About T & T News...

T & T News is published four times a year in March, June, Sept and Dec. 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 June edition please get your articles and advertising to us by 20th May 2008.

THE GUIDE— Events

Tuesday

Hobby / Art Club at Totteridge Baptist Church, Hillary Road.
7:30—9:30pm in the Church Lounge. If you have an interest in art or a hobby to share with others then come along. If you don't have a hobby then this is your chance to learn a new one.

Sat 29th March—Steve Price, Gospel Illusionist

Totteridge Baptist Church 3pm to 5:30pm.
Entrance is free by ticket only from Mike Birmingham or Stella Dixon. E-mail: minister@totteridgebaptist.com or telephone 01494 533502.

THE GUIDE— Clubs & Associations

Totteridge Social Club

Located on Totteridge Drive the club has a bar area, kitchen, large hall that can be split in two and a stage. The club closed its doors in November 2007 but plans to re-open subject to funding and some works being carried out. Membership enquiries please call 07527—796197 or e-mail: totteridge-sc@btconnect.com

Chameleon Singles Group

Locally based singles group aimed at the 30+ age group. Chameleon offers a wide range of events to suit its varied membership. There are pub nights, meals out, day trips, at home evenings, Skittles / Bowling evenings and more. The group is not a dating service and exists solely as a social group run by and for its members. To find out more call Joyce on 01494—461328 or e-mail: chameleon_bucks@tiscali.co.uk. Details of events and more information can be found on the groups web pages at www.bucksinfo.net/chameleon.

Totteridge FC

Formed in 1996 the club currently offers teams in four age groups and is open to both boys and girls. New players and adult helpers would be very welcome. The club can be contacted via the web site at <http://tottfc.intheteam.com>

Potholes & Streetlights

Val Letheren, County Councillor, Amersham Hill and Terriers and Cabinet member for Transportation at Bucks CC Reports....

After another wet winter potholes are fast appearing on some of our roads. The majority are picked up by the highways staff who make regular inspections, but we also rely on information from members of the public. You can help us by calling Highways on Call on 0845 230 2882, or by e-mail at hoc@buckscc.gov.uk to report them. Deep potholes of 40mm and extending greater than 300mm in any direction or more can cause imminent danger to the road user and we aim to deal with these within 24 hours of being notified. Lesser potholes will be dealt with where possible in 28 days. Please let us know if you spot one, giving its exact location where possible.

Out of order streetlights are also a concern during the long dark nights. You will see a sticker on each lamppost asking you to report failure. Again, if you have one near you please let us know; contact Highways on Call and quote the number on the lamppost and its location. This helps us to repair them quicker.

Terriers Playgroup Spring Fair

Sat 15th March at St Francis Church Hall

2:30pm—4:30pm

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AGE CONCERN SEEKS NEW FRIENDS

There is no need for any of Buckinghamshire's elderly residents to feel lonely and neglected thanks to the work of Age Concern in the county. A befriending scheme provides friends to spend time with elderly people in the convenience of their own homes.

The service is reliant on volunteering input and the scheme urgently needs more volunteers. People might be surprised to learn volunteers are of all ages and come from many walks of life. There tends to be slightly more females than males, but otherwise there is a healthy diversity of backgrounds.

If you are interested in volunteering for the befriending service then contact Mike Brooks of Age Concern Buckinghamshire on 01296 388060 or E-mail: mbrooks@ageconcernbucks.org.uk

COMMUNITY MATTERS BUCKS

Community Matters Bucks is looking for a volunteer Treasurer and executive Committee members. It is the local representative body for community centres, a charity and an autonomous local federal organisation supporting community groups throughout the county. It is a local member of Community Matters, the national organisation for community organisations which has over 1,100 members.

The Executive Committee meets 6 times a year and can have up to 15 members. People who are already part of a relevant community association and have experience with fundraising, financial or administration are particularly needed. Younger members and those who are interested in services for young people are also required.

If you are interested in the Treasurer's role or becoming an Executive Committee members contact Peter Lawson, Honorary Secretary, Community Matters Bucks on 01296 392498 or E-mail: office@communitymattersbucks.org.uk

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Girlguiding

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girls in the lead

Local Guiding News in Totteridge and Terriers

Rainbows 5 – 7 year olds have been having fun at a Animal Theme evening, making ping pong popcorn, firework cakes and Remembrance day flowers. Currently they are working on a Road Safety project.

Brownies 7 – 10 year olds have enjoyed indoor Pack Holiday weekends near Whipsnade and Bracknell. At weekly meetings they have done lots of activities including crafts, fun and games, cooking and eating pancakes and having pancake races. They have also enjoyed a visit to the Fire Station, gained several badges including First Aid and took part in the Christmas Carol concert at Highworth School.

Guides 10 –15 year olds have had successful summer activity camps at Lees Wood near Watford and at Blacklands Farm in East Sussex and have been 10 pin bowling. This term girls have done a variety of activities from their project style 'Go-for-its' on the themes of Parties, Healthy eating and Glamour. The girls working on their Baden Powell award (the highest award in the Guide Section) organised a Ready, steady cook evening. For Christmas boxes were filled with gifts for the Operation Christmas appeal for disadvantaged children.

Rangers 14 – 25 year olds have taken part in a Games and Quiz evening, held a Bin-bag Ball (dressing up in bin-bags) and had their favourite chocolate fondue evening. They went on a trek down to Pizza hut and also enjoyed a Fireworks evening with sparklers, hot dogs and toffee apples

Adults In 2007 two of our young Adults took part in an expedition to walk the Great Wall of China. This was a trip organised by Girlguiding UK and its purpose apart from being a personal challenge was to raise money for charity.

Guiding offers many International opportunities for girls of Guide age and above.

Girls from all sections , Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers will have the opportunity to attend Sleepovers, Pack Holidays, Camps and Holidays over the coming months.

Are you a Young Person aged 5 or over? Would you like to come and join us?

We all have great fun from the youngest Rainbow to the oldest Adult. If you are interested, then please let us know. Most of our units have spaces for young people and we are always in need of extra Adult helpers. If you would like to join us and have fun, please just give us a call.

If you are interested in joining Guiding as a girl or adult (young or old) please contact Julie Plummer 01494 528478.

Neighbourhood Policing - News from Thames Valley Police...



POLICING IN YOUR AREA

Neighbourhood Policing began in Terriers and Totteridge nearly a year ago. The team is finally complete and the Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) for the area are in their infancy.

Terriers and Totteridge have the highest population of people under 18 in the Wycombe District. We also have a high proportion of adults in their senior years.

There is a lot of work to do and we will utilise resources from the district and county council and other partners wherever possible. We appreciate the help and support we have already had from the community, and this continued support is very much welcomed and encouraged by the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Here is a snippet of just some of the problems the Neighbourhood Team has been working at, on your behalf, in February.

Theft From Vehicles – Terriers & Downley

Terriers and Downley has been plagued by autocrime. Volkswagen vehicles are being targeted. Roads such as Green Hill, Brands Hill Avenue, Windsor Drive and Amersham Hill Drive have been the worst affected in our area.

There have been a number of sightings of the believed offenders, many in the early hours of the morning. Unfortunately many of these sightings are not being reported until much later, despite suspicious males having been seen entering driveways, trying car door handles and even looking into vehicles with torches.

The Neighbourhood Team cannot stress enough how important it is to report suspicious sightings of this nature, at the time, using 999.

Equally so, if you are a victim of a crime, please take the time to report it to Police so we can identify the movement of offenders and put our resources, in the right place at the right time to maximise the opportunity to disrupt and arrest whenever possible.

Drugs Warrant – Hicks Farm Rise

As a result of information received, on Tuesday 5 February a drugs warrant was executed at Hicks Farm Rise, by the Neighbourhood Policing Team. A number of further warrants are planned in the weeks ahead.

Anti-Social Use of Vehicles - Terriers

The team are getting regular reports of vehicles driving recklessly and inconsiderately around the Walton Drive and Gerald's Road area. If you have been affected by this behaviour, please keep a log of times and dates it is happening, and record as many details of the vehicle as possible. This information can then be passed to any member of the Neighbourhood Team. If the offender(s) can be identified, via a registration number for instance, an initial warning can be served. If the warning is ignored Police have the power to seize the vehicle(s) involved.

Mon 17th & Wed 19th March in Holy Week
9:30am Service of word and communion.

Tue 18th March in Holy Week
9:30am Mass

Thur 20th March / Fri 21st March / Sat 22nd March
10am Office of readings and morning prayer

Note: The main liturgies for these days will take place this year at Our Lady of Grace church, Squirrel Lane, Booker. For times of services call 01494 438300.

Sun 23rd March—Easter Sunday
9am—Sung Mass of Easter
10:45am—Mass in Polish
12 Noon—Mass in English

CALLING WALTON DRIVE

Are you receiving me? This is NHW calling Walton Drive. Come in please. Over!

No, the area isn't facing the threat of a landslide after an unprecedented level of rainfall, but it is Neighbourhood Watch calling for help to extend its current scheme along the road and make it even more efficient. Already, six NHW co-ordinators are working with residents to help keep the local environment crime free. The idea now is to recruit two or three more co-ordinators, hopefully from the section between Adelaide Road and Kingston Road.

Recruits could be from any background - ethnic applications will be welcomed - and ideally will have Internet access. The workload - little more than half-an-hour a month - will involve liaising with your neighbours to assist the police in the battle against crime and teenage hooliganism. If you are interested in this worthwhile project contact Geoff Pegg, Chairman of Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association, on 01494.523649 for an initial discussion.

News from your local churches....

This Easter your local churches have a number of services to celebrate this special time of year in the Christian calendar.

St Francis of Assisi, Amersham Road, Terriers

Sat 16th March—Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10am Procession of Palms and Parish Communion

Thur 20th March—Maundy Thursday

7pm Lords Supper and watch until midnight.

Fri 21st March—Good Friday

10am Family Service—Following Jesus along the way of the cross.

2pm The last hour—Prayers and reflection at the foot of Jesus's cross.

Sat 22nd—Holy Saturday

11pm Easter Liturgy

Sun 23rd March—Easter Sunday

10am Parish Communion - A service for people of all ages to celebrate Easter.

Totteridge Baptist Church

Sat 16th March—Palm Sunday

10:15am—All age Family Worship with Uniformed Organisations Parading.

Thur 20th March—Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Remembering the Last Supper. Communion with Easter Bible Readings.

Sun 23rd March—Easter Sunday

10:15am All age family worship

6pm Evening service. "He is alive—We celebrate".

St Wulstan's Catholic Church

Sun 16th March—Palm Sunday

8:45am Blessing of Palms, Procession and sung mass.

10:45am Mass in Polish

12:15pm Mass in English

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Bowerdean Burglar Returned to Prison

Following the release of a prolific burglary offender, the Bowerdean and Totteridge area experienced a high number of house burglaries towards the end of 2007. The same offender has been charged, again for burglary, and he has been re-called to prison.

Windrush Drive/St Hughs Avenue

A number of reports of anti-social behaviour have been made in relation to Windrush Drive. It is believed two different groups are causing the problems. One group has targeted the flats on their way home from school. A further group have been causing problems in mid-late evening. Both groups have been causing a noise nuisance. The Neighbourhood Team are taking steps to engage with these youths and organise some sporting events with them.

Drug use and drug dealing around the area of Windrush Drive and St Hughs Avenue has been identified as adding to the problems. The Neighbourhood Team will seek to conduct stop-searches and arrests and where possible, obtain drugs warrants from the courts, on specified addresses.

The new flats on Windrush Drive have also been targeted by thieves who have stolen lead from the buildings. Police are also actively investigating a potentially dangerous dog that has been removed from an address on Windrush Drive.

Totteridge Road - collision

Many of you will have witnessed the aftermath of a Police pursuit that ended in Totteridge Road on 12th February. A vehicle made off from the Neighbourhood Policing Team and caused a crash in Totteridge Road. Nobody was injured. Two males were arrested nearby. One male has been released without charge. The other is on bail for seven offences, including driving without a licence and driving with no insurance.

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

There are two NAG's up and running in your area. One for Bowerdean & Totteridge, the other for Amersham Hill & Terriers. The NAG's have been focussing on speeding and anti-social use of vehicles.

In response, on 4 February an evening traffic operation was set up and implemented by the Neighbourhood Team. A number of key subjects were stopped and one male was dealt with for driving without insurance and his vehicle was seized. A number of other seizures have taken place across the month. You may also have seen Police Community Support Officers and other NAG members utilising a Speed Indicator Device (SID) to collect data on the volume, location and speed of vehicles in identified 'hotspots'.

How can I be kept updated?

Regular updates and witness appeals are issued via Thames Valley Police's Community Messaging Service. Details of how to join can be obtained from www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org or via The Watch Office at Amersham Police Station on 08458 505 505.

How do I get involved? If you want to find out more or join the NAG for your area, please contact PC 5776 Michelle HEARNE on 08458 505 505 or via email michelle.hearne@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Wellesbourne and Terriers Farm

There has been much discussion and interest locally in the development of both the Wellesbourne site and Terriers Farm. Both these sites have been earmarked for future potential housing development and in the case of Terriers Farm also a possible Park and Ride scheme.

In this edition of the magazine we had hoped to bring you the decision of the Secretary of State. The outcome of this should have been known at the end of February. However we are reliably informed the decision has now been delayed until 10th April 2008. In our June edition we will hopefully have more news and be able to address the impact this will have on our area. Traffic, Parking, Schools and local facilities will all be an issue. Most people living in the newly planned housing will have to travel as this is not expected to provide any employment areas.

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Totteridge Social Club



Work has begun on re-vitalising Totteridge Social Club in Totteridge Drive. The club closed its doors in November with diminishing membership and rising costs that could not be met. A public meeting held on 19th January and chaired by District Councillor Tony Green saw around 70 people attend as the result of a flyer posted through the doors of local residents.

A Sunday morning clean-Up on 24th February saw around 30 people turn up, some as early as 8:30am for what was a planned 11am start! Clearance of the site was substantial with some work on the inside carried out too. The outside area was badly overgrown and the team of volunteers worked hard to clear the site. The outside of the club was very much transformed and is already looking a lot better. There is still a lot of work to be done before the club can re-open.

A short meeting was held afterwards to establish new members for the committee. They will be formally elected next year assuming they wish to continue in office.

If you are interested in joining then please call 07527—796197 or e-mail: totteridge-sc@btconnect.com



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