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The modern front of the Royal Grammar School as seen from the Amersham Road. The school this years celebrates its 450th Anniversary.

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## WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the spring 2012 edition of T & T News. How time has flown by in more ways than one with the London 2012 Olympics just a few short months away. Time has also flown by in the T & T News office too as we enter our 5th year of publication to the community.

There are at least three other celebrations this year two of which are mentioned in this magazine. Firstly the Royal Grammar School celebrates its 450th anniversary in 2012. As you will see on page 7 there are a number of special events to celebrate this milestone of one of our most well known landmarks not only in High Wycombe but within the county.

The second celebration sees Alan Sewing Business mark up 5 years on the Amersham Road in Terriers. The third celebration which hopefully we shall catch up on in our summer edition is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. If you are having a street or house party then let us know so we can include the details on our website diary. Let us know too after the event how well it went and any special memories of the day or of the original coronation!

We also have news from our regular contributors including Girlguiding and our local churches. If we have missed your news then let us know. We will do our best to include it in a future edition.

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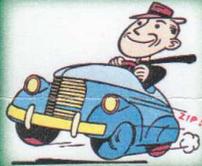
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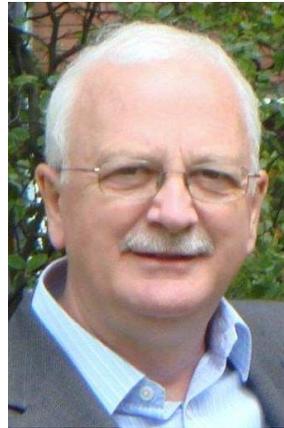
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## MPF Counselling Welcomes New Chairman

MPF Counselling, the Bucks-based charity which offers affordable counselling to adults in High Wycombe and the surrounding areas, is delighted to announce that Andrew Wilton has become the new Chairman.

Andrew has lived locally for the last 30 years and recently retired as Marketing Director for the world renowned Reader's Digest, where he held various different roles spanning 35 years. He joined MPF Counselling as a Trustee at the beginning of 2011.

MPF Counselling offers clients a confidential counselling service to help them deal with issues, such as depression or anxiety, which may have been triggered by recent events such as the break-up of a relationship, low income or unemployment.

Located in the centre of High Wycombe, MPF Counselling can offer appointments during the day, as well as in the evening. It is part of the wpf network, a long-established national body with recognised standards for training, counselling and supervision. In addition, it adheres to the requirements for ethical and professional conduct set by the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy, and is accredited by this organisation.

Andrew Wilton, new Chairman of MPF Counselling, said, 'I joined MPF as I wanted to give something back to the local community by investing some time in an important and worthwhile charity. I was also impressed with the professionalism of the people I've met at MPF and am looking forward to working with them.'

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## Local News Round Up (1)

### Terriers Evening W.I.

In December we celebrated our actual 50th birthday. We were regaled with Christmas stories and poems by Peggy Batchelor who amazed us with her energy especially as we learned she was 95. We heard alternative versions of the 12 days of Christmas. It had never occurred to us how inconvenient all those gifts were particularly a load of messy birds.

In January, Mrs Patience told us about the lives of women and girls in India, focusing on the work of Joe Homan who set up Boys Towns and subsequently Girls Towns in order to give the Street Children a home and education, therefore a better chance in life.

Many of you will be familiar with the sight and sound of the Air Ambulance. In February, Len gave us some insight in to its operation. It was launched in 1999 with a £14 million donation. The funding gradually dried up and the Government were unable to help. The service is now funded to the tune of £124,000 per month by sponsorship and fund raising. They attend, on average, four road accidents a day and save lives by being able to reach the victim within the Golden Hour, the first hour after the accident. Remember them when you pass a clothes recycling point for the Air Ambulance or a donation box. It serves our local areas.

At this meeting we were told that a day had been set aside to raise awareness of the Country Women Worldwide Association which is affiliated to the W.I. It strives to help women across the globe. There is to be a world wide sponsored walk Initially it was hoped to link the walks but this proved too difficult so it is hoped that for 24 hours women will be walking somewhere in the world to celebrate this event.

It has been back to school for some of us, to be precise school dinners. To help the school where we meet and the W.I. to get to know each other, four of us at a time have shared a school dinner with four pupils and a teacher. This has been a truly delightful experience. The children have been good company and have looked after us very well. We even enjoyed the dinner!

### Future W.I. programme

March 29th Ikebana (Japanese style flower arranging)

May 3rd Resolutions plus taster evening of summer recipes.

June 14th The other end of the tape measure.

We meet at Cedar Park School. Cedar Avenue Hazlemere at 7.45 p.m. and are pleased to welcome new members. For further information contact Margaret Rogers Tel. 01494 524947

### Community Fund -

#### County Councillor for Terriers & Amersham Hill Val Letheren reports....

I have used this years allocation to buy a grit bin for Chippendale Close. contributed to the Tree House Highworth School are planning to erect in their memorial garden to a teacher and pupil who sadly passed away, and also two new school signs for each of the Hamilton Road School sites. I am looking for requests for next years fund which starts in April 2012 from residents. (You can contact Val at [VLetheren@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:VLetheren@buckscc.gov.uk))

## Local News Round Up (2)

### 450 Years and Counting

Living in High Wycombe, you will almost certainly have seen two things: the Royal Grammar School's imposing 1960s brick and glass building on the corner of Hamilton Road and Amersham Road, and the ruins of the Hospital of St John down on the A40. Did you know these two buildings are related?

In 2012, the RGS celebrates its 450th birthday. Way back in 1562, Queen Elizabeth I signed a Royal Charter enabling the provision of a Grammar School for the young men of the Wycombe area. The arches you see on the A40 were where the school was then situated. The Hospital of St John had long since been taken over as a school house and had been providing education for a small number of boys in its rooms. 1562 marked an official turning point for this small school and from then on, the numbers have grown to almost 1400 boys, both boarding and day pupils. The Victorian building you now see nestled behind those ruins also housed the school, in early Victorian times before then being used by John Hampden and now as commercial offices. In 1914 the masters and pupils migrated up the hill to a beautiful red brick building on land formerly owned by Lord Carrington with a clock tower donated by Coningsby Disraeli. The rest, is history.

Now in 2012, and at the vintage age of 450, the RGS is celebrating its history and is hosting a series of events for all to enjoy, whatever your connection with the school or the local area. Beginning with a free lecture by Olympic broadcaster Philip Barker in March, the current 'master', staff and pupils welcome you all to a gala year. You can find out what we have planned on our micro-site [www.rgs450.com](http://www.rgs450.com) or by contacting the Development Office on 01494 551428. From family fêtes to balls, concerts, car shows and talks – get involved!

### New Footpath set for Public Enquiry

A new public footpath which would be created by a Definitive map Modification Order looks set to be decided at a public enquiry. The path between Windsor Drive and Sheraton Drive has been a private pathway since the estate of flats was built back in the 1970's. In recent years the pathway has been secured by a gate and this led to an application by a Sheraton Drive resident for an order. The order is supported by a number of residents in Sheraton Drive, Amersham Hill Drive and Arnison Avenue.

However, T & T News understands that ahead of the deadline for objections on 3rd February 2012 a number of residents, flat owners and the freeholder of the land made formal objections to Buckinghamshire County Council. The order was made on 25th October and advised to interested parties on 7th December 2011.

Both objectors, who if the application goes through will have a public path across their gardens, and the applicant and supporters now have a further wait until the issue is resolved. Meanwhile the path remains closed to public use.



This year marks Scannappeal's 25th anniversary and, currently, every 10 minutes a patient is diagnosed or treated with equipment supplied in the past to Amersham, Wycombe and Stoke Mandeville hospitals.

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Challenge25 – get sponsored to undertake a 25 themed challenge.

These are just some ideas – visit the website at [www.scannappeal.org.uk](http://www.scannappeal.org.uk) to find out more or contact Scannappeal on 01494 734161 or email [info.scannappeal@buckshealthcare.nhs.uk](mailto:info.scannappeal@buckshealthcare.nhs.uk).

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*girls in the lead*

Rainbows celebrate a special Birthday this year - they have been going for 25 years. Happy Birthday Rainbows. There will be special events and challenges throughout the year to help them mark this special occasion.

Over 75 girls, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers plus their leaders came together recently as a District to celebrate our special date in Guiding 22nd February – World Thinking Day. The girls took part in Crafts, Games and Singing, along with a quiet time reflecting on this year's theme of MDG7: Saving Our Planet.

This year the Country celebrates 2 more special events. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics 2012. Both of these have generated excitement in the Guiding world and they have produced special Challenges and Activities that all sections will have the opportunity to take part in. In September we will be holding our very own 'Guiding Games Bucks Fun Day'

If your daughter would like to join any of our Rainbow, Brownie or Guide units, we would love to hear from you. Most units do have a waiting list, so it is wise to put names down early. We are also in need of Adult Leaders to enable us to accept more girls into the units. Please email Alison at [alisongieler@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:alisongieler@dsl.pipex.com) for further information.

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## News from St Augustine's

Now here's a questions for you. What do the following have in common? Sir Terry Wogan, Martin O'Neill, Rula Lenska and Fern Briton? Give up? They have all been special guests at the St Augustine's May Fayre. Not all at the same time of course, but over the years since this annual event appeared in the official High Wycombe town calendar.

The May Fare is held on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May on The Rye at the Loudwater end of Holywell Mead. You enter the Fayre from Bassetbury Lane and there is free parking and admission. St Augustine's with helpers from other Catholic churches at Downley, Hazlemere, Booker and Totteridge have staged this event for over 20 years. We pride ourselves on providing a day out for all the family. There are stalls, rides, entertainment and food available throughout the day. The May Fayre is one of the opening events of the annual Wycombe Arts Festival which is a month long celebrations of music, drama, exhibitions and outdoor events.

Once again there will be a distinctive Polish flavour to the May Fayre with stalls selling Polish tapes, books, videos, DVD's and some Polish baking will appear on the cake stall. On the subject of cakes you could also look out for Australian lamingtons!

Key events on the day include.....

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## News from Totteridge Baptist Church

David Hazledine has taken over responsibility at Totteridge Baptist Church as Mike Birmingham retired as minister at the end of February. The church will continue to offer a range of activities along with regular services both on Sundays and at other times during the week.

As Minister Mike was well known within the community and will very much be missed. The church will not be the same without him but has been left in good hands for the future.

We wish Mike all the very best in his retirement and understand he is not moving out of the area. No doubt we shall continue to see him around.

## News from St Francis - [www.terrierschurch.org.uk](http://www.terrierschurch.org.uk)

During Lent the parish of St Francis is supporting the work of **Parkinson's UK**, raising funds for research and raising awareness of this condition. Anyone who would like to know more about how they can help is asked to contact Canon Tony Dickinson in the first instance.

During these weeks there will be a number of special events and services. On **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March**, at 4.00 p.m. in the Church Hall, **Messy Church** will pay tribute to St Patrick, with messy play, and craft activities leading up to a short celebration of the Saint and ending with a shared meal. On **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March** we keep **Mothering Sunday** with a service for all ages at 10.00 a.m. This will be followed on **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March** by a celebration of fatherhood at 8.00 p.m.

On **1<sup>st</sup> April** we will begin our main celebration of **Palm Sunday** with a procession from the Church Hall. This will be followed, not by our usual service for all ages, but by a retelling of St Mark's account of the last days of Jesus's life. There will be a special session of "Club Francis" in the Church Hall for children aged 3-13. This reaches a climax on **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April** when we commemorate The Lord's Supper with a service at 7.00 p.m. This act of worship takes place in the context of a meal, so booking is essential. Please contact the Vicarage (01494 520676).

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April** is **Good Friday**. Instead of our usual pattern of worship there will be a special **Messy Church** in the Church Hall, beginning at 10.00 a.m. Those who prefer a more traditional way of marking this most solemn day are invited to share in **The Last Hour** at 2.00 p.m.

On **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April** we prepare for Easter with a Vigil in the Church Hall at 8.00 p.m. On **Easter Day** itself we begin with a sunrise service at 6.00 a.m., after lighting the new fire we shall hold a candle-lit procession. This will be followed by a simple breakfast and an Easter egg hunt for children and young people. At 10.00 a.m. there will be a service for all ages.

Surrounding all these special events the routine life of the church continues, with the Julian Meeting for meditation on the first and third Monday evenings, Keep Fit in the Church Hall on Tuesday afternoons during school term, the simple bread and cheese lunches for Christian Aid in the Church Hall on Fridays during school term, a walk in the countryside around Wycombe ending with a pub lunch on the first Saturday of each month, the monthly Sunday pub lunch at "The Terriers", mid-week services Wednesdays at 10.00 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We shall hold our Annual Church Meeting on **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April** after the Parish Communion (around 11.30 a.m.). This will be followed by a Parish Lunch. On **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April** we shall celebrate **St George** with a special service at 8.00 p.m.

On **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May** Christian Aid Week begins, and collectors will be going out from many of the churches in our town, including St Francis, to collect money to support the world's poorest people. In the middle of that week on **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May** we keep **Ascension Day** with a special service at 8.00 p.m. and on **Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**, Messy Church at 4.00 p.m.

On **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> May** Christians celebrate the gift of God's Spirit at **Pentecost**. Members of St Francis will join more than forty other congregations for a special celebration "Love Wycombe", at 11.00 a.m. in the town centre. This will follow a simple said Communion service at 9.30 a.m.

*Tony Dickinson*



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## Local Business Celebrates 5 years in Terriers

Local man Alan, celebrates five years of operating his sewing machine and fabric business on the Amersham Road in Terriers.



A former market trader of 26 years Alan knows the centre of High Wycombe well and the needs of his local customers too. The shop trades five days a week and now he no longer has to worry about if its rain or shine it is always dry inside and there is a warm welcome too.

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## CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



It did seem as though we had escaped winter as January came round but perhaps the cold snap showed we were wise to keep most events in the great indoors. We have as I write this piece just had our AGM which thankfully is not the "Annual Gripe Meeting" but a chance to review events of the previous year and look forward to those in 2012. One thing that has been significant recently is the increase in members, so much so that we have moved the regular Pub Night to another venue as we were running out of space at the Red Lion in Penn. We will however still be going there for our Friday Lunch Club usually held on the first Friday of the month.

Our programme has a number of regular events and also some specials appropriate to the season. An example of this is our Pancake Night held on Shove Tuesday which is always well attended at a member's home. We are very open to new ideas and events and encourage all our members to get involved as organisers be it an at home event, trip out or to a venue such as the pub, theatre or cinema. Over the next few months we have a Skittles evening, Brewery visit, Quiz Night, Indian meal, Day Trip to a Steam Railway, Cinema evening, Games night, and a museum visit all planned.

Our pub night on the last Friday of the month is a great place to meet new members and you would be very welcome to come along. We meet from 8pm at The Old Oak on New Pond Road in Holmer Green and there is food available if you wish to eat. You are of course welcome just to join us for a drink, a chat and to find out more about the group. Our Lunch Club continues to be a successful daytime event and we are now holding this at the Red Lion in Penn.

As mentioned earlier membership has been steadily increasing over the last few months and includes a number of local people 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

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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.