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Sunday 20th March

Chiltern Cycle Challenge in aid of Rennie grove Hospice Care

See article on page 27 for more information

Wednesday 6th April

Compulsory Dog Microchipping introduced

From today all dogs must be microchipped by law. (See article on P.6)

Thursday 14th April

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

Monthly meeting of the W.I. Talk this month is on "Life & Times of Queen Mary. New members welcome. (See P.5 for more information)

Wycombe Wenches W.I. Meeting 8pm Totteridge Community Centre

Monthly meeting of the W.I. held on the second Thursday each month. New members welcome (See P.13 for more information)

Monday 2nd May

May Fayre on The Rye

Annual Fayre on The Rye organised by the parishes of St Augustine's and Blessed John Henry Newman. Showcase event for Wycombe Arts Festival. All Welcome.

Friday 20th May

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www.bucksvoice.net/tandtnews

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WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the first edition of T & T News in 2016. The first I hasten to add of four across the year, our 9th year of publication. Time continues to fly by and production of every edition seems to get closer to the previous one. Is this the sign of getting older that the days pass quicker or just that we have more things to fill them?

Is this edition we have all our usual contributors and we are very grateful for their pieces which hopefully keep you informed of local activities. However, we could do with hearing from more of you especially if you have never been featured in an edition of the magazine before. Including a piece about a community, not-for-profit or charitable organisation is usually free so why not getting writing ready for the summer edition?

Talking of summer that's going to be an interesting one nationally. There is the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations, the EU referendum and importantly locally the Big Lunch which I know several communities will be involved with.

Happy reading until next time!

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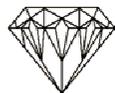
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We welcome to the club Michael Williams who joins our coaching staff having held a similar position over in the Reading area. Mike, who is a FA qualified coach, responded to an appeal placed in the last issue of this magazine and brings with him a wealth of experience we really needed. Following a successful appeal for more help with coaching, another young qualified coach and a brother of a player are now regularly helping out and they are joined by a player's father who is also proving to be a big asset.

As the player numbers continue to grow we are still on the look-out for more help. In the team manager position you will manage the team affairs – arranging and leading training sessions, liaising with opposition managers and parents to arrange matches, setting up and instructing the team on match days, reporting results and attending a monthly club meeting.

All positions are voluntary and a FA Level 1 coaching certificate is desirable but not essential as the club will subsidise the cost of training to the right person. We are always looking to develop and grow the club and are keen to hear from players to join our existing teams and also adult coaches to extend our age range. We also need referees to officiate our matches, again the club are willing to subsidise training costs in return for a commitment to the club; this could be a good introduction for a younger person into refereeing.

If you are interested in helping please contact Peter Jemmett by email peterjemmett@aol.com or for children wishing to play football please call the appropriate team manager:

Under 9's – Frank Milligan 07506 564169

Under 10/11's – Oliver Witney 07706 888441

Under 15's – Richard Porter 07710 825387

Christmas Prize Quiz

Many thanks to everyone who entered our Christmas Quiz with the chance to win a £10 Gift Card of your choice.

Our winner is: Abigail from Terriers

Well Done! - Enjoy your prize



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.

The UNDER 15's have blown hot and cold over the last few matches with a couple of fairly heavy defeats interspersed by an excellent 4-0 win over the then 2nd placed Pitstone & Ivinghoe, this form has left the team bottom half of the table and looking for a decent run-in to finish the season somewhere around mid-table.

Our UNDER 11's are now playing competitive matches but with all scores hidden we don't know how well placed they are in the table, what we do know is that results have picked up since the first part of the season with a good mix of wins and draws which should see them in the upper reaches of the table.

With players continually joining we are now looking to arrange some games for a breakaway UNDER 10's team and indeed one match has been played which has given these players some much needed match experience. The UNDER 9's can produce some good results but are regularly let down by players not turning up for the matches, this leaves us short on the day and not fair on the opposition or those who do make the effort.



A quick trip down to the Rye on a Saturday morning (by Busy Bees) will show we have some really passionate caring coaches & helpers who work well with the children giving us a good foundation to grow. Growth through new younger age groups is important for the future development of the club and our catchment area of Totteridge, Bowerdean and Mickelfield gives us a fantastic base in which to draw new players.



Terriers Evening W.I.

We arrived at our Christmas meeting to the sad news that our entertainer from the Magic Circle had died suddenly the previous week. Jean had been to our W.I. on previous occasions so we felt we had lost a friend. Fortunately a replacement had been found and Cally Foster soon lifted our spirits with songs and readings with a Christmas theme.

Our January meeting started us thinking about holidays, especially in Brittany. Mr. Snailham had a long association with the area. He whetted our appetites with images of historic sites, peaceful countryside and charming coastline.

The committee had been working on further activities for the coming months with ideas of a meal together, taking part in "The Walking Tour of High Wycombe" organised by Wycombe Museum, a rip to Brighton, not forgetting our stall at Pan Mill Open Day in May.

Members were met with a surprise in February. Thinking they were going to study the sky at night the speaker had decided to talk about "Churchill's Toy Shop" This was a secret location during the Second World War where bombs and weaponry were developed Barnes Wallace, who lived locally, was a one time visitor and of course was famous for developing the bouncing bomb which was used to destroy dams in Germany.

Like most organisations, we have a constant need to raise money with raffles, coffee mornings etc. A new venture in February was a "Clothes Rail" where member could swap nearly new items and make a donation to W.I. funds.

Future programme

14th. April **Life and Times of Queen Mary**

5th May **Resolutions**

9th. June **Laughter in the Village**

We meet 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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You can find out more and sign up for the challenge at:

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/healthy-living/active-bucks/pension-for-your-body>



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The Chilterns Cycle Challenge takes place on Sunday 20th March so if you want to take part you need to be quick to register. Join hundreds of cyclists including Fern Britton for either a family-friendly 10k ride or a more challenging 35 or 75 mile route.

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Organising a Big Lunch easy and there is help to get you underway on the web site at www.thebiglunch.com. On the web site you will find resources for posters, invites and more that you can use to publicise your event. There is also a pack that you can order us that includes items such as plates, cups, bunting and full colour printed posters and invite cards.

Locally both Freemantle Road and Windsor Drive have held an annual event so why not join them and your neighbours for a great day together? It's not of course only just about food but also a chance to meet your neighbours (and how many of us do not know people in our street?) and perhaps for children organise some games as well.

Whatever you do for the Big Lunch enjoy the day and celebrating the Queens 90th Birthday. If you would like us to include it on-line on our web site events listing then us know. Your stories and pictures after the event would be great too. Go on show us what a great day you had!

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From Westminster to Wycombe - Steve Baker MP



Defence of the realm is the primary purpose of government. Without peace, strong borders, law and order, civil society and freedom cannot flourish. I believe everyone is equal before the law, and should be treated without fear or favour. There have been a number of local stories in the news recently which have shown this is not something about which we should be complacent.

It was announced in the last few weeks that High Wycombe has been selected as one of nine new areas to receive assistance to tackle gang and youth violence. I am advised we do not have an entrenched gang problem here in High Wycombe, but welcome this intelligence-led preventative work and think High Wycombe will benefit from tailored support from experts to better understand the nature of gang-related violence and exploitation, identify opportunities for collaborative working and share effective ways of tackling local challenges.

Buckinghamshire County Council has recently agreed to a number of recommendations to prevent child sexual exploitation in Buckinghamshire. These recommendations have the potential to be a real step forward in the prevention of this evil criminal activity. I welcome the commitment of the Council to these new measures, and whilst the report itself focuses on prevention, we must also consider the wider issues of detection and prosecution. I stand ready to assist the Council, the police and other institutions in the protection of children.

I am in regular contact with the Superintendent at High Wycombe police station, and we discuss issues to do with crime and disorder in the constituency. In early January, I met Francis Habgood, the new Chief Constable, and expressed my confidence in Thames Valley Police. There will be elections in May this year for the Police and Crime Commissioner, and I hope you will participate and vote for the candidate of your choice.

I know the railway line runs very close to houses in the eastern part of High Wycombe, and a number of constituents have been in touch about noise from trains. I have raised this directly with both Chiltern Rail and Network Rail, and have been told 13 freight trains pass through the High Wycombe section of track each day. I am waiting on a Freedom of Information request to see how this has changed over the last two years and will then decide what more can be done. If you have thoughts on this please contact me. At the same time, I want the best possible service for rail users in Wycombe, and know many constituents use Chiltern Railways to commute to work. In the autumn Chiltern Railways began running a new service to Oxford, which has meant changes to the timetable but has also led to questions about punctuality. I have raised this directly with the Managing Director of Chiltern Rail. Details of the questions raised at the meeting and Chiltern Rail's response will soon be on my website (stevebaker.info).

If you would like to comment on the Government's programme, please email me at: steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk. If you would like my help with a particular Government or Parliamentary issue, please phone my constituency office on 01494 448408.



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Bellway Homes is building a small housing estate around the hospice that will be known as Kingswood. This will be accessed from Totteridge Drive where a pair of pre-fab homes were demolished to make way for the new development.

Both the new Hospice and Homes are on the site of a former first school and for the hospice will be a much bigger and better equipped facility than can currently be accommodated at Pusey House on the Amersham Road.

Three Marathons

Former Bucks Free Press photographer 47 year old Matt Folwer will be running three marathons in as many weeks. The father of two will be taking on the 26 mile runs in Manchester, Brighton and finally London.

Matt only took up running three years ago and is a member of the Handy Cross Runners where he has become super fit with regular training. The challenge will be a tough but worthwhile one raising funds for the hospice.

Outside of his running Matt runs his own photography business and has still found time to complete several marathons already and has booked in for more across the world.

If you would like to find out more, sponsor Matt and support the South Bucks Hospice then visit the web site at: www.sbh.org.uk. Sponsorship and donations can be made through 'Just Giving'. The dates for the marathons are Manchester on 10th April, Brighton on the 17th and London on the 24th.

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You will remember me writing about the work my select committee has done in conducting an inquiry into child sexual exploitation which is a most horrible crime and is still happening in Wycombe as well as other areas in Buckinghamshire. The police have done a great deal to fight this and the select committee presented its report recently to Cabinet with almost all of the recommendation we made being accepted. It is important that the signs of this happening to young girls and boys are recognised and reported immediately. The full report is published on the County Council website.

I am sure that we all worry sometimes about our memories! In Bucks over 6,500 residents have been diagnosed with dementia and the Alzheimer's Society have been awarded a contract for a new service to start on April 1st which aims to offer 1-1 support for individuals and their carers, from their early concerns about memory loss, through diagnosis to planning for the future. This has been commissioned by the County Council and the Bucks clinical commissioning Groups so that early concerns can be quickly identified and support given promptly if required.

Spring is nearly here and the snowdrops and crocuses are in bloom at last. Even although there have been few nights below freezing Winter does seem to have been long and we all look forward to brighter days which will soon be here. I am sorry to be the bearer of grim news this time but it is part of my responsibility to inform. I hope that soon the economy and all that goes with it improves for us all.

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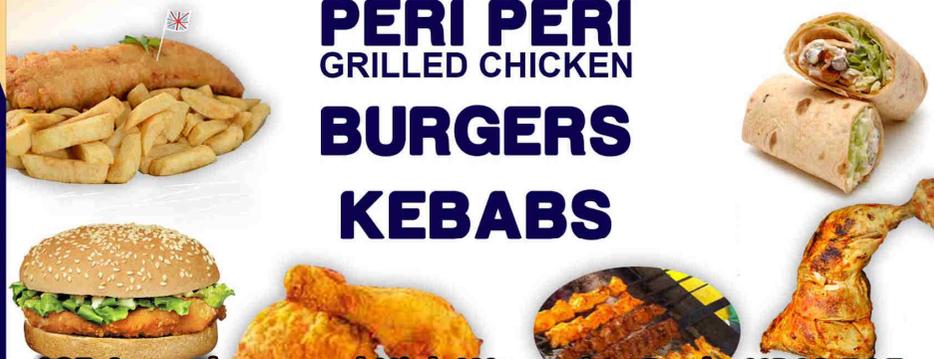
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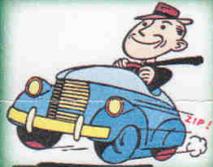
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What's Going on in Girlguiding?

Rainbows have been making Bird Feeders, held a Snow themed evening with snowball fights! Have played lots of games and done lots of craft activities and welcomed 3 new Rainbows into one of the units this term.

Brownies have been Making Salt Dough Heart shaped Candleholders for Valentines Day. Made Lamingtons to celebrate Australia Day. Held a Dance evening where 2 Brownies were promoted to leaders and they ran a great evening. Have decorated Cupcakes, and played lots of games including Hungry Hippos. Have worked on the World Guiding Badge where a past leader came and spoke to them about her World Challenge trip to Sri Lanka. This evening also included authentic vegetable curry that the Brownies sampled in the traditional way eating with their hands. Played the Tut Tut game and had a go at 'trying on a sari'. The Toymaker Badge is next on the list along with lots of other badges and activities.

Plans are afoot for a Sleepover to include a trip to Odds Farm Park and a Pack Holiday at Ellesborough and an Indoor camp.

Guides have held a sleepover, made up Shoeboxes for operation Christmas Child, Learnt and made things about Sri Lanka as they are planning to make a contact with a Guide unit there, cooked pancakes and have been bowling and indoor climbing, as well as working on Go For Its.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides came together to celebrate World Thinking Day by holding a Sponsored sing with songs from around the world to raise money for the Thinking Day Fund.

We are still looking for Leaders to help on a regular basis for all sections but especially Brownie Leaders to keep a unit open. If you would like to have fun alongside the girls and are interested in finding out more, please contact:-

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Tel: 01494 - 263359

St Andrews Church (C of E)

Located on Hatters Lane, High Wycombe HP13 7NJ.
Services are every Sunday at 9:15am & 11:15am.
Tel: 01494 - 529668

St Wulstans Catholic Church

Located on Hollis Road, Totteridge, HP13 7UN
Regular Masses both on Sunday's and at other times during the week.
Tel: 01494 - 438300

St Augustines Church (Catholic)

Located on Amersham Hill, High Wycombe
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Tel: 01494 - 523969

Totteridge Mosque

(Wycombe Islamic & Mosque Trust Limited)
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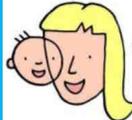
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Wycombe Wenches WI

Wycombe Wenches are a relatively small WI with about 25 members whose ages start in the 30s and gradually increase to 60s. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month in Totteridge Community Centre from 8-10 pm. Guests and prospective new members are always welcome.

The programme is varied and we started the year with a very informative talk about 'Computer Safety'. This was then followed the next month with an inspiring sugar craft demonstration which gave members ideas for decorating cakes for Easter. Throughout the year we will be finding out about Roald Dahl and Bee keeping; learning new skills such as first aid, jiving and personal safety. There is also a thriving additional activities programme which includes walks, visits to theatre, lunches, craft group, supper club etc.

To find out more then why not visit our website:

<http://wycombewi.weebly.com> and come along to one of our meetings, we would love to see you there.

Judith Forster
President.



Since we went to print with the last edition of T & T News Heart of Bucks has had a new Chief Executive, Peter Costello. He is a long term Buckinghamshire resident and senior executive specialising in the not-for-profit/charity sector and brings with him a wealth of experience. He joins from DENS, a charity supporting the homeless in Hertfordshire.

The former Chairman, Graham Peart, offered a personal reflection on Sir Terry Wogan's dedication to his community through his patronage at Heart of Bucks. The well know and loved presenter passed away recently at his home in Berkshire. You can read the full story and find out more about the work of Heart of Bucks on the web site at:

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Visit the Wycombe District Council
Web Site at: www.wycombe.gov.uk
and follow the links to "Find your
Councillor" from the Council
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Sunday, 27th March – Easter Day (Easter 1)

6.30 a.m. – Easter Liturgy followed by breakfast in church and an Easter egg hunt

10.00 a.m. – Parish Communion for all ages

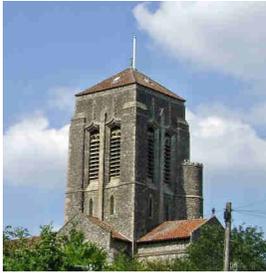
Sunday, 24th April – Easter 5

11.30 a.m. – Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed by "Bring & Share" Lunch

Regular parish activities

- **Sunday services** at **8.00 a.m.** and **10.00 a.m.**
- Communion services each **Wednesday** at **10.00 a.m.** in the traditional style of the Book of Common Prayer.
- **Messy Church** at **4.00 p.m.** on the **third Saturday** of each month for people of every age: a time of craft work and messy play, a short act of worship and a shared meal.
- Communion services on Saints' days and other holy days (details on the parish website: www.terrierschurch.org.uk).
- The **Julian Meetings** for people interested in exploring meditation and the way of contemplative prayer. These take place in the home of a church member at 8.00 p.m. on the **first Monday** and in church 2.30 p.m. on the **third Monday** of the month.
- **Keep Fit** for the not-so-active in the church hall at 3.00 p.m. on **Tuesday afternoons** during school term-time.
- **Christian Aid Lunch** in the church hall at 12.30 p.m. each **Friday** during school 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.

Tony Dickinson



Easter (and beyond) at St Francis' Church

Easter is very early this year, which means that we are already deep into the austere fasting season of Lent. Traditionally, Lent is a time when those interested in the Christian faith have sought to deepen their relationship with God by study, prayer and reflection, and by developing their awareness of the needs of others. Each year in Lent the congregation at St Francis organises a

Lent Project to support a good cause, with social events and other activities to raise funds. This year the cause is the South Bucks Hospice. This is a specially fitting choice because in spring 2017 the Hospice will be moving into the parish of Terriers as it takes over its new, purpose-built premises on the Kingswood First School site. Further

information about what is happening can be obtained by e-mail (vicar@terrierschurch.org.uk), telephone (at 01494 520676) or letter to "St Francis Vicarage, Terriers, High Wycombe HP13 5AB".

Here in the mean time are some dates for your diary:

Saturday, 19th March

4.00 p.m. – Messy Church (*in the Church Hall*, with craft activity and messy play, a short act of worship and a shared meal)

Sunday, 20th March – Palm Sunday

8.00 a.m. – Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. – **Procession of Palms and Parish Communion** (beginning from the Church Hall)

Thursday, 24th March – Maundy Thursday

7.00 p.m. – **The Lord's Supper**

(Please note: this service takes place within the setting of a meal. For catering purposes we need numbers beforehand. Places can be booked by contacting vicar@terrierschurch.org.uk, or by telephoning 01494 520676)

Friday, 25th March – Good Friday

10.00 a.m. – Messy Good Friday (*in the Church Hall*, with craft activity and messy play on an Easter theme and a short act of worship)

11.00 a.m. – "Love Unknown" (following the Way of the Cross in St Matthew's Gospel)

2.00 p.m. – The Last Hour (prayers and readings at the foot of the cross)

CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



.....Another year gone, another AGM behind us and another year of events ahead. As always at this time of year we look forward to spring and summer which means we can start to think about events in the great outdoors once again. We are planning a short Gourmet Cruise to St Malo at the end of May and staying on the food line the BBQ will no doubt be out at one of our members homes on a warm summers evening. Our summer trip to the coast this year will be to Brighton where even if the weather does not turn out to be the best on the day there is plenty to see and do around the old town streets.

Over the last few months members have enjoyed meals out, a film show, brewery visit, a take-away evening, live music and walks. Some of the more popular events are run on a regular basis so there is no reason to miss out. All events both at home or a local venue are organised by members acting as hosts. To them all we are very grateful as no organisers would equal no Chameleon!

Our regular events each month continue to include the popular Lunch Club on the first and the Pub Night on the last Friday of each month. For those interested in live music we also visit Dusty's at least once most months for some great live bands at the Holmer Green Sports Club. Coffee mornings have also proved popular and it is likely we will do more of these both at home and at venues such as Garden Centres and cafes in the coming months.

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 8pm. There is food available if you wish to skip the cooking at home and many members take that opportunity!

Single, 40 – 60's, and 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 in the group and you would be very welcome too. 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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Burns Night Success

The Beaconsfield Fundraising Group hosted their annual Burns Night in January. This was their eighteenth year and over that time have raised the fantastic sum of £100,000.

Around 150 guest attended the first Burns Night held at the Noke Hotel in St Albans. It raised almost £6,000 with thanks to organiser Jenny Lee and everyone involved in the evening.

Could you become an event volunteer?

In 2015 the events team organised nine active fundraising events, which utilised 391 volunteers doing 994 hours work. The help of the volunteers saved an incredible £24,410. This year there is another wide selection of events coming up and any help would be much appreciated.

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