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### Wednesday 8th March

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

Tonight there is an introduction to Tai Chi for all to try.

### Saturday 25th March

**Terriers Playgroup Spring Fair, St Francis Church Hall, Amersham Road**

Annual Spring Fair from 2pm to 4pm. A variety of stalls with plenty to choose from including cakes, Mothers Day gifts, Henna/Face painting and an Easter Egg hunt. There will also be a tombola, raffle and refreshments available.

### Thursday 30th March

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

Monthly meeting of the W.I. Talk this month is "Flower Power with Plants and Animals". Guest speaker is Dr Brenda Harold.

### Thursday 4th May

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

Monthly meeting of the W.I. This month is the "Resolution Meeting".

### Sunday 14th May

**Pann Mill Open Day, The Rye, High Wycombe**

Pann Mill will be open from 11am until 5pm as part of the national mills weekend. There will be freshly milled flour available, bric-a-brac, craft and other stalls. Refreshments will also be available.

### Saturday 20th May

**T & T News Summer edition deadline**

Today is the deadline for articles, news and advertising for the summer edition of T & T News. See page 30 for our contact details. Please get your articles in as soon as possible. Distribution will be from early June.

### 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.

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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That's about it...Join us again in June 2017. In the meantime you can catch up with the latest news on the web at:

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## WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the Spring 2017 edition of T & T News.

Hopefully as you read this edition of the magazine the colder days are easing away and there is a touch of spring in the air. Before you know it summer will be here and we can all enjoy the great outdoors once again. In the meantime for many it will be preparing the garden for the days ahead and there is of course always lots to do.

Time flies too! You will notice this edition of your community magazine is No.39 which means our summer edition will be our 10th birthday edition. Little did we know when we started this publication it would still be running with very much the same team, distributors and advertisers who were with us in that first edition.

Once again we have all the news from your local community and organisations that serve the residents of Totteridge & Terriers. Do please support them and if you can volunteer or get involved.

Happy reading until next time!

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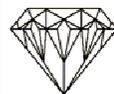


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In this position you would manage the team affairs – arranging and leading training sessions, liaising with opposition managers and parents to arrange matches, setting up and instructing the team on match days, reporting results and attending a monthly club meeting. All coaching & manager 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. Sport helps children develop in many ways, learning key skills for life such as team work, communication and problem solving whilst providing a fun and challenging environment to maintain their fitness levels. Our qualified FA coaches are there to ensure that the children develop their skills at their own pace and have the satisfaction of putting them into practise against players of their own age.

We also in need of referees to officiate our 'home' matches, again the club is willing to subsidise training costs in return for availability to the club; this could be a good introduction for a younger person into refereeing.

If you are interested in joining please contact Peter Jemmett by email [peterjemmett@aol.com](mailto:peterjemmett@aol.com) or call the appropriate team manager:

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Under 11's – Tak Aziz	07838 579217
Under 12's – Oliver Witney	07706 888441
Under 16's – Liam O'Rourke	07519 820273

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### TEAM NEWS

After many changes to the league division set up, with teams joining and withdrawing over the earlier part of the season, our Under 16's find themselves in a very handy position with 5 games remaining. Sat in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, we are 1 point behind the leaders Tring Tornadoes Blue but with 2 games in hand. Our main challengers though are Chalfont St Peter who in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, are 3 points behind us but with a game in hand. We are due to meet at home on 12<sup>th</sup> March in what is turning out to be a crucial game in the championship run-in.

Following his debut on Bucks TV, Under 16's team manager Liam O'Rourke furthered his media career by appearing on Wycombe Sound's Friday night sports show alongside Wycombe Wanderers legend Keith Scott. Much of the hour long sports show was given to Liam who did a fine job promoting Totteridge FC, there is a link to the show on our Facebook group page.

During the course of the winter, a fair few matches have been postponed due to the conditions, but never-the-less, our mini teams continue to make excellent progress. Both our Under 11's and Under 12's play 9-a-side football and have adapted to this format really well. The Under 11's remain unbeaten in their last 5 matches while the Under 12's are on a run of 7 matches without defeat.

### WANTED - GOALKEEPER

In preparation for next season, we are looking for a keen goalkeeper to play regularly for the Under 11's (next season Under 12's), please tell anyone interested to contact Tak (details below).

The Under 10's play small sided football. Mini football takes the format of two small sided games played simultaneously against an opposing club of two teams (A v A & B v B and then A v B & B v A), the results are incidental with the main emphasis on learning football skills but again, excellent progress and good results have been made over the season.



### Terriers Evening W.I.

Our December meeting was, as is usual, the occasion of our Christmas Party. A delightful entertainment was provided by Joan Dark who performed a selection of her own verses and monologues, all with a Christmas theme. A delicious buffet was provided by the committee and the meeting left all members looking forward to the festive season.

The New Year was ushered in at our January meeting by a wine tasting with foods appropriate to the wine being sampled. Each was accompanied by an explanation by Celia Carter, who had organised the event, covering the wine, the grapes used to make it, the terrain in which they grow and the foods which it complements.

In February we were greatly entertained by actor, writer and teacher Jeff Rozelaar talking about "Bagels and Bacon" recounting the history of his early life in the East End of London and how he became involved in acting.

### Our programme for next few months is :-

- 30 March "Flower Power with Plants and Animals", speaker Dr Brenda Harold
- 4 May "The Resolutions meeting"
- 8 June "Embroidery and Beadwork", speaker Marcelle Siddall

We meet at 7.45pm at Cedar Park School and are always glad to welcome new members.

For more information please contact Margaret O'Connor 075026 12093

## Motor company toasted after giving hundreds of pounds to save school Breakfast Club

Platts Motor Company is the toast of The Highcrest Academy – after donating cash to pay for the High Wycombe school's Breakfast Club. The Hyundai dealership in Wooburn Moor has agreed to give more than £500 this year to help fund the early-morning club which runs from 7.30am until school starts. More than 100 students attend the free club each day.

Delighted Vice Principal Emma Bowden said: "This was a wonderful gesture from Platts that is really appreciated by our students, their families and our staff. "Breakfast is said to be the most important meal of the day and, yet, for whatever reason students don't always have time to grab something to eat before they leave for school. This therefore gives them a great start to their day.

"Without Platts' donation, this club would either have had to fold or had to charge."

Jon Jones, Dealer Principal of Platts Motor Company, said: "We were thrilled to be able to help the students in this way. We already had a tie up with Highcrest with Hyundai's Skills for the Future business awards scheme, so this seemed a natural extension."

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The sessions, running from 7-8pm, are being coached by Buckinghamshire Wolves American Football Club. The evenings are organised by Leap, the Sport and Activity Partnership for the area, on behalf of Buckinghamshire County Council's Active Bucks project. "We're offering all the fun of American Football without any of the hits," explained Leap Director Mark Ormerod.

"This is a great opportunity for people to learn about this fantastic game which is becoming more and more popular in the UK. National Football League (NFL) fixtures will be taking place at Wembley Stadium and Twickenham later this year, so here's your chance to really find out more about this fascinating sport first-hand in High Wycombe. What's more, initiatives such as this are wonderful in that they work for all levels of ability and are suitable for people who are not necessarily fantastic at sport."

Coaches from the Buckinghamshire Wolves - based around Beaconsfield - will be in attendance at the sessions at the school in Marlow Hill. There is no need to pre-book because people can simply turn up and join in.

Flag football is a version of US and Canadian football where the basic rules are similar to those of the mainstream game. But instead of tackling players to the ground, the defensive team must remove a flag or flag belt from the ball carrier.

Mr Ormerod added: "Leap's message for 2017 is that people in Bucks need to be more active for the sake of their health. This is a fantastic way to look after your health and have fun."

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The charity is on course to move later this year into a 15,000 square foot three-storey property in Totteridge, High Wycombe. However, more volunteers are needed to carry out various functions which support the care services.

Dee Baverstock, South Bucks Hospice's Volunteers Co-ordinator, explained: "We have a great team here but we still need volunteers everywhere. We are looking for drivers, gardeners, collection boxes collectors, receptionists, and people who simply are good at meeting and greeting. "You don't have to have any special medical expertise to volunteer, because all skills are welcome and can be used by us for the benefit of our patients."

Former nursery nurse Elaine Merrilees is one such volunteer who says that helping out at the charity has benefited her by enriching her life. Elaine, 57, a mother-of-three from Hughenden Valley, has volunteered at the hospice as a day services assistant for four hours every Tuesday since April 2015. "I have made a lot of friends here among staff and patients and do feel I have made a difference," she said. Now Elaine urges others to follow her example. She added: "If you are thinking about volunteering then give it a go because there are so many opportunities".

By the middle of 2018, it is projected that 650 to 800 people a month will be using the new hospice building.

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As well as making a success of Brexit, the Government has a plan to build an economy that works for everybody. At the Autumn Statement, the Chancellor set out how we will continue to bring down the deficit and live within our means, provide support for our economy through investment and job creation, and go further to help ordinary working people with the cost of living. I look forward to further announcements in the Budget on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Recently I asked my wife to photograph a huge series of potholes when we were driving around Handy Cross so that I could report it to be filled [<http://transportforbucks.net/report-it-pothole.aspx>]. A few days later I was pleased to learn the Secretary of State for Transport had announced additional funds for road repairs. Buckinghamshire has been allocated £852,000 for its pothole fund, which is over and above the sums already announced for 2017/2018 to help repair our local highways.

In April, every NHS trust will have a legal duty to charge overseas patients upfront unless they can prove they are eligible for non-urgent care. The Government has no problem with overseas visitors using our NHS as long as they make a fair contribution, just as the British taxpayer does. The Government aims to recover up to £500million a year by the middle of this Parliament, which can then be reinvested in patient care.

As ever, if you would like to comment on the Government's programme, please email me at: [steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk). If you despair of the bureaucracy of government and would like my help with a particular issue, please phone my constituency office on 01494 448408.



Heart of Bucks is the local community foundation for Buckinghamshire. Both a company and registered charity it was established in 2000 and since then has supported thousands of community projects working closely with donors.

One of the latest donors was BP Collins who have donated £10,000 to help support five local charities. Beneficiaries from this donations are Aylesbury Women's Aid, Youth Concern in Aylesbury, Lindengate in Wendover, Young Enterprise Bucks and Sea Cadets, Marlow. Heart of Bucks received over 100 applications for the funding from across the county.

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Throughout the year Rennie Grove organises a number of fundraising events and relies very much on its volunteers to help with a variety of events and duties. Below are just a few of the things taking place over the next few months....

### Desperately Seeking Sam

This spring saw the launch of an urgent appeal to raise £36,000 to fund the salary of an additional Hospice nurse for one year. As the number of patient referrals increases many who have multiple medical conditions place a higher demand on nursing services. Another nurse will help Ensure Rennie Grove can continue to respond to patients as soon as they need us.

### Falling...with style

This adrenaline pumping opportunity takes place at Hinton Airfield near Brackley on Sunday 11th June. All places for this jump have now been taken up but maybe you are up for the fundraising challenge next time? Each participant has been challenged with raising a target of £395 in sponsorship.

### St Albans Half Marathon

Once again runners will be taking part in the St Albans Half Marathon to raise funds for Rennie Grove. For those where perhaps running the full distance is not your scene there is the option of a walking marathon, 5k run or 1.5mile fun run.

### Find out more

If you would like to find out more about the events both sporting, social and others taking place then visit the web site at [www.renniegrove.org](http://www.renniegrove.org). You can also find information about volunteering opportunities too.



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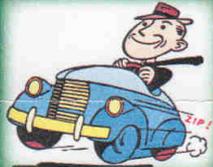

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**What's Going on in Girlguiding?**

Several units went to RUSH for trampolining as a pre-Christmas treat. 6<sup>th</sup> HW Brownies did a trip to Icando at Guide Headquarters in London and completed their Science Investigator badge.

Brownies have done their number fun badge with the METRO bank who came to meetings which was followed with a trip to the Bank and also some have gained their Writer badge with help from Explore learning in High Wycombe. 16<sup>th</sup> HW Brownie had a surprise baby shower evening for Brown Owl who has since had a little boy.

A joint party was held with Guides and Brownies at St Augustine's church. 2<sup>nd</sup> HW Guides had a Christmas sleepover before Christmas and have been on an indoor residential at Phasels Wood during half term. They also went to see Moala at the cinema and volunteered at the One Can Trust warehouse recently. 2<sup>nd</sup> HW Rainbows had a sleepover and cinema trip in December. An afternoon of International Dance to celebrate Thinking Day – a special day in the Guiding calendar – will take place within a couple of days of this article going to print. We have girls taking part from all sections, being Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, and hopefully a fun afternoon will be had by all. The Leaders had an enjoyable District social evening at the Works restaurant in High Wycombe which was well attended with a good chance to relax and have a good catch up.

We have had a couple of Adult volunteers come forward who are now helping with Brownie Units. However, we are still seeking more Adult volunteers to help with units, particularly Rainbows (5 – 7 years)

Are you interested in being a leader and having fun alongside the girls? If so, please contact Terrie on 01494 445816 07720 383535 email [Terrie on 01494 445816\\_07720 383535\\_email Terrie@btinternet.com](mailto:Terrie@btinternet.com) or visit the the national website [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested)

## The Golden Path to Computing

**How to Organise your computing** - Today there are many options and each of us has different needs. Here I provide a simple overview of different devices and where they may be best put to use.



**Tablets & Large Smart Phones** - These devices work well for internet browsing, simple emails or texting type applications. They are good for running personal applications such as music, maps, games, camera & photos. They are not good at office type jobs where typing or printing is the main task. For rigorous internet research a laptop is better.

**Chromebooks** - These sit in-between Tablets and Laptops. Unless you have a specific reason to use one, I suggest sticking to either a Tablet or a Laptop.

**Laptops & Desktops** - These will do a similar job of work. Clearly laptops are portable, while desktops need more space. Desktops are preferred in a work situation. Be careful when buying new laptops as many do not have removable hard drives or even batteries. Some makes such as Lenovo have issues.

**Where to Purchase?**- Unless you know a reliable source, I would strongly suggest you purchase from a top resource such as John Lewis and not from the large retail chains, as these do not always provide good advice or products but concentrate mainly on low price.

**Setting up new devices** - This is paramount to your success! The manufacturers set up your new device for *their marketing needs*, most settings will need adjustment to make the new system work properly for you.

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### St Wulstans Catholic Church

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The new season's programme has been published with an introduction to Tai Chi for us all to try out on 8<sup>th</sup> March and a summer calendar packed with speakers and activities. Last Christmas, we decorated a Christmas tree in suffragette colours and advertised the work of the WI, to support The Christmas Tree Festival run by All Saints Church, in High Wycombe and we try to be aware of the needs of our community.



As well as the monthly meetings there is also a thriving additional activities programme. There is a regular book club (currently reading I Am Pilgrim by Terry Hayes), a supper club which involves eating in and eating out and a creative craft group that helps to facilitate the learning of new skills and to encourage you to try new crafty interests (I learned to knit and to applique this year).

Most of us will be attending the WI Fair in London, in March and some of us will be swapping pies and tarts at the Bring and Bake session that is a regular activity within our group.

My aim, this year, is to encourage more women from differing backgrounds, ethnic groups and religions to join us. We need you to make our group more representative of High Wycombe in general so we encourage you to come along and receive a generous welcome. I am hoping to visit as many diverse women's groups in order to persuade more women to join us for fun and friendship.

If you are interested in finding out more about being a WI member then why not come along? 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, get in touch and try us out.

To find out more, visit our website: <http://wycombewi.weebly.com>. Send us an email and we can meet and greet you properly. Failing that a quick call to me on the number below will do the trick. We would love to see you!

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Interwoven with these days and the weekly rhythm of prayer we shall mark out this special time in which we follow our Lord from his time of testing in the desert to his arrest and death and celebrate his victory over all the dark and destructive forces which drive human beings. We shall follow step by step from his triumphal entry into the holy city to his lonely agony on the cross. We shall rest, as he rested in the tomb, and then share in the joy of his resurrection, the spectacular start of a seven-week-long party.

If you would like to know more about the season of Lent, or to find out what Christians believe about the death and resurrection of Jesus, please contact me by e-mail ([vicar@terrierschurch.org.uk](mailto:vicar@terrierschurch.org.uk)), telephone (at 01494 520676) or letter to "St Francis Vicarage, Terriers, High Wycombe HP13 5AB".

### 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.

"**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 all ages.

**Drop-off and Sort** at **1.30 – 5.30 p.m.** on the **second Sunday** of each month for donations for refugees: light refreshments are served.

Communion services on Saints' days and other holy days (details on the parish website: [www.terrierschurch.org.uk](http://www.terrierschurch.org.uk)).

**Julian Meetings** for exploring meditation and the way of contemplative prayer. Held in church at 8.00 p.m. **first Monday** and 2.30 p.m. on the **third Monday**.

**Keep Fit** for the not-so-active in the hall at 3.00 p.m. on **Tuesday afternoons**.

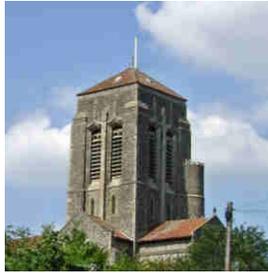
**Christian Aid Lunch** in the hall at 12.30 p.m. each **Friday** school term-time.

The **Walkers United** group meet on the **first Saturday** of each month from February to November for a walk and a pub lunch.

**Working parties** to keep the church grounds tidy **second Saturday** 9.30 a.m.

With every good wish to you and yours at this special time of year.

*Tony Dickinson*



## Spring at St Francis' Church

### Reaching out

Fifty years ago Bob Dylan sang that “the times they are a-changing”. For many people those changes were to be welcomed. Half a century on, we can sing those words again, with equal truthfulness but without the same confidence that the changes that are happening will bring us to a better place. People are feeling vulnerable. Accepted ideas and ways of behaving are under attack. Those whose job it is to uphold the rule of law are lambasted as “enemies of the people” simply for doing their job. People who have come to power promising to end the lies of politicians are themselves lying with a much greater brazenness than any of the people they criticise. People are beginning to think again about the ancient question, “What is truth?”

Two thousand years ago the foreign governor of a small country under military occupation asked that question of a man who had been brought before him as an enemy of stability and a threat to the established order of things. The governor asked the question, but did not wait for an answer. Under pressure from the mob gathered outside his headquarters, he gave it what it asked for. He condemned the man to death, however reluctantly, and let someone else, a convicted terrorist or a “freedom fighter” depending on your perspective, go free.

Christians believe that the answer to the governor’s question was standing before him. The man he condemned to death, Jesus of Nazareth, reveals truth; he is truth. By his self-giving and his acceptance of the death suffered by the lowest criminals, Jesus reveals the truth that there is no situation so desperate that God is not part of it, even when God appears nowhere to be seen. By his resurrection, Jesus reveals the truth that there is no situation that God cannot transform.

During the weeks of Lent, the people of St Francis invite all who share a concern for truth to explore the truth that Jesus reveals, the truth of the God who is totally committed to humanity in love and compassion, however we may name him, the God who suffers with us and for us. That is why, each week from 1<sup>st</sup> March until the middle of April, St Francis Church will again be offering a series of “**drop-in quiet days**”, space for anyone who wishes to explore the truth of God’s love for them. Each **Thursday** up to and including 13<sup>th</sup> April the church will be open from Morning Prayer at 9.30 a.m. until Evening Prayer at 5.30 p.m. for people to read, to pray, to be still, to light a candle, to rest consciously in God’s presence. You don’t have to commit to the full day. Simply drop in for as long or as short a time as you can spare. There will be resources available to help visitors use that time. People will be around to offer guidance or to answer questions, but they won’t force themselves on visitors uninvited.

## CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



Our annual festive events were well attended once again. I say events as we held two, an evening 3-course Dinner/Disco Dance at Hazlemere Golf Club and a lunchtime meal at The Dolphin in Totteridge. All a bit foodie in December so as the lighter and hopefully warmer days will be with us soon outside events and day trips will start to fill the programme again.

Our AGM was held at the Pub Night in January. This is very much an informal event but a useful chance to review the past year and look at events for the coming year. There were one or two good suggestions that we will include in forthcoming programmes. Details of our events can also be found by visiting the web site for which we now have a new easier address link at [www.chameleonsingles.org.uk](http://www.chameleonsingles.org.uk)

Over the last few months members have also enjoyed live music at Dusty’s Blues Club in Holmer Green, another visit for an evening meal at The Bellcote just outside Chesham and a visit to the Rebellion Brewery in Marlow Bottom. 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, do the occasional walk 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 one of our membership secretaries Heike 01494 – 459246 or Joyce 01494 – 817895 or e-mail: [info@chameleonsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@chameleonsingles.org.uk). Visit us on-line at [www.chameleonsingles.org.uk](http://www.chameleonsingles.org.uk) for more information and an events listing.



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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.