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Amersham Field Centre is an environmental education centre which runs a variety of activities for the community. As well as school visits in term time, the centre also runs environmentally themed birthday parties at weekends and activities during the school holidays for 5-14 year olds. This summer popular activities have included pond dipping, wide games, shelter building and a spy training day.

The centre is a charity and aims to encourage people to enjoy their local environment and learn a bit about it at the same time. All the activities take place in the private woodlands and meadows around the centre which belong to National Grid.

If you or your children enjoy being outdoors exploring the world around them then find out more about our activities by calling 01494 721054 or looking on www.field-studies-council.org/amersham

ABOUT T & T NEWS...

T & T News is published four times a year in March, June, Sept, Dec. We aim to get the magazine distributed Mid month of issue.

In order that we can achieve this deadline we need your articles as early as possible. For our December edition please get your articles to us by 15th November. Advertising deadline is a week later on 22nd of the month.

That's it....

Join us in festive mood for our Winter edition in December. 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.

T & T NEWS

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WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Welcome to the first full edition of Totteridge and Terriers News. Firstly I must say a big thank you to all those who have advertised in this edition and to our readers. You are both needed if this publication is to be a success in the future.

This month we have double the pages of the preview edition so there is more space for your news and for advertisers to sell their services.

You will amongst over 2000 households to receive this mini-magazine through the door which we hope as the months (and maybe years!) go by will become an important part of life in Totteridge and Terriers.

We are aware many organisations that operate either in or for the benefit of local residents are not included in this edition of the magazine. If you run a group, club or activity where that is the case then get in touch now so we can include you next time round.

Your comments on the magazine would be very welcome as would help to distribute copies, attract advertisers and supply editorial.

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In each quarterly edition of Totteridge & Terriers News we are going to include a section where it is 'Your voice' that is heard. Whether it be speeding traffic that causes annoyance, recycling centres that seem to always be full, people hanging about on your street, things that never seem to get done we want to hear about it.

When we set out to start a new magazine in the area we wanted it to be inclusive not exclusive and therefore we want to hear your view. The only limitations on what we can print is that any submission must be legal, honest and decent and subject to space.

So if you have been bottling up something and want to let everyone else know about then get in touch. You never know there may be other people out there that feel the same and together we can get some action.

T & T News contact details are on the back page. So are you going to be the first to write in this column. I certainly hope so and look forward to your views.

Editor, T & T News

QUIZ ANSWERS (FROM PAGE 13)

Q1. Road, Lane, Avenue, Drive

Q.2 Kings Wood

Q.3 Late 12th Century

Q.4 Between the Dolphin and Terriers Crossroads

Q.5 1894

Q.6 1929 (January)

Q.7 1939

Q.8 Miss Elsie Carter

Q.9 1969

Q.10 1986

Q.11 The Black Boy

Q.12 A404 Amersham Road & Totteridge Road.

Q.13 Highfield Farm

Q.14 1760

THE GUIDE—Local Shops

Costcutter—Arnison Avenue

General grocers. Open from early until late evening.

Esso / Tesco Express—Amersham Road

Petrol station and express food store. Open 7am—11pm daily.

Adjanta's Store—Totteridge Lane

Convenience Store

THE GUIDE—Pubs & Eating Out

The Terriers—Amersham Road, Terriers

Pub with good size garden and the attraction of 9 hole crazy golf.

The Beech Tree—Terriers Green, Amersham Road

Recently under new management. Offers food daily and has garden with children's play area.

The Dolphin—Totteridge Lane

Perhaps the oldest listed drinking establishment in the area!

The Happy Wanderer

Local pub on Arnison Avenue. Has two bars.

The guide will feature different events in each edition of the magazine.

If you would like your business or event included in a future edition please let us have details. This is a lineage entry only section of T & T News and entries cannot be guaranteed.

Festivals & Fireworks

Highworth Combined School is organising an event called "Festivals and Fireworks" for the evening of Friday 19th October. It will be a joint celebration of the festivals of Eid, Diwali and Harvest and will end in a grand fireworks display on the school field. Residents of the area will be welcome to attend and join in the celebrations. It may however be necessary to limit numbers for safety reasons.

South Bucks Hospice Shops

South Bucks Hospice now sells wool at both their Amersham and Hazlemere shops.

This idea was the brilliant inspiration of Sheila Bradley, Shop Manager at Hazlemere. Bob Hazell, Warehouse Supervisor did the research and found a good supplier of excellent quality, value for money wool. Since the project was launched sales have been very good and each time a new order is placed new colours are available. Now both Hazlemere and Amersham shops are stocked with a veritable rainbow of adult and baby knitting wools. Also in stock are knitting needles and patterns for sale to help tempt you to revitalise your knitting skills. Wool is available reasonably priced from £1.50 per 100gm ball.

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TOTTERIDGE AND TERRIERS QUIZ

Just for a bit of fun try answering the questions below in our local knowledge quiz.

Score 0–5 Must be new here!

Score 6–10 You know your area fairly well

Score 11–14 Wow! A real local expert!

Answers are on Page 15

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|---|--|
| Q.1
Name the roads that include the word Totteridge? | Q.8
Who was the first Head Teacher at Kings wood County first School? |
| Q.2
Name the wood behind Tyzack Road? | Q.9
When was St Wulstan's Catholic Church built? |
| Q.3
When was the first known record of Totteridge as a settlement? | Q.10
When was Totteridge designated a conservation area? |
| Q.4
Where was the site of Totteridge Castle? | Q.11
What was a former name of The Terriers Pub? |
| Q.5
In what year was St Andrews Mission Church completed? | Q.12
Which main routes link Totteridge to High Wycombe? |
| Q.6
In which year was the now closed Terriers School opened? | Q.13
Which Farm was sold to the Council in the 1950's and soon developed? |
| Q.7.
When did the Ernest Turner Sports Ground open? | Q.14
When was the first reference to The Dolphin Public House? |

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In our preview edition Jim Tanner's article on Neighbourhood Watch looked at if it was needed. I think the resounding sound from those who are involved in such schemes is yes.

As the darker nights are now with us and will be even more so when the clocks go back at the end of October Neighbourhood Watch is even more likely to become a vital 'tool' in reducing crime. Across the Wycombe District there are several schemes operating with new ones opening all the time.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes are all run by volunteers who live in the area in which the scheme operates. Generally each group of houses, flats or other dwellings has a co-ordinator whose job it is to act as a contact point and distribute out information that may be of assistance in reducing crime. The schemes are supported by a district wide association and by Thames Valley police who operate a Ringmaster system. Ringmaster is a system of message distribution most of which is now done by e-mail although this can be picked up by telephone for those without on-line access.

Starting a scheme is easy and does not require a large amount of time to start making an impact on local problems. Signs advising a Neighbourhood Watch area are a deterrent in themselves are with the eyes and ears of scheme members can help make it a 'no go area' for thieves. As well as burglary there are of course other types of anti-social behaviour to be tackled but again the trouble makers can be identified, reported to the Police and action taken as necessary.

If you would like to set up a scheme or perhaps get in contact with an existing scheme in your area then contact Geoff Pegg on 01494 - 523649.

WYCOMBE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AGM

The AGM of the Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association takes place on Wednesday 4th October at St Birinus Church Hall in Booker.

The meeting will be a chance for members and co-ordinators to hear about progress during the year and about new schemes that have started. There will also be a financial report and the election of the committee.

The meeting is due to start at 7.30pm and invited speakers are expected to include Chris Turner of the Micklefield Action Group and Superintendent Rob Angell, Area Commander of the Wycombe Local Police Area.

NEW BEAT OFFICER

For those of you who may be new to the area or just have yet to catch up on latest news our new Beat Officer from Thames Valley Police is Michelle Hearne. She took over from Paul Jervis earlier this year and will be supported by two part-time Police Community Support Officers.

Neighbourhood Policing will hopefully also be coming to our area very soon. You will find details of the consultation meeting on page 12.





**Neighbourhood
Policing**

Public Consultation Meeting

16 October, 6.30pm

**Highworth School, Totteridge Lane,
High Wycombe**

Do you live, sleep or work in
**Terriers, Totteridge or
Bowerdean?**

**If so have your say
on what matters to you!**

Be there!
We need you, to make it work


together we can
make a safer community

NELSON CUB & SEA SCOUT PACK 'CARING FOR YOUNGSTERS'

The Terriers and Totteridge group needs adults to join the team of caring leaders who provide fun and friends for 6-8 years olds in the area. There is currently a waiting list of Youngsters who cannot yet join the Beaver section of the Scout movement as we are short of Leaders.

We are hoping to start a new Beaver group at the Scout Hall at the back of Highworth School, Totteridge Lane subject to four or five of you joining us. There will be training available so there is no need to worry about 'what to do'. Please offer any help you can by calling Mick Farmer on 01494—812798 or Mike Culmer on 01494—718330.

The Scout section is also in need of assistance so if you can give any time our current leaders would be pleased to hear from you.

It's Christmas!

No! I hear you cry not yet! While it feels like we have just got back from the summer holidays time will fly by and it will very soon be another year gone.

As I look around the shops you can already see the Christmas items coming in and yet my calendar still says its nearly three months to go. No doubt as usual the plan will be to get the shopping done early this year leaving nothing to the last moment.

If by chance you have and are organising something over Christmas that you would like mentioned then our next edition of T & T News should be out in early December so get your pens out, or should it be use your mouse and keyboard to let us know what's going on.

OBSTACLES IN THE WOOD ... A WALK THROUGH KINGS WOOD

With a warm summers day in the offering and a bit of spare time at the weekend your editor and trusty assistant decided it was time to enjoy a walk in the local wood. Living in a somewhat urban environment as we do on the edge of High Wycombe it is good to know a little bit of the countryside is so close at hand.

On entering Kings Wood we could not help noticing a few tree branches that appeared to have fallen across the pathways. Nothing unusual it that perhaps as a few broken branches are common in woods where trees are often close together are of course at the mercy of all the weather can throw at them.

However as we continued through the wood one could not help but suspect there was a pattern to these fallen branches that perhaps had not been as a result of nature. Indeed it soon became apparent that the branches appear to have been laid as a obstacle course perhaps by local residents. There was of course no one who could give an answer but our suspicions were that these were laid for a reason.

Perhaps they have been laid to stops cyclists or motorcyclists riding through the wood. A very sensible idea perhaps but likely to cause terrible injury to anyone trying to do so. Beyond this of course they have made it difficult for anyone to walk through and enjoy the woods especially if you are not particularly mobile. For anyone using a wheelchair this is one wood that now has to be avaioded as it would almost be impossible to get through. At one point the branches were little more than about 10 metres apart with some fairly large and heavy making moving them very difficult.

Through the power of this magazine it will be interesting if someone knows the answer to why all the branches are across paths in the wood. Who put them there? Did they think of accessibility for all when doing this or just themselves? Maybe we shall never know.

Let us know your comments at Totteridge & Terriers News

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CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



The summer perhaps for many organisations was a little disappointing this year although we seemed to be lucky picking the few good days for our outside events. The late summer Barbeque on Bank Holiday Monday was dry and we had a warm and sunny day the following weekend for a boat trip on the River Lee (or Lea!).

With a wide age range and diverse interests to cater for our events reflect this and some of the popular ones we run at regular intervals. In addition to evening and weekend events we now have a growing number of daytime activities for those who are work free. An example of this includes a Lunch Club, Coffee Morning and the occasional day trip. Popular evening and weekend events include Pub Nights, Bowling, Pub Quizzes, Meals out, at home evenings and Walks. Visits to the cinema and theatre are becoming popular too and there is usually at least one event in our bi-monthly programme. October's programme offering includes:-

Fri 5th Oct - Lunch Club at The Mayflower
Sat 6th Oct – Visit to Syon Park
Fri 12th Oct – Movie evening
Mon 15th Oct - Coffee Morning
Tue 16th Oct – Quiz Night at the Red Lion, Penn
Fri 19th Oct -Skittles at the Red Lion, Amersham
Sun 21st Oct – Day trip out to a National Trust property
Fri 26th Oct - Pub Night at the Red Lion, Penn

However we shall no doubt be adding the odd event and are already planning the Christmas dinner and other events in the run up to the festive season. This year we have continued to attract new members to the group and have a growing number from Totteridge, Terriers and surrounding areas. Although we are not the biggest singles group around we offer a warm welcome and good value events.

If you are single, 30 plus, looking for a social life and new friends then why not give us a try? Chameleon 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, Ian on 01494 – 436329 or e-mail: chameleon_bucks@tiscali.co.uk.