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WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the Autumn 2009 edition of your local community magazine.

I do hope you have had a good summer and enjoyed your holiday even if this year it was a "Staycation"! Is it me or do we seem to be importing more and more words from the dictionary of America? Whatever for most of us the next few months will no doubt concentrate on the run up to the festive season and all the work and events that entails. Talking of which if you have not let us know of your event for the printed edition of T & T News we can still include it on our web site.

This month we include a round up of community news, a piece on Girlguiding, news from local churches and another story from David Church taking you back to the 1930's with Abode of gangs and pigs.

We welcome some new delivery team members for this edition. I would like to thank them very much for volunteering their time to get the magazine out to you. Also thanks to our existing team who have worked hard over the last two years to ensure the magazine is on your doorstep.

For our Winter 2009 edition we are planning a colour cover and 4 extra pages. This will hopefully be a further improvement to your community magazine with more room for your news.

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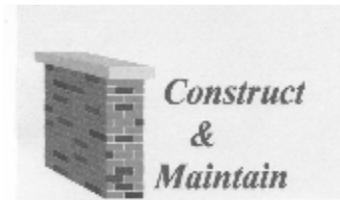
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Terriers and Amersham Hill NAG

Terriers and Amersham Hill's Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) has now been running for over a year and a half. It aims to identify, address and tackle local issues and concerns and is a working party between residents, police, and the local council. The NAG meets every 6 weeks on a Monday at the Royal Grammar School, Amersham Road at 7pm. The 3 main issues highlighted were **Speeding and Anti Social use of Vehicles, Burglary, and Parking.**

With speeding being the first priority, the NAG initially identified 8 roads within Terriers and Amersham Hill which appeared to have a speeding issue and assessed these with the use of a Speed Indication Device (SID) to narrow them down further. The top 3 in the area were Totteridge Lane, Lucas Road and Green Road. Many of you may have noticed the regular attendance of a mobile speed van at the Terriers car park in recent months – there is a definite problem with this part of the road, with continuing speeding – and with a primary school nearby, this is quite a concern. Speeding drivers have also been stopped and warned in an effort to encourage people to consider their speed when sometimes they may not realise how fast they are going. We have also stopped drivers and asked them what would help to stop them speeding, the results were: signs, speed cameras and education.

We have also run a competition at Highworth Combined School to design a poster about speeding – the winning design is now being featured on the school fence at the point where people start to speed down the hill towards Terriers crossroads. We are also hoping to obtain funding in the near future to secure hi visibility jackets for every child at both Highworth and Hamilton primary schools. With winter unfortunately not so far away anymore, these should ensure that children walking to and from school will be seen by all drivers even in fading light. If you know of a local or other business that would be willing to donate towards the cost of these which is in the region of £2400, we would be extremely grateful as the NAG is a voluntary group and has no funding of its own.

Burglary in the area has fallen dramatically which is great news. All houses in the area should have received information through their doors regarding burglary and reducing the risk of it happening to you, especially during the summer months. This is also as a result of the NAG discussing issues and deciding how people need to be informed and which information is important to get across.

Parking continues to be a problem, with many houses having more cars than they have parking spaces for. Consideration should be given to wheelchair and pushchair access on paths, plus obstructions on the road. Letters have been sent to roads where the problem is worst just reminding people to consider these issues. The NAG is working on solving some of these.

The group has a website to give anyone with internet access the opportunity to keep abreast of local issues, concerns and the activities of the NAG. This can be found at <http://www.amershamhillandterriersnag.blogspot.com>. It so far has limited comments on it, but everyone is encouraged to use it to build up an online community and awareness of any prospective problems in an anonymous manner. It also explains the NAG in more details. In particular, views on parking problem areas are being sought.

If you are interested in joining the NAG to make an active contribution to your local area, please contact Emily Guiver the NAG chair by e-mail at emilyguiver@yahoo.co.uk. We are particularly interested in hearing from younger members of the community, as they are currently not well represented and their views are very important to the group. If you are aged 16 or over and would like to make a difference, please get in contact!

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COMMUNITY NEWS ROUND—UP

Buckinghamshire Businesses Receive a helping Hand

Fourteen local businesses in Buckinghamshire have received funding to help them beat the recession, as the first round of the Business Challenge Funds are allocated.

In June, the County Council and Buckinghamshire Economic and Learning Partnership (BELP) set up the £100,000 Business Challenge Fund to support local enterprises get through the tough economic period. Businesses were able to bid for grants up to £5,000. There were 90 applications received.

Amongst the successful applicants was Adcal Labels a specialist sticker and label firm based in High Wycombe. Also winning an award were Hedgerail Pharmacy in Stoke Poges, 50 Plus - an online shop based in Chesham supporting the mature workforce and Hi Tide, a fish and Chip shop in Aylesbury.

The second wave of bidders has been reviewed by Business Link advisors and further awards are due to be made.

Funding available to strengthen community relations

Projects that will help strengthen community relations in the Wycombe district over the next two years through events, sport and intergenerational work have until Monday 9th November to apply for a share of over £140,000 from Wycombe District Council.

Awards will be assessed on the quality of the applications, against the eligibility criteria and must contribute to at least one of the project themes. For more information about making an application visit www.wycombe.gov.uk/community, e-mail: wycombe-one@wycombe.gov.uk or phone the Community Cohesion Officer on 01494 421231.

Green Light for more taxis in Wycombe

At the quarterly forum held on 8th July for the Taxi trade in the Wycombe district, Councillor John Savage, Chairman of the regulatory and Appeals Committee, announced that Wycombe District Council will be lifting restrictions on the number of hackney carriage vehicles that can operate within the district. This change will take effect from 7th September 2009.

Delicious local food at the new Farmers Market

High Wycombe Town Partnership is joining forces with the Thames Valley Farmers Market Co-operative to create a new local produce market in Frogmoor. The new market will be launched on Saturday 19th September, and will be held every third Saturday of the month from 9am until 1pm.

Stalls will include Flexmore Farm from Chalfont St Giles, Rayners from Wooburn Common and The Complete Pig from Britwell Salome.

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News from your local churches....

Totteridge Baptist Church

21st High Wycombe (Totteridge Baptist) Scout Group

The group celebrate their 50th Anniversary on Sat 19th September at Dorney Wood Scout Camp Site. Event starts 2:30pm, BBQ 5pm and Camp Fire 7pm. Anyone who has a past or present connection with the group is welcome to come and celebrate.

Harvest Thanksgiving Worship Service

Family service on Sunday 27th September from 10:15 to 11:30am followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. Also we welcome David Hazledine as Student Minister.

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November

Our Cubs and Beavers will be joining in the service. All age family worship. Everyone welcome from 10:15am until 11:30am followed by refreshments.

Coffee Morning

Held on the first Wednesday of every month at the church from 9:30am until 11am. Anyone is welcome to join us for coffee and to meet friends for a chat. No charge.

For details of other events visit the web site at www.totteridgebaptist.com

St Francis, Amersham Road, Terriers

Harvest Thanksgiving

Parish Communion on Sunday 27th September with Club Francis in the Church Hall

Patronal Festival

10am Service on Sunday 4th October for all ages with Parish Communion

Dedication Festival

10am Parish Communion on Sun 11th October with Club Francis in The Church Hall

St Wulstan's Church, Hollis Road

Father Innocent takes over as parish priest with his first mass on Sunday 20th September. A supply priest will take the services on 6th & 13th. Father Stan the outgoing priest left on 31st August.

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30 GERALDS ROAD TERRIERS

HIGH WYCOMBE

words which I'd never heard before, as she ordered the startled man never to go near me again. John's Mum - how I envied him! - just stood and laughed.

Totteridge Road was quiet in those days - except when the "Iron Duke" which was opposite the school, closed at 2pm. - or when the pigs arrived for their little holiday at the building next to the school. They sounded very happy, squealing at the top of their voices. Teachers battled on over the racket, which didn't seem to bother them or other kids. I myself had happy mental pictures of farmyards and a sunny countryside. A bonus was it gave the gangs something different to do - trying to climb the high perimeter walls, to view the merry scene. It was many years later that I learned the truth. The neighbouring butcher had his own slaughterhouse. There were no school dinners in those days but if they had existed, I guess pork would have been a main feature of the menu. So why didn't someone ring Health and Safety (Answer - no phones?) Meanwhile a nastier Pig Adolf Hitler, had invaded Poland and we children would be off to Priory Road - with our gas masks.....

David Church
Totteridge Resident

News from Totteridge F.C.....

We are currently looking for new players to strengthen our teams at Under 12's, Under 15's and Under 16's age groups.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping with refereeing, coaching or starting up new teams particularly for younger players at Under 8's to Under 11's.

Contact details are available on the club web site at <http://tottfc.intheteam.com>
Players should contact the relevant age group manager with all other enquiries to the secretary, Peter Jemmett.

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TOTTERIDGE ROAD - ABODE OF GANGS AND PIGS

Were you born "right side of the tracks"? I had the good fortune, so I thought to live as a boy on the right side of Totteridge Hill. Those on the Healey Avenue side went to Gordon Road and Spring Gardens Schools. But we "lucky" kids on the Rowan Avenue side went to Totteridge Road and Priory Road. Actually all four schools gave generations of children a good grounding, moral as well as educational.

Anyway I was proud to be going to Totteridge Road Mixed Infants School. Despite that I didn't arrive until a year after my mate, John, although he was - and still is only a day older than me. He was the eldest child in the family and quite a tough guy. I was an only child, whose mother kept her precious son at home until the last possible moment - when I reached the age of five. Tearfully at last, one wintery January morning in 1936 she handed me into the tender care of the sweet-natured Miss Peters, who had only recently taken over the headship from - so people said - the near-aptly named Miss Hipwell.

Sand-trays and squeaky slates were still order of the day and I quickly settled into writing my name and address several times for identification and next-of-kin purposes. It was all very pleasant - until playtime. The school seemed to be ruled by two gang-leaders who with their followers now surrounded me, demanding to know which gang I was going to join. Looking at "Fatty" Abrahams with his large proportions and threatening face and being a coward myself, I didn't need to think long, although the other leader Jimmy Richardson - well-spoken and polite - certainly appealed to me more. He also had most of the girls.

Then John spoke - the first of many such occasions over the years. "He can do what he likes!" declared my Protector. "And if anybody doesn't like it, I'll bash 'em up!" Actually I went from one gang to the other, changing as and when "persuaded". Anyway it didn't seem to matter much, as activity was limited to rushing around and calling one another names. There were no knives and no violence greater than a mild push or being dragged into the wrong toilets.

The teachers gave Mum good reports of me and she was sure her little lad was going to go far - so long as he didn't accept lifts from roaming villains, looking for easy prey like me. As there were only about ten cars in the whole area at the time - and most of them were driven by the vicar, the doctor and other professionals, risk of kidnap didn't seem very great. Then one afternoon, when Mum was late meeting me from school, John's uncle stopped and offered us a lift in his car. At the gate Mum was told the dreadful news by other Mums: they'd seen her David getting into a stranger's car, which set off in the direction of the town. When a little later the "murderer" dropped me off at home, my mum hugged me and used



High Wycombe East District

girls in the lead

Our units have continued to enjoy a varied programme this year. The Rainbows (5-7 years) have enjoyed arts and crafts; the Brownies (7-10 years) games, badge work, and outdoor activities such as a visit to an organic farm and bug hunting with a Woodland Ranger. Finally the Guides (10-14 years) and the Rangers (14-26 years) have participated, among other things in camping and dragon boating.

In the autumn, we begin the year long celebration of our Centenary. It is 100 years since Baden Powell allowed girls to join the Scouting movement, thus marking the birth of Guiding and all our units will be involved in the various festivities organised both locally and nationally, beginning with a big county launch party in September.

Joining the Guiding movement as a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide or Ranger offers a wonderful opportunity for children and young people to be part of a group, make new friends, and gain new experiences. For some it might be a chance to go on pack holiday or camp for the first time, for others it may be learning a new skill such as candle-making, or the sense of achievement that comes with gaining a new badge.

Our waiting to join lists for all units are getting longer, but to avoid turning away new girls, we very much need help to run our meetings!

Could you help in any way?! No experience is needed and you do not need to have been a Brownie or Guide yourself. If you enjoy working with children or young people, are over 18, and you have the enthusiasm and time to help, we would love to hear from you!

Our units meet weekly during term times, but even if you can only help out occasionally, perhaps as part of a rota, this would still be much appreciated! If you think you might be interested and would like to know more, please phone Alison on 01494 562473 or email her at alisongieler@dsl.pipex.com



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CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



As the autumn leaves start to fall we can reflect on a summer that perhaps did not meet expectations. However we were lucky with our Chameleon events and our barbeque, day trips and walks all escaped the rain. This summer's day out was to Bournemouth where we were able to sample the delights of a seaside town including of course Fish and Chips, Ice Cream and a walk on the pier. With the new Harry Potter movie out we organised a trip to see the film, attended a concert and visited West Wycombe Park amongst other things. With an average of seven events a month there is always plenty going on!

Our programme is always evolving based on new ideas from our members. Over the summer months a number of new people have joined us and we extend a very warm welcome to them. In the next few months we shall have a few more indoor events and will no doubt be holding some popular events again such as at home evenings, skittles, bowling, cinema and theatre trips. Talking of theatre trips some of our members will be off to the Wycombe Swan for a Sing-A-Long ABBA musical evening on 23rd October. Hopefully the voices will be in fine form.

We hold our regular monthly pub night on the last Friday of the month at the Red Lion in Penn. This is a great place for new members to come along and meet us for the first time in a friendly informal atmosphere. There is food available too so why not avoid the cooking for one night? Our Lunch Club has now moved to the first Wednesday of the month. On our last event we went to the Beech Tree at Terriers which is now under new management and has a reasonably priced new menu. Again this is a great informal event to meet and chat with members old and new.

Over the past year we have continued to attract new members to the group and have a growing number from Totteridge, Terriers, Bowerdean 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, Martin on 07747 - 703663 or e-mail: chameleon_bucks@tiscali.co.uk. You can also visit us on the web at www.bucksinfo.net/chameleon where there is further information and an events listing.