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WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the Autumn 2010 edition of your local community magazine. With this edition we have reached our 13th edition so lets hope that is not an unlucky number for us as we enter our 4th year of publication.

Since our summer edition we have replaced the office computer and installed new version of MS Publisher to produce the magazine on. At least for this edition I will be able to blame any errors on the new computer and software!

We have a magazine full of news for this issue and some new advertisers whom we are very grateful for their support. There is also an introduction to our new MP for Wycombe, Steve Baker whose office will hopefully in the future be keeping us updated on the work he does on our behalf.

Regular articles from Girlguiding and Chameleon can be found in the magazine along with news of events at Totteridge Baptist Church and another story from David Church. We also hear from the Terriers and Amersham Hill NAG, Neighbourhood Policing and how the street party went in Freemantle Close.

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Freemantle Road - The Big Lunch

Freemantle Road in Terriers took part in The Big Lunch on Sunday 18th July this year and what a success it was!

For anyone who hasn't heard of The Big Lunch, it was started in 2009 by The Eden Project in Cornwall as a way of encouraging neighbours and communities all across the country to get to know each other better, or even to meet for the first time! It all happens on the same day every year, up and down the country and everyone is welcome to start one in their road or neighbourhood. Big Lunches can be held in gardens, public spaces or community centres, subject to permissions needed. You can even apply to the council for a road closure in advance if you would like to hold it in your street.

The Big Lunch website has a wealth of information on how it started, who gets involved and pictures from all over the UK of people partying in the streets and having a ball – all while building stronger communities and friendships, across all ages, races and social standing.

Freemantle Road's Big Lunch 2010 had an attendance of about 40 people, lots of whom had lived in the road for many years and quite a few who hadn't met or were new to the area. Everyone agreed it was a fantastic day, the bunting was up, music filled the air, the weather got warmer as the day went on, everyone brought food to share, from BBQ food and salads to delicious Asian/Indian cuisine, and what was meant to be 12pm – 2pm ended up going on until 8.30pm!

This year's Freemantle Road Lunch was set up by a resident of the road, Emily, who has lived there for 3 years, after she heard about it in May of this year. "It wasn't hard to set up, all I did was pop some flyers through everyone's doors a few weeks ahead of the date, and a reminder the week before with details about the Lunch and contact details for people to RSVP or get more information. Some people were already busy or weren't sure what it was about but the feedback after the event has been brilliant!" she says. "I now have a list of people really keen to get together next year to start planning The Big Lunch 2011 to make it even bigger and better next time and share the planning and set up. What was lovely is that everyone chipped in, brought food and drink to share, helped set up the gazebo, brought their garden furniture into the cul de sac and the atmosphere was really lovely! We all really got to know our immediate neighbours even better and met lots that we didn't know – I recommend anyone to give it a go in their street next year, it was really relaxed and a fantastic day – and all the children played together while the adults chatted, ate and drank into the evening!"

Take a look at www.thebiglunch.com for more information or if you are interested in setting one up in your area next year!

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Introducing Steve Baker MP.....

I should like to take this opportunity to say how privileged I feel to be the MP for Wycombe. I recognise the trust you have placed in me and I promise to honour this by representing you faithfully in parliament and in the constituency. There are many challenges facing the country at the moment, and the new coalition government is taking many hard decisions. The most significant challenge ahead is the need to tackle the budget deficit. This needs to be done in a way which is both responsible and fair. But it would be a mistake to believe that this Government is just about sorting out the deficit. I want to work with others to change our country for the better.

Plans have already been announced for the long-overdue reform of schools, hospitals, prisons, the police and the welfare system. We want to replace the old top-down system so that public services are accountable to the people and not central government bureaucracy. We want to put power in the hands of individuals, families and communities so they can build the good society in which they want to live.

Locally, my top priority remains health services. I have had numerous meetings to discuss how to maximise services in Wycombe. One of the first people I met was Anne Eden, the Bucks Hospital NHS Trust Chief Executive, to put my concerns directly. I have also met Simon Burns MP, a Minister in the Department of Health, and have told him plainly and openly that I, and the people of Wycombe, want good healthcare to be provided locally, and this means keeping services in Wycombe hospital.

I have also taken action on other local issues. These include, amongst others, opposing the proposed high-speed rail link, talks with the local police superintendent to discuss crime and police priorities, and discussions with County Council officers on education and proposed changes to adult social care.

I have met many people at my constituency advice bureaux, and have dealt with problems ranging from hospital treatment, and wind turbines to tax and benefits. I would be pleased to help you with any problem you might have – please ring the constituency office on 01494 448408 if you would like an appointment to meet me. Alternatively, you can email me at steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk

I am always pleased to come to any charity or community activity in the area, so if you have anything planned – if I am free - I will be delighted to support you.

Totteridge & Bowerdean Neighbourhood Update



Neighbourhood Priorities:

- Speeding (Hicks Farm Rise, Totteridge Lane and Bowerdean Road)
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Parking

Anti – Social behaviour

The following areas have been highlighted by members of the public, who have raised concern of Anti social behaviour.

Linchfield –We are continually having reports of ASB in and around Linchfield mainly by the garages at the bottom. We would like residents from Lichfield to contact the police with any information that can assist us in identifying / dealing with offenders who seem to be congregating from around 9pm till 4am in the morning.

Underwood Road/ Lower Furney Close/Acorn Close and Bowerdean Road - Groups of youths being rowdy and causing a nuisance, additional Police patrols will be carried out in these areas.

We urge members of the public to report any Anti-social Behaviour so that local officers can deal with this robustly. If you are experience any problems of anti-social behavior please contact your Neighbourhood Policing Team on 0845 8 505 505 or the Anti Social Behaviour Officer, Adam Rigg at Wycombe District Council on telephone number 01494 421835.

Parking

This month we will continue to target our parking patrols around the Bowerdean area where there seems to be an increase of complaints from the residents, main areas for concern are:

Bowerdean Road, Arnison Avenue and Mayhew crescent

The main cause for concern around these location is that cars are parking on the corners of junction making it very difficult and dangerous for other road users. We Urge members of public to ring us if you do come across any vehicles causing an obstruction or a danger to other road users and pedestrians. Police Community Support Officer's (PCSO) will continue to patrol areas highlighted as a concern and deal with offences robustly. During this month 5 fixed penalty notices (£30 pound fines) have been issued for obstruction.

Crime information

We have started to see a steady increase in Burglaries around the Bowerdean and Totteridge area. At present the main areas of concern are

- South Drive / New Drive / North Drive and East Drive
- The Crescent
- Healey Avenue

We are urging all members of the public and local residents to remain vigilant at all times and if you see anyone acting suspiciously then to call the police on the non emergency number 08458 505 505 and report it.

mother wanted to count the chips. (The twins were identical but one was reputed to be more generous than the other!)

The second part of this story will be in our winter 2010 edition where we find out the Co-op is king. You can read the full article on our web site now at www.bucksinfo.net/tandtnews where there is also a competition and small prize to be won.

(I am grateful to my old school companion, Mrs Audrey Gellert (Fagg) and my fellow Methodist Mrs Evelyn Rolfe for their help with this article. Evelyn reminded me that QUEUING was unknown before the war: people just barged!)

David Church (Totteridge Resident)

Your local NAG becomes more 'user friendly'

Amersham Hill and Terriers Neighbourhood Action Group has had a recent change of venue in order to make it a little more comfortable and easier to access to members.

It is now being held at The Chameleon Public House on Totteridge Lane who has very kindly offered the venue plus complimentary refreshments during the meetings which are held every 6 weeks. The meetings bring together local residents, your Neighbourhood Policing Team, PCSO's, local councillors and other agencies. The group tackles local priorities such as speeding, parking and burglary with very positive effects over the last couple of years. The NAG have previously had all their meetings at The Royal Grammar School for which they have been very grateful and wish to publicly thank the Headteacher Mr Page for very kindly providing a classroom for use during the past two years.

The group also have a new Facebook Group called 'Lets make Amersham Hill and Terriers a better place to live!' which local residents and businesses can join and keep updated with NAG news, events and police updates. Members can comment here on any local issues (no personal abusive comments though!) and let the NAG know where any problem areas are. At the moment the group is very small so please tell your friends and neighbours and help us grow this online community!

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 6th September and the following will be Monday 18th October at the same time. If you would like to come along and become involved with your Neighbourhood Action Group and make positive changes in your area then please contact PCSO Emma Buckle on 0845 8 505 505.

We now hold Have Your Say (HYS) meetings which are on every second Monday of every month starting at 2:30pm till 3:30pm in the car park for St. Francis of Assisi Church. So our next HYS is on 13th September 2010 starting at 2:30pm till 3:30pm. Please come along as we would like to know any concerns you have about Amersham Hill and Terriers.

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- 1 x female charged/summoned for burglary
- 1x male charged/summoned for criminal damage to vehicles
- 1 x male charged/summoned for criminal damage
- 1 x male charged/ summoned for breach of a molestation order

Partnership activity

On going partnership working with the Public Safety Team and Community Safety team from Wycombe District Council in relation to Anti Social Behaviour in and around the Tadros Road area and Linchfield.

Details of future meetings



The next Neighbourhood Action Group meeting is to be held on 7th September 2010, if you would like more information or would like to join the Neighbourhood Action Group please ring the 08458 505 505 number and ask for one of the neighbourhood policing team.

The Bowerdean and Totteridge team will now be holding a HAVE YOUR SAY MEETING on the 2nd of September 2010 and this will then continue to be the first Thursday of Every Month. This meeting will be held at the Totteridge Community Centre, Totteridge Drive on the 2nd September at 10am.

Coffee Morning every Thursday morning from 10am Totteridge Community Centre come and mingle with local residents and meet your local neighbourhood Police Community Support Officers

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Basham and Cheese—Totteridge Hill's Double Act

Basham and Cheese were not comedians. These two men in their Totteridge Hill shops helped keep us fed in World War II. Bill Basham was a frightening figure, wielding his long knife or chopper, his 'white' apron covered with blood, as he dispensed the shilling per head's (5p) worth of meat and the occasional sausage to his grateful ladies and barked the amount to his cashier to ring up. But like Jones the Butcher in TV's "Dads Army" he always came across as a very fair man. And I loved his sawdust floor.

The other side of Healey Avenue the aptly-named Alf Cheese ran his dairy business. Milk was one of the few unrationed food items. Also in those days milk was not sold in other shops. Nor were there any other dairies in the area. So Alf delivered milk to most houses in Bowerdean. He must surely have had helpers—apart from his wife Emmy who ran the shop—and a vehicle but I never saw that either, as he strode along Rowan Avenue, always in his gum boots (straight from the farm?), pulling a trolley loaded with crates and bottles. He was a fresh-faced, civilised man, who could always spare a moment to chat. But when we saw his approaching figure "out of hours" we were filled with dread. His shop phone was probably the only one in the area and messages of death and disaster often came via Alf who would turn out at any hour of day or night to deliver the bad news.

The next shop down the hill is the only one which has kept its identity to the present day. The news agents in those days were the Brodericks. He was a glum businessman who always looked as if he would rather have been out on the golf course. He was a man of few words. His wife had plenty. But as she was very deaf, he didn't bother to reply. Having to get up early to mark the papers was visibly a daily annoyance to her. Sweets were not rationed but were very scarce, so you had to be particularly nice, to get any. One morning, as I went to collect the newspapers for my round, for some reason she offered a whipped-cream walnut (a rare chocolate treat) to a girl—who said she didn't like them! She was lucky to get out of the shop unscathed. Mrs B. ranted at the ungrateful girl, while the sycophantic customers voiced their own love of the delicacy and their high regards for the proprietor's generosity. She didn't hear and her husband was playing a crucial shot at the time. I escaped to do my round—with the usual little bag of sweets in my pocket.....

Leonard Hortin who kept a grocer's shop up the hill could have been a kindred spirit to troubled newsagent, Mr Broderick. He had come down from running an antiques shop in Beaconsfield to serving us council house tenants. But he was genial to all and brought real competition to the co-op next door. His prim sister was a contrast to her glamorous, outgoing sister-in-law. The shop made an interesting visit for an impressionable chapel lad! Add this to a twopenny (1p) bag of chips from the Wakefield twins next door (the highest shop in the parade) and I was in heaven until my 'caring'

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Brownies celebrated with a several hundred girls from across the County for a Circus Day held at Green Park in June. 2 full coaches left from Totteridge with a full day of activities on what must have been the hottest day of the year. The day was rounded off with Circus entertainment with the Brownies as the performers.

Bucks 100 Fest was an amazing experience – a camp for 1000 girls and leaders at Chalfont St Peter. The activities were divided into 4 sections and the girls spent a morning or afternoon at each –

Physical - included climbing, archery, shooting, go carts etc.

Creative – a variety of crafts to try and take home.

Blast off – lots of wacky science experiments to watch and try including walking on custard and exploding Coca cola.

Go wild – A field full of inflatable slides, bouncy castles and space hoppers etc., one called spider mountain.

Each evening there was live entertainment including discos, live musicians and Fest factor (like X-factor) in which 3rd High Wycombe (Highworth Scout Hut) guides performed brilliantly.

During the closing ceremony we were entertained by performers juggling, spinning and eating fire followed by a fantastic firework display.

We have lots of wonderful memories of our centenary.

If you are an adult and like the sound of these activities too, why not consider helping at a Guide unit? We would particularly welcome extra help at our Guide meetings, and no camp fire experience is needed! We have 2 units meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during term time.

We always welcome the offer of help in all sections so if you would like to come along to a meeting to find out more, please email Alison at alisongieler@dsl.pipex.com

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CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



Autumn is nearly with us and we are turning our thoughts towards more indoor events for the remaining cooler months of the year. We have had a good mix of events throughout the summer including a day trip to the Isle of Wight and a Canal Boat Trip on the Grand Union Canal at Cosgrove near Milton Keynes. Add to this some pub meals, visits to places of interest, walks, a concert, skittles and a quiz night and you can see there has been plenty for our members to do.

Our programme is always evolving based on new ideas from our members. We encourage this through our planning evenings and pub nights so there should be something for everyone as they suggest and organise the events! Meals out, a day trip to Cheddar Gorge, Bowling, Skittles, Quiz Nights, at home evenings, Take-Away nights, Walks, Pub Nights, Theatre and Cinema visits are just some of the events we have planned over the next few months. Some of these are events are 'regulars' for club members that we repeat them from time to time due to popularity. Over the last few months we have continued to attract a number of new people locally and we extend a very warm welcome to them. We will be looking forward to their ideas for the future.

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 continues to be a successful daytime event and we have recently tried a couple of different venues and days of the week. Again this is a great informal event to meet and chat with members old and new.

Over the past year membership has grown steadily as new members join the group and we have an increasing number from Totteridge, Terriers, and surrounding areas. If you are single, 30 plus, looking for a social life and new friends then why not give us a try? There are no strangers at Chameleon, just new friends to be made in a social group run by and for its members. To find out more call Joyce on 01494 - 461328, 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.

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