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Travellers camp on Terriers Conservation area on Wednesday 17th August.  
Vehicles started arriving on the Monday evening but the site had been cleared by the following weekend.

See inside for all your community news from Totteridge & Terriers.....



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## Events & Information Diary

### Thursday 8th September

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

Monthly meeting of the W.I. talk this month is on "Writing and other Lunacies".  
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 of each month.  
This months theme is Healthy Wenches and guest speaker is Dr Barry Hughes on  
Medical Detection Dogs. New Members Welcome (See P.13 for more information)

### Wednesday 28th September

**Community Impact Bucks Annual Conference, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury**

(See P.13 for more information)

### Thursday 6th October

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

Talk this month is on "Bats".

### Thursday 13th October

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

Reflective Wenches - Annual Meeting

### Thursday 3rd November

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

This month is the Annual Meeting

### Thursday 10th November

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

Dancing Wenches - Modern Jive, Have a go. Guest Speaker is Tim Mullett

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## WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the autumn 2016 edition of T & T News.

We hope you had a good summer despite the somewhat mixed weather over the last few months. If you managed to get away to sunnier climes then hopefully you had an enjoyable break. Now the holidays are over and the schools are back its that time of year we often see the countryside at its best with the autumn tints.

Talking of seeing the countryside at it best this was very nearly not the case at Terriers when travellers moved onto the conservation area one Monday evening in August. Thankfully the local council responded quickly and the site was cleared by the following weekend albeit with some mess to clear up.

In this edition of your local community newsletter we hear from our regular contributors and capture a personal view on the Totteridge Recreation Ground from Phil Jones.

Happy reading until next time!

David Winterburn, Editor



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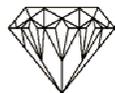
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At the time of writing we are busy preparing ourselves for the August bank holiday Hazlemere Fete, keeping our fingers crossed for better weather this time around. This has become a significant fund raiser for the club, for the 6<sup>th</sup> year running we will be attending with our ever so popular 'beat-the-keeper'; this provides an excellent opportunity to show case the club to attract new players and volunteers as well provide a bit of fun to the punters.

After a highly successful event last year we have been invited back to run the BBQ again, is the real money spinner though last year we had to share the profits with another group in order to provide enough help serving our customers. We are keeping this 'in-house' this year I trust we found enough volunteers to exceed last year's success.

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As summer nears an end we look forward to a the start of a new season with optimism. Replacing the outgoing Richard & Jack Porter we welcome to the club Liam O'Rourke and Phil Holman who will take over the running of the Under 16's. Liam, a qualified FA Coach, has previous experience with Stokenchurch Juniors and has already demonstrated a great enthusiasm for the task ahead.

We will also be fielding 3 mini teams at Under 10's, Under 11's and Under 12's all ably looked after by Oliver Witney and his team of coaches. We are always on the lookout for more help either supporting the existing teams or starting up new younger age groups.

We are fortunate to 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 Micklefield gives us a fantastic base in which to draw new players.

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 are now looking for players to fill the Under 16's or younger teams. 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 12's – Oliver Witney 07706 888441

Under 15's – Liam O'Rourke 07519 820273



## Terriers Evening W.I.

As is customary a garden party in a member's lovely garden was the setting for our July meeting.

The highlight of the evening was provided by two extraordinarily gifted young musicians, the grandchildren of another member. Joshua, aged 12, is an award winning saxophonist equally talented at playing classical and modern music. His 8 year old sister, Hannah, is an oboist and has passed her Grade 3 examination on the instrument with distinction. She bids fair to follow the success of her brother.

On 10 July we ran a very popular stall at the Open Day of Pann Mill selling homemade cakes, breads and preserves etc. Together with crafts and plants. We shall be operating the stall again at the Mill's next Open Day on 11 September.

After our August break our Autumn programme is as follows :-

- 8 September "Writing and Other Lunacies"
- 6 October "Bats"
- 3 November Annual Meeting
- 1 December "Christmas Crackers"

We meet at Cedar Park School, Cedar Avenue, Hazlemere at 7.45pm and are always pleased to welcome new members.

For further details please contact Margaret O'Connor 075026 12093

### T & T NEWS NEEDS YOUR STORIES and EVENTS

If you run a local group and would like to let the community know what you do, attract new members or get support for an event then get in touch. The deadline for our winter 2016 edition is 20th November.

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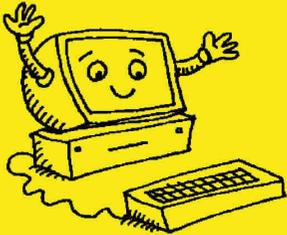
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Carotid endarterectomy, related to stroke care, will still be carried out in Wycombe. I recently met the Medical Director for NHS England (South Central) to talk about these changes and the impact for patients. I wanted specific undertakings that the healthcare of local people would be improved. I have been assured the majority of pre - and post-operative procedures will continue to be performed locally at Wycombe Hospital, giving ease of access to patients. The specialist surgery which needs to be performed in Oxford is taking place in a theatre with advanced facilities and expert staff to meet the latest clinical standards.

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 would like my help with a particular Government or Parliamentary issue, please phone my constituency office on 01494 448408.

**Keep Fit**  
**Totteridge Community Centre**



The World Health Organisation (WHO) reports that a quarter of noncommunicable diseases worldwide e.g, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, are associated with not moving about vigorously enough or frequently enough in our daily lives. This sort of sedentary behaviour has also been linked to the onset of dementia.

But these are NOT the reasons that we meet at 6.30 on a Thursday evening at the Totteridge and District Community Centre. We keep fit because it's fun. We're a small group so it's easy to make friends and chat to one another.

We exercise gently to music using short routines to well known music of the 60s, 70s, 80s and sometimes more modern or older songs. We stretch, tone and work against resistance using weights, stretch again, relax and go home feeling much better for having given our bodies (and our jaws – says Joyce's husband) a complete work-out.

We have room for just two or three more people at the moment so if you're interested contact Sue on 01494 532088. Remember places are limited so don't delay. Ring today.



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## Church makes weighty donation to Hospice thanks to vicar's slim



Vicar Tony Dickinson lost nine pounds – and ended up helping to raise almost £3,000 for charity as a result. Canon Tony, vicar of St Francis of Assisi in Terriers, slimmed down as part of a fundraising drive earlier this year on behalf of patients at nearby South Bucks Hospice.



The 68-year-old explained: “We started on Shrove Tuesday when I weighed just over 12 stone and I had lost about 9lbs by Easter Day, which pleased me - although I have to admit, it was difficult.

“I have taken part in a sponsored slim for the last 20 years, but then slowly always put the weight back on afterwards.”

He added: “There are days when it’s a struggle to keep the diet going because we have a very good Chinese takeaway nearby. If the wind is coming from the north east and the wok is running, I really do suffer and have to exercise iron discipline.”

The vicar stressed, however: “My slim was only a part of the fundraising efforts. Our parishioners really did a magnificent job to raise such a load of money for the Hospice. We have had close links with the charity going back a long way and are pleased to be able to help in this way.”

Worshippers also raised cash via coffee mornings, cream teas and collecting jars.

A total of £2,844.23 was raised by the church through the various initiatives.

Grateful Hospice CEO Jo Woolf attended a Sunday service in August to collect the money and said: “We really do appreciate this wonderful donation from the church and are humbled by the way so many people put in so much effort for us.”

And she joked: “Who knows, perhaps I may personally invite Tony Dickinson to a slap-up meal to thank him for his efforts. After all, he can always lose any weight he gains from this by doing another sponsored slim for us next Lent!”

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## From Westminster to Wycombe - Steve Baker MP



There is no doubt the last few weeks have been a fast moving time in British politics after the Leave result and David Cameron's decision to hand over power. I believe the people of the UK made the right choice for our country in the EU referendum. Theresa May has proven successful as the longest-serving Home Secretary in over a century, and she receives my support as our new Prime Minister. We can move forward as a country and retain the stability that is required to negotiate our smooth and successful exit from the EU.

I know the public took the referendum vote seriously and I understand that some people are now anxious about the future. That is to be regretted; I am certain we have nothing to fear from becoming a self-governing country, making our own laws, trading freely with the world and conducting public policy on the basis of UK citizenship.

Moving onto more local matters, I have accepted an invitation to visit the new South Bucks Hospice which is being built on the old Kingswood School site off Totteridge Road. The South Bucks Hospice is a wonderful organisation and I know many people value the care it has provided them and members of their family on its present site in Amersham Road. When the new premises open the hospice will offer even better facilities and treatments for people following its motto of *Affirming Life Through Palliative Care*. If you would like to volunteer or support its activities, please get in touch with the charity's organisers as I know they would be pleased to welcome you.

Regular readers will know I am committed to the highest quality NHS healthcare for my constituents. Wycombe continues to be a specialist centre for two of the biggest killers – heart attack and stroke. The cardiac and stroke teams have earned national and international recognition for their innovation and commitment to patient care, and there are plans underway to expand these services to consolidate its status as one of the leading centres for this treatment in the country.

However, for specialist procedures there is often a tension between quality and location: time and again, clinical imperatives on safety and quality lead to centralisation to enable consultants and other staff to deliver expert care. It was announced a few weeks ago that specialist vascular surgery will now be carried out in Oxford, with outpatients' appointments being held in Wycombe Hospital.



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## Totteridge Recreation Ground Phil Jones from Terriers gives his view.....

Totteridge Recreation Ground is wonderful. I love its open space feel, its peaceful atmosphere, its trees all round, and its big sky. I feel lucky to live near such a beautiful, tranquil and popular place.

It has a historic view. When St Francis church was built in 1930, it was surrounded by fields. Today, the Rec is the only place left where it can still be seen in its original setting.



It is good for stargazing. With no streetlights, it is possible to see the stars at night and it is the best place in the area for that.

Since January this year I have collected many bags of litter and even a dumped lawnmower. I have cleared all the entrance footpaths, and the footpath on the Walton Drive side, as far as Hardenway. I have picked up glass bottles and metal cans which are dangerous in the middle of a playing field. I would like more help from the Council.

There is a repeated problem with illegal use of mini-motos. If a footpath is built all the way around, would it make a racetrack?

The changing-room building has a leaking gutter, its roof is coming away, it is covered in graffiti, it is a magnet for antisocial behaviour, I am told people have been seen throwing bricks at it, it seems an eyesore to me, a neighbour has suggested it should be removed altogether.

There is graffiti in all the entrance ways. In the footpath entrance on the Walton Drive side and in from Hardenway there is a concrete wall that is covered in graffiti. I believe graffiti is harmful because it gives the impression that an area is out of control.

I welcome the news that Wycombe District Council wishes to spend money on Totteridge Rec. Please would the Council use this opportunity to 1) Help solve the above problems. 2) Take maximum care to preserve the character of the Rec.

I have written up all this with photos in a downloadable PDF document which is available here: <http://www.pjc.me.uk/tott-rec/>

## Neighbourhood Action Groups

Neighbourhood Action Groups known as “Nag’s” for short are a key part of Neighbourhood Policing in the Thames Valley. A NAG is a multi-agency problem solving group that consists of relevant partner agencies, key stakeholders and most importantly members of the community from all walks of life.

How do you get involved?

For more information about getting involved with your local NAG call the Police non-emergency number 101 and ask to speak to the local policing team. You can also enquire at your local manned Police station. Anyone can get involved and most NAG’s feature a diverse membership with a variety of skills and experience.

A number of partners will be considered to sit on a NAG and these include:

- Local Authority / District Council representative
- Youth Service
- Housing Manager
- Headteacher
- Local business community member
- Licensee
- Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator
- Police
- Neighbourhood Members
- A minimum of two young people aged between 14 and 15

There are many benefits to getting involved with the NAG in your area. These include influencing decisions, changing things for the better in your neighbourhood, gaining a sense of satisfaction, add to quality of local life, add to your CV and working with partner agencies.

Call your local Policing team on 101 to find out more or visit the Thames Valley police web site at [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)



## News from Wycombe District Council

### Totteridge Recreation Ground

High Wycombe Town Council recently recommended to Cabinet the release of S106 budget funds to address the deficiency in community services within the Terriers and Amersham Hill ward.

Totteridge Recreation Ground lies within the ward and has sufficient space for additional community facilities. Already £412,000 of funds has been allocated with an additional £240,000 of S106 funds allocated by cabinet this year. The funds have some restrictions on how they can be spent in terms of sports/ outdoor or community facilities.

A workshop was held recently to find out local preferences for community and open space facilities. While the outcome is not a statistical representation of residents of the local area suggestions put forward include:

- Providing a community building
- All weather circular path around the perimeter
- Fitness trail/outdoor gym around the perimeter
- All weather surface for multi games use/tennis
- Improved cricket facilities

### Draft Residential Design Guide

The council is consulting on the Draft Residential Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document known for short as SPD. The consultation runs through until the 16th September and you can view an electronic version of the Residential Design guide by visiting:

[www.wycombe.gov.uk/consultation-draft-residential-design-guidance](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/consultation-draft-residential-design-guidance)

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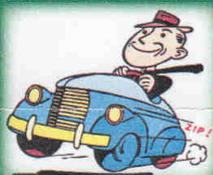
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## What's Going on in Girlguiding?

I began volunteering as a unit helper for Guides last February. Having not had any experience of Guiding when I was younger, I was quite confused at the start with how everything worked. I knew the basics from when my sister was a brownie, but I had no understanding of the badge process and about the huge variety of badges and activities available!

I went along to Guide Camp at the start of July, which was a great experience. It was good to see the girls in a different environment and I was so impressed with how well behaved they were and how mature they seemed.

Every week brings a new challenge and a new burst of energy from the girls; I know if I've had a bad day they'll be able to put a smile on my face. I'm really looking forward to working with them on their Performing Arts badge next term and I'd love to find out more/ get involved with the Gang Show.

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me in to the Girlguiding community, I am looking forward to what the next year brings! [Jenny Wade, 1st High Wycombe Guides](#)

### *And a round up from the rest of the District*

2nd High Wycombe Guides held a very wet camp at Ellesborough Guide Centre, have attended the Essex International Jamboree and also attended the Big Gig at Wembley - this is Girlguiding's very own music concert with performances from artists such as Jess Glynne, Fleur East, miC Lowry and Roman Kemp to name but a few.

1st High Wycombe Guides camped at Paccar - Chalfont Heights, and were very lucky with the weather.

3rd High Wycombe Guides attended Wellies and Wristbands - a national camp held at Foxlease in Hampshire, where the Guides did such things as: -,Bungee Runs, Land Zorbing, Raft Building, Dance, High Ropes, Stage performances and much more.

Three Brownie units took part in an Orienteering evening in Keep Hill Woods as part of Avril's Challenge - a bi-annual challenge held in memory of a Brownie Leader. This is all in addition to weekly unit meetings where a variety of short activities are carried out.

Are you interested in being a leader and having fun alongside the girls?

If so, please contact Terrie on 01494 445816 or 07720 383535

email [terrie103@btinternet.com](mailto:terrie103@btinternet.com) or visit the national website:

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## Other local Church information for Totteridge & Terriers

### Totteridge Baptist Church

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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 There are regular Masses on Saturday's, Sunday's and during the week.

Tel: 01494 - 523969

### Totteridge Mosque

(Wycombe Islamic & Mosque Trust Limited)

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Wycombe Wenches have a very busy time in the autumn. In September our speaker will be Dr Barry Hughes who will be telling us about the work of Medical Detection Dogs. It is then the WI Sports week and we will be learning how to Nordic walk and playing Ten Pin Bowls.

In October we will have our annual meeting when we will be reflecting on the year just gone and planning for the next one.

Wycombe Wenches will be 5 in November so the month is packed with a variety of activities – theatre trip, visit to the Hindu Temple in Neasden, afternoon tea, dinner, pottery painting as well as the monthly meeting when we will be celebrating by learning to jive.

There will be a Christmas meal in December and a party.

If you want the opportunity to build new skills, make new friends and take part in a wide variety of activities then why not join *Wycombe Wenches WI*? To find out more, visit our website: <http://wycombewi.weebly.com> and then come to one of our meetings. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month in Totteridge Community Centre from 8-10 pm.

Judith Forster, President.



Rennie Grove Hospice Care organise a number of fund raising events throughout the year. You can find out about all the events taking place and how you can help by visiting [renniegrove.org](http://renniegrove.org)

On Saturday 17th September they will be doing a collection in Prestwood. If you can volunteer to help any time between 9am and 6pm please contact the team on 01442 820734 or e-mail [community@renniegrove.org](mailto:community@renniegrove.org)

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## South Bucks Counselling welcomes new Clinical Director

South Bucks Counselling has announced that Dawn Clark will join the agency as the new Clinical Director. She will replace Catherine Simmons who is relocating to the south coast after six years with the charity. Dawn brings a wealth of experience together with strong leadership and a management background.

Andrew Wilton, Chairman of the agency thanked Catherine for her commitment over the last six years. She was instrumental in introducing the new web site, the creation of a database and helping to introduce workshops and speaker conferences. Catherine was also involved in promoting South Bucks Counselling in the community.



Community Impact Bucks will be holding their Annual Conference on Wednesday 28th September 2016. The title this year will be "Building the bridge - succeeding together" on the theme of Corporate Social Responsibility.

If you are involved in a charity or voluntary organisation and looking for answers to questions such as "What does a business organisation's Corporate Social responsibility policy look like?" then this could be for you. There will be a number of speakers throughout the day including attendance from some of the county's leading business names.

Booking details for the conference can be found on the web site at:  
[communityimpactbucks.org.uk](http://communityimpactbucks.org.uk)

Throughout the year there are also a number of workshops and advice surgeries details of which can also be found on the web site. Next up on Thursday 13th October is a session on Recruiting & Retaining Volunteers. This is a one-day masterclass being held in Chesham.

On **Wednesday, 2nd November** the annual Commemoration of the Departed will take place at 8.00 p.m. There will be the opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to come to St Francis and light a candle in their memory

On **Saturday, 5th November**, there will be a Bonfire Party from 6.00 p.m. in the church grounds. Hot drinks, and snacks, will be available.

**Sunday, 13th November** is Remembrance Sunday and there will be a shorter-than-usual celebration of the Parish Communion to allow the congregational Act of Remembrance to reach its climax in the Two Minutes' Silence at 11.00 a.m.

On a less solemn note, the church's annual Christmas Market will be held on **Saturday, 26th November** from 11.00 a.m. As in recent years, the Market will use the whole of the church and church hall, with craft and produce stalls, refreshments running through the day and Santa's Grotto hidden in the depths of the church building.

Meanwhile life goes on with our usual round of activities:

**Sunday services** at **8.00 a.m.** and **10.00 a.m.**

Communion services each **Wednesday** at **10.00 a.m.** in a traditional style

**Messy Church** at **4.00 p.m.** on the **third Saturday**

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

The **Julian Meetings** for people interested in exploring meditation and the way of contemplative prayer. These take place in church at 8.00 p.m. on the **first Monday** and 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.

"**Knit, Craft and Natter**" each **Wednesday** at **11.00 a.m.** in co-operation with the South Bucks Hospice

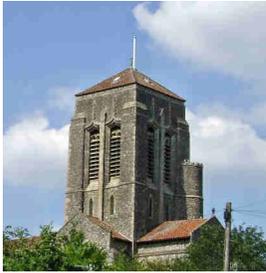
**Christian Aid Lunch**, church hall at 12.30 p.m. each **Friday** during term-time.

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

The monthly **working parties** keeping the church grounds tidy on the morning of the **second Saturday** of each month (weather permitting) from 9.30 a.m.

Given the heavy use of St Francis church hall, particularly on week-day evenings, it has been agreed by the Church Council that the church building can also be open for hiring. Enquiries to the Church Hall manager, Mrs Shelagh Sheppard (tel: 01494 462911. e-mail: [terrierschurch@gmail.com](mailto:terrierschurch@gmail.com))

*Tony Dickinson*



## Autumn at St Francis' Church

From 1<sup>st</sup> September, life at St Francis' Church picks up speed. The month begins with a Teddy-bears' Picnic for under-fives and their parents/carers in the Vicarage garden. It continues with one of our new "paperless" services aimed at families with young children at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday, 4th September.

On **Saturday, 10th September**, we will be making the church ready to receive visitors taking part in the annual "Ride and Stride" in aid of the Bucks Historic Churches Trust – and a group of walkers from the church will be striding out for sponsorship money that day.

The following **Saturday, 17th September**, sees the first "Messy Church" of the autumn. This is held in St Francis' church hall from 4.00 p.m. and offers something for all the family: messy play and craft activities for children and adults who wish to join in. Drinks are available and we end with a short act of worship followed by a shared meal.

On **Sunday, 18th September**, we have something of a coup. The new Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Venerable Guy Elsmore, will preach at the Parish Communion at 10.00 a.m. It will be his first visit to High Wycombe following his formal welcome to Buckinghamshire at St Mary's Aylesbury the previous Sunday.

On **Saturday, 24th September**, we hold our Harvest Supper and Quiz Night (beginning at 7.30 p.m. sharp), at which all are welcome. Please contact the Vicarage to check ticket availability. The next day the church celebrates Harvest Thanksgiving. For over twenty years we have been making a special collection of food, clothing, and toiletries for the Whitechapel Mission, which provides a wide range of support facilities for homeless and rootless people in the East End of London. Gifts can be offered at the church building at either of the services that day.

On **Sunday, 2nd October** the church celebrates its Patronal Festival, giving thanks to God for the life and example of St Francis. There will be a traditional Prayer Book service at 8.00 a.m. and a service for all ages at 10.00 a.m. The following Sunday the church building celebrates its 86<sup>th</sup> birthday, in very good shape following the restoration work carried out between summer 2012 and Christmas 2014, and with further work planned to develop its potential as a centre for the local community.

At the very end of the month there are two special events, the Parish Communion for All Saints' Sunday (**30th October**), and the following day our Children's party for All Hallows Eve.

## CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



Our short Gourmet Cruise to St Malo in Northern France was an event that certainly exceeded our expectations.

Good on-board food and accommodation on the ferry and a superb meal at Lion d'Or inside the walled town made for a great trip. There was time to explore too outside all the eating with much to see in this welcoming French town.

We went to see "Grease" at the Luna open air cinema at Stoner Park in July. While there is always an element of chance with the weather it turned out to be a dry sunny evening and just right for a night at the movies with a picnic. Also in July we had a day trip to Bourton-on-the-Water to enjoy this famous Cotswold village.

Over the last few months members we have also enjoyed a visit to the Rebellion Brewery, live music at Dusty's Blues Club and a meal out at Pizza Express to mention just a few. 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, live music performances, comedy evenings, go for walks and various other events throughout the year. Coffee mornings during the cooler months are also popular and it is likely we will do more of these both at home and at venues such as Garden Centres and cafes.

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 too!

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: [chameleon\\_bucks@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:chameleon_bucks@tiscali.co.uk). Visit us on-line at [www.bucksvoice.net/chameleon](http://www.bucksvoice.net/chameleon) for more information and an events listing.



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## Bucks County Councillor - Val Letheren Reports....

Hope you are all enjoying the sunshine at last . The good weather has meant that the County Council has been able to progress much of the road repairs we have been waiting for. Amersham Road at terriers now has a good surface and the roundabouts have been repaired. Tower Street and Green Hill are being resurfaced and I am still pushing for a visible traffic sign on the bend of Green Road and the Ridgeway.

The weeds in our pavements still keep growing but there is an issue regarding the herbicide that has been previously used which needs sorting out. The escape lane on the Amersham Hill will be cleaned up again soon.

Regarding my role now on the County Council I have now been elected the Chairman of the Council for 2016 to 2017. This is rather like being the mayor of the whole of Bucks excluding Milton Keynes. It does mean a lot of travelling to get to events and we do have good connections with our neighbouring County Councils as well as London. I never cease to be amazed at the good work being done in our community much of it by volunteers, and the good will between our different communities, working together for everyone's benefit. With all the pressures to provide more houses we must be ever mindful not to destroy the environment we are fortunate to live in. Increased ownership of cars remains a big issue especially when it comes to finding somewhere to park as many of our residents are experiencing. The schools in our division all try to get parents taking and collecting their children to be mindful of the nearby residents houses but it remains a problem. The more we can get our children and parents to walk to school the better for everyone. Walking has been proved yet again that it is such a healthy thing to do. The more you do the easier it gets !