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A new Breakfast Show will soon be launching at Wycombe Sound making a great start to your day. There will also be an enhanced partnership that will see a pre-match show coming live from Adams Park in the run up to the Wycombe Wanderers games. The station will also be at the Kop Hill Climb on the weekend of 25th & 26th September.

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Local Groups

At the time of publishing our autumn 2021 edition of T & T News many groups, organisations and clubs are only just re-starting their regular activities and fundraising events. Where we can updates will be included on our web site at www.tandtnews.org.uk so do make sure you let us know so we can include them.

T&T News Diary

Once our local groups have got back to more regular events we plan to return the Back Page Diary to the community magazine. Do keep letting us know your events for future editions.

T&T Web Site

Our web site is now regularly updated with the latest news and information. Plus we carry extra stories that are not included in the printed magazine. With the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions having now eased we will bring you up-to-date information on local groups and clubs as we receive them. Visit our web site at: www.tandtnews.org.uk

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Hello,

Welcome to the autumn 2021 edition of T & T News.

After many months of lockdowns we are finally able to get out a bit, meet with friends and relatives and enjoy both the great outdoors and indoors together. This does all come with some caution as both us, our local groups, organisations and businesses start to return to normal.

Some of our local groups are yet to return to a full programme of events and of course we must be wary that further restrictions could return at any time. We'll try to keep you informed between printed editions of the community magazine via our web site.

Do make sure you let us know what is happening in your group, your road and your area. That way we can let others know and help promote all that's good in Totteridge & Terriers. Have a great autumn, keep safe and keep in touch with the latest news and information at www.tandtnews.org.uk

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YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FOOTBALL TEAM!

A NEW SEASON. We are now about to begin our 2021/22 season which we hope will be interrupted unlike the previous two, and I can say on behalf of everyone that we are very much looking forward to it!

We did have our awards ceremony, held at Booker Judo Centre, with pizza, drinks and prizes! Everyone had a wonderful time and its one of the best parts of the season. Everyone received a medal for their participation during the season and there were some individual awards for each age group.



Figure 1 – Trophies from our awards ceremony

We have now registered our teams and leagues and are still after a few more **U10s** players. So if you know anyone that may be interested then please get in touch. We have also had some parents enquire about an **U8s** team which we would love to start but it requires a few more players and helpers, so if you or anyone you know may be interested in that, then again, get in touch!

We play games at Totteridge Recreation Ground most Sundays with training on the Rye where there is a bit more space. The club has now been going for 25 years which is a tremendous achievement for all the volunteers the club has had over the years.



Hospice seeks volunteers for new bereavement listening service



Volunteers are being asked to step forward to take part in a training course to learn how to help local bereaved people come to terms with their loss.

The free ten-week programme is being run one morning a week on Mondays from September to December by South Bucks Hospice at Butterfly House in High Wycombe.

It will pave the way for a new Volunteer Bereavement Listening Service at the hospice – and community-minded people who successfully complete the course will be asked to join the team as volunteers when it is launched in January 2022.

Juliette Coffey, Head of Individual and Family Support at South Bucks Hospice, said: “We are seeking compassionate and empathetic people to help make this work for those in the local community who so urgently need our help. This is a wonderful opportunity to join a day hospice with big aspirations to increase the reach of our service provision and to help us to make a real difference to the lives of those we care for.

“This is a volunteer role requiring a time commitment of between 3-7 hours per week and the successful candidates will ideally have previous experience in working or volunteering in a listening capacity.”

Juliette added: “This is a particularly poignant time to launch this badly-needed service for people in Bucks. As well as supporting families and carers who have been bereaved through the loss of those who have needed our palliative care services, we know so many people have been bereaved by the pandemic and have not yet had a full chance to process and understand their feelings.”

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Pann Mill Open Day

Pann Mill on The Rye will be open again on Sunday 12th September between 11am and 5pm. The mill is the oldest surviving working mill in the town and this is a chance subject to water flow to see the mill in action.

Hazlemere Community Centre

The community Centre is now open and regular activities have once again re-started. There are a number of different groups that meet each week plus a number of special events. To give just a taster of what's coming up:

Salsa Class - Wednesday's from 8th September

Music in the Bar with Billy Gallacher - Sunday 12th September 2-4pm

Quiz Night - Saturday 25th September 6:30pm cost £10 inc Baked Potato Supper

Music in the Bar with Russel Smith—Sunday 26th September 2-4pm

Gala Dinner Evening - Saturday 15th October 6:30pm cost £30 inc 3-course meal

Defibrillator Update

There are now over 50 defibrillators installed in the High Wycombe area. Familiarisation is important and you are encouraged to go to "You Tube" and search the training videos under "How to use a Defibrillator" and also "How to do CPR". To identify the nearest defibrillator an app can be downloaded to your portable device by searching for "SCAS Save a Life" The app is available for both Android or Apple devices. The facility is run and managed by the South Central Ambulance Service which covers Bucks, Berks, Oxon and Hampshire.



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Terriers Evening W.I.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The pandemic-weary members of Terriers Evening have been keeping in touch throughout the year with regular monthly Zoom meetings but have appreciated the resumption of many usual activities with the lifting of restrictions.

Although, as yet, unable to return to our meeting venue at Cedar Park School, the walking group was able to take advantage of some of the warmer days on a couple of occasions. Undeterred by sudden showers and the closure, due to pinging, of a cafe, intended as a refreshment stop, participants on the second walk were amply recompensed by the hospitality of our secretary who plied the weary walkers with tea and cake in her conservatory.

The annual garden party enjoyed ideal weather and was hosted by the president in her, as always, beautiful garden. Home-made afternoon tea was served in style to each member, to avoid any undue crowding.

Now that normality is beginning to return we have a busy and varied program of upcoming activities and events. To begin with several members will be attending the celebrations of the centenary of the Buckinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes at Waddesdon Manor this month which promises to be a good day out.

Traditionally, Terriers WI do not meet in August so we are all very much looking forward to our first meeting when we will be learning about cheese making and, hopefully, sampling some of the results of our speaker's labours. Our October meeting will feature a talk about creativity, From Silversmith to Textiles. November is the annual meeting at which the new committee and officers are elected and the year will be rounded off by the Christmas party in December. During the autumn various other activities will also be taking place with the walks program continuing and the craft group stepping up production of Christmas cards and other seasonal items. One major event of the autumn will be in October when Terriers Evening will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of our founding with a lunch party at Hazlemere Golf Club

If you would like to know more about Terriers Evening WI or would be interested in coming along to one of our meetings please do contact us on 01494 444395

Terriers Evening WI meets at 7.45pm on the first Thursday of each month at Cedar Park School, Cedar Avenue, Hazlemere. Visitors and prospective members from Terriers and Hazlemere will be warmly welcomed.

Celia Carter



Wycombe Wenchies WI



Hello and welcome to the summer round up of news from Wycombe Wenchies WI. We are continuing our monthly meetings on Zoom until October, but in the meantime have had some great opportunities to meet up face to face outdoors. Our regular walks are taking place and we held a lunchtime Picnic on the Rye in June to celebrate both Pride Month and National Picnic Week. We created a lot of interest with our flags and banners from passers by and had great fun creating a human rainbow in support of Pride.



In preparation for our face-to-face meetings restarting, we have made the huge decision to move to larger premises. Our membership has grown during the last 18 months to a point that we have outgrown Totteridge Community Centre and are moving to High Wycombe Cricket Club in October. There is more space to spread out and it has a lovely balcony where we can open the doors and let in lots of fresh air. Our thanks go to TTC for hosting us for many years and we will always be grateful for their support of our WI.

We have continued to meet monthly online. We enjoyed a wonderful talk in June from Helen Dale. She gave us a superb insight into the delicate world of Transgender issues, clearly explaining many of the difficulties and obstacles faced by many and sharing her personal transitioning journey from a man to a woman. It was a huge education for many of us and we were grateful for Helen's openness on the subject. In July Diane, one of our own members stepped in at the last minute to talk about Miniature Dolls houses and her passion for all things small scale. She has created numerous houses and rooms and shared photos and inside information on how these were made.

We do not meet formally in August as everyone takes a well-earned rest.

Some of you may be aware that the Buckinghamshire Federation Head Office in Stuart Road is up for sale as the Federation offices moves to a more central location in the County. The front garden of the building needed some sprucing up, so Wycombe Wenchies volunteered a gardening team. We had it looking spick and span in no time!



Steve Baker MP

Over 80 million vaccine doses have now been administered in the UK, and I am pleased most of the coronavirus restrictions ended in July. The Prime Minister has been clear people's personal judgement will now be key in learning to live with the virus, although I would expect people to be mindful of those who are nervous about the restrictions being eased.

I know the past year has been difficult for so many people. Visits to care homes should now be easier, and indoor and outdoor gatherings, including weddings and funerals, will be able to go ahead without limits being placed on them. I recently attended a wedding, the first wedding I had been to in a long time, and it was wonderful to be sharing life's celebrations with others again.

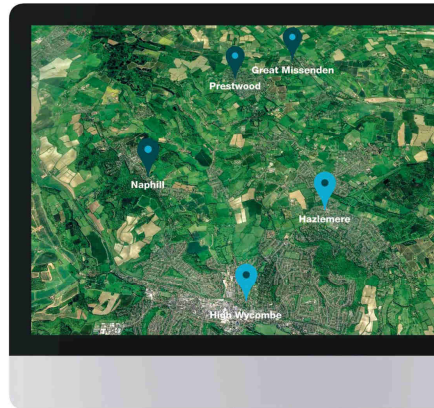
One matter I have taken-up with local NHS leaders is the pressure put on the Urgent Treatment Centre at Wycombe Hospital when patients struggle to see their GP. I know our local GPs are working hard to see a higher number of patients fast. It's vital the public receive the service they need.

Proof of vaccination or a negative test is still required for international travel. I know many people, including me, chose to holiday in the UK this year. However, I'm also conscious people want to travel abroad for some sun and a well-deserved break. There are, of course, many individuals for whom travelling abroad isn't a holiday, but the only way to see their family. That is why people who have been fully vaccinated with an NHS administered vaccine have been able to travel from amber list countries to England without having to quarantine.

Once furlough ends in September, we may begin to see the full impact the pandemic has had on jobs and the economy. Thanks to the Government's Covid-19 economic support, I am hoping that we will bounce back quickly and continue with the strong economic performance that we were experiencing prior to Covid.

I am pleased to see how much the country enjoyed the Euro 2020 football and the Olympics earlier this summer. A number of Olympians come from our area, or trained locally, and I send my congratulations to all the coaches, competitors and medal winners. With the country's success in the swimming and diving competitions I hope this may inspire young people to take-up competitive water sports. We are fortunate in Wycombe to have a number of fantastic clubs and I hope the home-grown successes at the Olympics will encourage people to try any of the sports of swimming, para swimming, diving, water polo, open water swimming or artistic swimming. Obviously there are other sports where we have excelled too and I would encourage everyone, whatever their age, to think about taking-up a sport.

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Wycombe Wenchies WI



Many of us attended a wonderful day out at Waddesdon Manor in August. It was the postponed Centenary Party of Buckinghamshire Federation and was a most enjoyable day out. The sun shone, there were opportunities to meet up with other WI's, enjoy the stalls and marquees, eat our picnics, and listen to the choir sing. One of the highlights for us was entering our "famous person" Scarecrow into the Scarecrow Competition. Our very imaginative member Claire had created Queen Victoria using a broken fan as a stand! She may not have won a prize, but we were all incredibly proud of our entry. Thank you, Claire, (and her 3-year-old helper Rupert) you did us proud.



We do clearly enjoy a good picnic at Wycombe Wenchies, as the next get together we had was a teatime meet up on the Rye. We sat and had a good natter and some enjoyed quick game of boules. It was a fabulous opportunity for us to meet some of our newer members face to face, who had joined our WI during Lockdown. 20 of us gathered in the early evening and we were delighted to see how incredibly busy the Rye was at this time of day. We were sandwiched (get it!) between a lady's football match and a group doing a Boot Camp type work out. Our boules seemed a little tame in comparison, but we didn't mind that!

You can find Wycombe Wenchies WI on Facebook at [wycombewenchieswi](https://www.facebook.com/wycombewenchieswi) and our website, wycombewi.weebly.com. We update both regularly with news and dates of activities. If you are thinking of joining us do come along to any monthly meeting as a guest to find out more about us. We meet evenings second Wednesday of the month.
Wednesday September 8th online using Zoom
Wednesday October 13th High Wycombe Cricket Club
Wednesday November 10th High Wycombe Cricket Club

Warmest wishes, Helen Speakman

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Students plant 150 new trees at The Highcrest Academy



Students at The Highcrest Academy in High Wycombe planted 150 new trees at the school as they prepared a new wildlife area to serve generations of pupils to come.

The trees were donated by a company called Fusion JV, who are committed to increasing the natural woodland for schools in the Chilterns, and included holly, dog rose, willow and hazel. They were planted near the car park on the school field by 'Forest School' students in Year 10 and 11.

Principal Glen Burke gathered together with staff and students recently to place a plaque on one of the trees and mark the creation of the new woodland area.

Teaching assistant Alice Watson, who is Forest School Practitioner, said: "The plaque read 'Planted by Class of 2020/2021'. This will be a poignant reminder of who planted them when the trees grow. The Year 11s planted many of the trees before they left and this means there will be something of them left in the school to be enjoyed by future generations and students. The planting was finished off by the Year 10s."

She added: "Both year groups were fabulous. I am proud of them and they should all be proud of their efforts and how it will impact the future student bodies."

A spokesperson from Fusion JV said: "We are happy to support our local communities, and this opportunity to help an education facility establish a natural area for all the students to enjoy, by donating a selection of very young native trees. This is a great opportunity to assist."

The Forest School scheme run at Highcrest is described as a long-term programme that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It is said to develop confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

Highcrest's gardening plea bears fruit as support pours in



A school which appealed for help with its new gardening club has been overwhelmed with the support that has poured in from the public and businesses. The Highcrest Academy in High Wycombe first made the plea in T&T News earlier this year for firms to back its new 'social and therapeutic' horticultural programme for students. Teachers were hopeful of a good

response to their appeal, but said they were stunned by the level of support they have received for 'Highcrest Horticulture'.

The following donations have now come in:

- Billy Stott from Stotts Nursery: 2 x 50 litre bags of Peat Free All Purpose Compost, reused plant pots, reused plug trays and a mix of annuals and some herbaceous perennials
- FCC Environment & Sutton Courtenay Composting: 15 bags of compost
- Mrs Rosello (Parent): £150 donation
- Alex Ross of Streme Ltd in Marlow Bottom: £200 donation
- Chinnor Flower and Produce Show: Various/numerous seed packs

Other donations are also in the pipeline from companies in the form of plant donation, garden design and talking to students.

Highcrest Horticulture began in March at the school under the guidance of Inclusion Support teacher Samantha Mills, who is the Project Leader. She said: "Six to eight students work on the project at a time in six-week programmes, which continue throughout the school year. We have been planting potatoes, runner beans, strawberries and have started designing the flower garden. The students have really enjoyed it and even those who aren't involved in the project are coming up to us and asking about it.

"We are very grateful for the response to our appeal for help from the public. It is validation of the work we are doing that people can see the worth of a programme like this. Thank you to everyone who has contributed." The programme has been designed to aid and inspire positive behaviour, social interaction and overall mental health and wellbeing in students. The school has designated a piece of land near the engineering block and there is room to grow into a nearby field.



What's Going on in Girlguiding?

We are very much looking forward to Girlguiding holding regular face to face meetings at our regular meeting places over the coming months.

During the last few months, most units have continued with regular zoom meetings, and have met in person in outdoor spaces when weather permitted. Girls have continued to carry out various challenges at home where this has not been possible. Sadly, our normal camps and holidays have not happened this year due to Covid restrictions. We hope to be back to normal with these again next year.

Girlguiding is thriving in the local area with meetings at local churches and schools in the Totteridge and Terriers areas, and also on the Eastern side of the town centre. Meetings are held on most weekdays.

We currently have 3 sections which are:

Rainbows aged 5-7 years, Brownies 7-10 years and Guides 10 – 14 years. There are spaces for girls in most units at the moment and we would love to take in new members.

Want to find out more? In the first instance, please register your interest on the National Girlguiding website at:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

Also, we are always on the lookout for more leaders and helpers. If you are interested or would just like some more information, please contact either:

Julia Sparks Julia.sparks@gmail.com or

Nina Sparks minisparkyn820@yahoo.com



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HELLO FROM JO

Autumn 2021



TERRIERS VICAR TAKES 350,000 STEPS IN FAITH FOR THE COMMUNITY!

Reverend Jo Gallant, vicar of St Francis of Assisi, Terriers, will be walking over 150 miles to raise funds to transform her church buildings into an inclusive and accessible place, to benefit the whole community of Terriers and Totteridge.

Recently diagnosed with a condition that affects her mobility, Jo said, 'Walking the Pilgrims Way from Winchester to Canterbury will be a big step in faith that my legs will hold out, but my brother is walking with me, so, if need be, he can piggyback me into Canterbury!'

Jo has been moved by the diverse needs of the local community, which often remain hidden until they reach a crisis point. Following conversations with residents, community groups and parishioners, what they feel is most needed, is an accessible place where the community can gather to socialise, enjoy a variety of ways to improve their wellbeing, help the environment and share in the highs and lows of life; as well as access support when needed.

St Francis church has begun an ambitious vision to provide a community garden, café and accessible church building, which will have a positive impact on the social, spiritual, mental, and environmental wellbeing of all in Terriers and Totteridge.

Everyone is invited to help make this vision become a reality, and with donations of soil, plants, coffee machines and help from volunteers, already being promised, Jo is hoping others will catch the vision, and sponsor her as she steps out in faith between October 25th and November 8th to raise funds.

To sponsor Jo, go to her Crowdfunder page www.crowdfunder.co.uk/350000-steps-in-faith or donations can be posted to St Francis Parish Office, Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 5AB.

Follow Jo's progress on 'Friends of St Francis Terriers Facebook Group'



Inner Wheel Club of High Wycombe

In May our club was proud to celebrate its 75th anniversary of our club. It was terrific achievement, and although celebrations were scaled back due to covid restrictions, we marked the occasions at our meeting via Zoom. All members raised a glass and were each sent a badge to commemorate the occasion.

Our members have continued supporting our fund-raising activities and have raised funds for the charities we have been supporting this year.

We have donated:

£1150 to the One Can Trust

£1150 to Land End Community Matters

£1150 to Wycombe Child Contact Centre

£1150 to Windsor & Maidenhead Youth Counselling Services

As the restrictions lifted a few of our members enjoyed a lovely sunny day out at Highclere Castle.



Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change the day and venue of our future meetings. From September we will be meeting on the first Monday of each month at 12:30pm at Holiday Inn at Handy Cross.

We welcome new members. If anyone would like to join our club, please contact our membership office Sue Creed on 07719719636.

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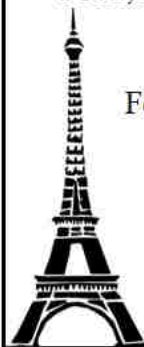
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Revd Joanna Gallant: teamvicar@terrierschurch.org.uk
Office email: churchoffice@terrierschurch.org.uk
Tel: 01494 297933 Office Tel: 01494 462911
Facebook: Friends of St Francis Terriers

Totteridge Baptist Church

Located on Hillary Road, High Wycombe, HP13 7RA
Our services are held every Sunday at 10:30am - All are very welcome.
Tel: 07760 651953 E-mail: totteridgebc.secretary@gmail.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/totteridgebaptist.church>

St Andrews Church (C of E)

Located on Hatters Lane, High Wycombe HP13 7NJ.
Services are every Sunday at 10:15am.
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)
24 Totteridge Road, High Wycombe, HP13 6EB Tel: 01494 - 513440
Also Muslim Education Centre at 4 The Parade, Totteridge Drive
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CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP



The easing of Coronavirus restrictions has meant slowly we are starting to do some meet up events. This as for many groups started a little later than expected but our regular Pub Nights and Lunch Club events are back up and running each month. These have proved very popular with us no longer having the limit of six people so allowing a greater social mix. We are of course taking these steps to freedom with some caution aware that things may change once again at short notice.

So far this year we have had two BBQs in members' homes and again these were very well attended. Our thanks to Mark and Trevor for giving us use of their gardens. The weather proved fine at both making for pleasant afternoons enjoying the conversation and food. We hope over the next few months to do more events where our members can meet up including some day trips out to places of interest and to the coast.

We are keeping our Zoom meet-up sessions going for those who are unable or do not wish to go out during the continuing difficult times. These have proved popular although we are aware that some of our members prefer to attend a "live" event rather than use "social media". However, What's App, Facebook and our website have further helped us keep in touch with comments, videos and pictures from our events and more.

Our monthly evening walks have helped us get out and are followed by a drink back at a local pub. So far we have visited Common Wood, Widmer End and West Wycombe to mention just a few on our travels. These have all been short walks which are suitable for all.

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. We have several local people from Totteridge, Terriers and surrounding areas and you would be very welcome too. To find out more call our membership secretaries Terrie on 01494 445816, Trevor on 01494 529067 or e-mail: info@chameleonsingles.org.uk. Visit us on-line at www.chameleonsingles.org.uk for more information and our current programme or connect with us through Facebook.

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