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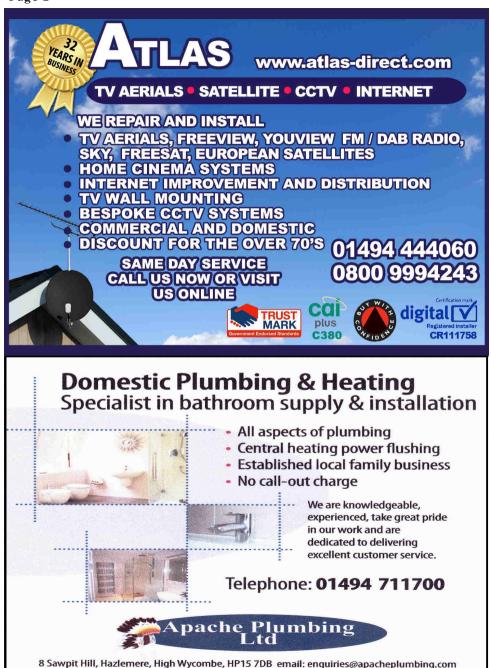


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### Thursday 5th October

Terriers W.I. Meeting 7:45pm at Cedar Park School, Hazlemere Monthly Meeting of the W.I. Talk this month is on The Ridgeway with John Tyler.

### Wednesday 11th October

Wycombe Wenches W.I. Meeting 8pm at Totteridge Community Centre Tonight is the Annual General Meeting followed by a social evening.

### Thursday 2nd November

Terriers W.I. Meeting 7:45pm at Cedar Park School, Hazlemere Monthly Meeting of the W.I. This month is the Annual Meeting which will be followed by a talk from Edwin Rye on plants for Winter Garden Colour.

### Wednesday 8th November

Wycombe Wenches W.I. Meeting 8pm at Totteridge Community Centre Tonight's theme is on The Working life of an Auctioneer with Simone Brown.

### Monday 20th November

### T & T News winter 2017 deadline

Today is the final day to get your news, articles and events in for inclusion in the winter edition of the community magazine. See contact details on P.30

### Saturday 25th November

### Christmas Fair, 11am St Francis Church Hall, Terriers

Annual Christmas fair with lots of stalls for the those must have Christmas gifts and accessories. All welcome.

### Wednesday 13th December

Wycombe Wenches W.I. Meeting 8pm at Totteridge Community Centre Tonight's theme is on Cracker Making with Dawn Jafari. It is also the group annual Christmas Party evening.

Remember to let us know your events for the diary. Between printed editions we can include your events on our web site diary.

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### WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to the autumn 2017 edition of T & T News.

Its been a mixed summer but hopefully one you have enjoyed either by going abroad on holiday or having some time off closer to home. This year I choose the latter although did have a short business trip to northern Scotland so managed to get away for a few days.

In this edition of the magazine we have the usual selection of articles and the return of Steve Baker MP's column after all the speculation of the general election. Some of the regular articles have changed pages to accommodate all the news we have been sent in so thank you if you contributed this time around. If you didn't then remember the winter edition will be out in early December when we will need your articles by 20th November.

We are still very much in need of a couple more distributors so if you can help with this volunteer role you would be very welcome. All you need is a couple of hours four times a year to deliver the community magazine.

Happy reading until next time!

David Winterburn, Editor



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### **Events & Information Diary 1**

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Autumn is traditionally a busy time with lots of events taking place up to and including the festive season. If you are organising an event and want to let local people know then get in touch using the contact details on page 30. We can include items on the web site throughout the year and four times a year in the printed edition of the magazine. The deadline for the winter edition is 20th November with distribution in early December.

Read on for just some of the events coming up in the next 3 months.....

### Thursday 7th September

**Terriers W.I. Meeting 7:45pm at Cedar Park School, Hazlemere** Monthly Meeting of the W.I. Talk this month is on The Czech Connection with Nigel Rees.

### Saturday 9th September

Bucks Historic "Ride and Stride" 10am at St Francis Church, Terriers Organised by the Walkers Unite(d) group this is an annual event around churches in Buckinghamshire. The church will be open all day for visitors.

### Wednesday 13th September

Wycombe Wenches W.I. Meeting 8pm at Totteridge Community Centre Tonight's theme is on Jam, Jerusalem and porridge with Angela Gore.

NHS Retirement Fellowship meeting 2-4pm Holmer Green Village Centre Doors open from 1:30pm for this monthly event that also takes place on the 11th October and 8th November. There is no meeting in December. To find out more call Joy Kay (Secretary) on 01494 815209 / 07931 307598.

### Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September

### Kop Hill Climb, Kop Hill, Princes Risborough

Annual hill climb event up Kop Hill. Tickets on the day are £15 per adult. Book on-line in advance to obtain last years price of £10 at www.kophillclimb.org.uk

### Wednesday 27th September

Talk on the work of BucksVision. 2:30pm to 4pm Meadowcroft, Aylesbury To book a place call 01296 487556 or e-mail: amills@bucksvision.co.uk The talk also takes place on 25th October and 29th November at the same time and venue.

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### Get Bare to Care - Sponsored Skinny Dip

By the time you read this several people will have taken part in the annual skinny dip at Diogenes Sun Club near Chalfont St Peter. This years event took place on Saturday 2nd September to help raise funds so that Rennie Grove can continue to offer hospice care to those with cancer and other life limiting illnesses.

As part of the Nationwide Great British Skinny Dip organised by British Naturism, Diogenes Sun Club once again are supporting Rennie Grove. Lets just hope the weather was warm on the day as the event was in the outdoor pool!

### Hemel 10km and Superhero Fun Run

More than 350 people took to the fields and countryside of Hertfordshire on Sunday 9th July for the annual 10km and fun runs. With a warm summers day and the added bonus of sunshine families and friends of all ages joined in the fun with their best costumes from Hulks, Spiderman and Wonderwoman. The venue was Astley Cooper School field for this years Superhero Fun Run.

The 10km runners took off shortly after running across the scenic paths and lanes with the first runner home in just 35 minutes. All the runners made it across the line to receive medals and applause from supporters, friends and family.

### Colour Blast: The Scramble

Still to come this year on 24th September are you prepared to be plastered with powder paint at the Penn House estate? It's the perfect opportunity to get the family together for a day of fun. You can find out more and book in by visiting the web site at: www.renniegrove.org

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# Wycombe Wenches WI

The Summer Season has been in full swing at Totteridge Community Centre where Wycombe Wenches WI (Women's Institute) meet. We are steadily gaining more members currently standing at 35 and would love to encourage as many women to join us for fun,

company and inspiration.

We recently enjoyed listening to Dr. Michael Keith-Lucas who fascinated us with how he helps police with forensic science through his knowledge of botany and pollen. He can tell, where and at what time of the year crimes were committed by identifying the microscopic pollen left behind as debris. We also learned from him how certain honeys are made by passing through the body of insects.

With the summer out in force for a few weeks back in June and July the Wenches took full advantage with summer walks, trips out and theatre trips.

Many chose to visit Blenheim Palace and an enjoyable day ended with a trip to the butterfly house and the tea shop. The Spencer- Churchill grounds were stunningly beautiful and many exchanged their tickets for annual passes.



We had a fabulous turnout for our home grown Treasure Hunt around Wycombe centre. It took nearly an hour and a half to hunt out and answer the questions set, and I for one, have to ensure I look up more when I go into town. Have you looked up and seen the last standing wooden building in the High Street recently? Our August Summer Social was, alas, held inside due to continual rain throughout August but it did not dampen our spirits. A mini contest for the best floral

arrangement in a teacup brought many pretty offerings to the table and acted as centrepieces for our buffet supper spread.





We have trips planned to Lacock Abbey, The National Memorial Arboretum and to the Poppy Factory in Autumn with Autumnal walks and Kwik Fit workshops planned closer to home. Our craft, book and food clubs continue to flourish and are interspersed throughout the months.

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The National Annual General Meeting was held in Liverpool this year where the W.I. voted to adopt campaigns concerning Plastic Microfibers in our Oceans' and 'Loneliness'. Look out for national campaigns in the media regarding these issues. We are not just about fun and trips; education is still the main driver for WI participation.

Wycombe Wenches WI monthly programme for the rest of the year is as follows:

**September**: Jam, Jerusalem and Porridge by Angeline Gore **October**: Wycombe Wenches AGM & Social Evening

**November:** The Working Life of an Auctioneer by Simone Brown **December:** Cracker Making and Christmas Party with Dawn Jafari

Members from our WI have recently participated in a new programme once a month on Wycombe Sound Radio. 'Jammin' with the WI' goes out live and discusses and shares what is happening within the Wi in our local area. Why not listen in?

For the opportunity to make new friends and join in a wide variety of activities, why not get in touch? We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, in Totteridge Community Centre, from 8-10 pm. Guests and prospective new members are always made welcome so don't be shy, contact us or just turn up and try us out. Our website is: <a href="http://wycombewi.weebly.com/contact-us.html">http://wycombewi.weebly.com/contact-us.html</a>

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# Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

Over the coming months the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in Buckinghamshire are keen to speak to people about local developments in healthcare and community based services and what they will mean for you.

Accountable Officer Lou Patten of NHS Aylesbury Vale and Chiltern CCGs said: "We are increasingly working more collaboratively with our partners, including Buckinghamshire County Council and NHS providers to improve the quality of healthcare services for local people.

"We are making significant investments to ensure people receive care closer to their home and are joining up GP, community, mental health, hospital and social care services to help our communities live healthier and more independent lives.

"We would really like the opportunity to speak with community groups and come to one of your meetings to hear from your members and if you think any changes in community healthcare services are needed."

If you are part of a community group and would like the NHS to be including on one of your meeting agendas as part of a roadshow of events then please reply to <a href="mailto:CCGcomms@buckscc.gov.uk">CCGcomms@buckscc.gov.uk</a> or through Twitter @bucksccgs with details of potential meetings dates.

### T & T NEWS NEEDS YOU!

New volunteers are needed to help deliver T & T News four times a year. We have a number of roads where help is required so why not join our team?

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# Thank you to everyone who has supported the Charity over the past 30 years

I am writing to the T&T readers as we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scannappeal fundraising with the local community to make a dramatic difference to the diagnosis and treatment available at our hospitals. Scannappeal is a registered charity, independent to the NHS, which raises funds to purchase state of the art medical and diagnostic equipment.

Back in 1987, Wycombe hospital was in the queue for a CT scanner which would have meant a five year wait for NHS funding. At that time, Chris Foote, a consultant at the local hospital, had the idea of launching an appeal to raise the money through the community. He approached the then CEO of Amersham International, Sir Stuart Burgess, and between them Scannappeal was formed and we have never looked back!

Since purchasing the original scanners, we have equipped a dedicated cancer unit, as well as funding specialist equipment for prostate, breast, bladder, pancreatic, bowel, skin and kidney cancers. Our HeartScan Appeal means local hospitals all have state of the art cardiology scanners, including the first 3D heart scanner in the country. This is just part of the long shopping list of items that Scannappeal has donated in the last 30 years raising over £12.5m.

30 major public appeals and 70 other projects have been completed with Scannappeal equipment currently located in every major clinical department. Scannappeal equipment is currently used every 10 minutes by one in four of the local population.

My overpowering impression of Scannappeal, is of a community coming together to support its hospitals in any way they can. Whether through, donations, fundraising or volunteering, the generosity of the community is completely overwhelming.

Finally I would like to pass on my warm and sincere thanks to the whole community who continue to dedicate their time, passion and commitment to Scannappeal. We have achieved such a great amount but there is still so much we need to do. We hope that you will continue to show your support in our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and for many more years to come so we can continue the positive work we do helping thousands of local people, people like you.

Karen Shardlow, Director, Scannappeal

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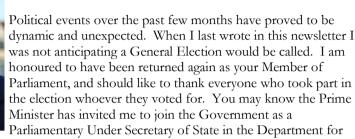
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# From Westminster to Wycombe Steve Baker MP



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Turning to more local matters, Buckinghamshire has been designated one of eight Accountable Care Systems in the country, which will be working to lead the way in developing new models of joined-up health and social care. People have commented to me how important it is for people to receive comprehensive care when someone is ill and I am pleased this has been recognised. With the NHS working with Buckinghamshire County Council there will be teams of doctors, nurses, therapists, paramedics, mental health professionals, and social care workers, along with the voluntary sector to support communities to live healthier and more independent lives. When announcing this new scheme NHS England Medical Director, Professor Sir Bruce Keogh, said "We need to tear down those administrative, financial, philosophical and practical barriers to the kinds of services our patients want us to deliver." Health and social care professionals will have more freedom to make decisions over how the health system in their area operates. The local hospital trust has begun by investing in out-of-hospital services, working with GPs, social care and the voluntary sector to develop community hub pilots. Over the next four years an additional £450m of funding will be available across the eight accountable care systems in the country to support their transformation programmes.

If you would like to get in touch with me, please email: <a href="mailto:steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk">steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk</a>. If you despair of bureaucracy and would like my help with a particular issue, please phone my constituency office on 01494 448408.

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# Heart of Bucks is the community Heart of Bucks foundation for Buckinghamshire

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Known now as "Heart of Bucks" the foundation's vision is to see thriving communities in the county and to encourage and enable local giving and philanthropy.

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# **South Bucks Hospice** Affirming life with palliative care

# Fundraiser follows in the footsteps of hospice founder



A breast cancer survivor is cycling almost 1,000 miles to raise money for a Totteridge based hospice - 20 years after the charity's founder also took on the same challenge. Mother-of-two Jenny Phillips, 53, from High Wycombe, only took up cycling three years ago. On September 9, she will embark on an epic 969-mile bike ride from Land's End to John O'Groats in aid of The South Bucks Community Hospice in recognition of the many people who are life limited. Jenny said "Although the training is extreme, I feel that this challenge is within my grasp. I was diagnosed with cancer in my 30s and I am fitter and healthier now than I was all those years ago."

It was in 1987 that Edie Pusey, who founded The South Bucks Community Hospice, walked from Land's End to John O'Groats, but decided to add another 38 miles to make sure she could walk to her hometown of Newtownards in Northern Ireland, Jenny hopes to raise at least £2,000 for the hospice. She will be part of 800 riders taking part in the Deloitte Ride Across Britain and will be accompanied by her friend Andy May, from Weston Turville, who is raising funds for Cancer Research.

Jenny has been free of cancer for 14 years. She said: "I had breast cancer and took six months to beat it. At the time, our children were very small - five and six years old. I went through all the treatment but felt I needed to do more to increase my chances of success. I read extensively and made big shifts in my diet and lifestyle, and consequently I have much better health now than when I was younger. She is convinced her diet helped her successful recovery, and she went on to write a book called "Eat to Outsmart Cancer".

Jenny chose to back The South Bucks Community Hospice after meeting its Chief Executive Officer Jo Woolf, and visiting the new hospice building Butterfly House, a stunning new palliative day centre in Totteridge.

To back Jenny and The South Bucks Community Hospice, go to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jennynutrition

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# Talks about the work of local charity BucksVision

We invite you, your friends and family to local charity, <u>BucksVision</u>, <u>Meadowcroft</u>, Aylesbury to hear a talk about our essential support work for blind and partially sighted people in <u>Buckinghamshire</u>.

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Wednesday	27 September	2.30pm to 4.00pm
Wednesday	25 October	2.30pm to 4.00pm
Wednesday	29 November	2.30pm to 4.00pm

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### **Totteridge Community Centre**

Totteridge Community Centre opened on the former land and building occupied by Totteridge Social Club in December 2009. The old club had fallen on hard times and following a grant from Wycombe District Council a new management group was formed from the new members.

The community centre is now in its eighth year and held its AGM on Sunday 9th July in the main hall. Since becoming a community centre the building and surrounding land has been transformed and now is a popular venue for local people. The centre has a fully licensed bar operating seven days a week, re-furbished kitchen and toilets and is available for private hire.

You can find out more by visiting the web site at: www.totteridgecommunity centre.org or why not just drop into the centre on Totteridge Drive.

If you would like to book the venue call the centre directly on 01494 511216





## What's Going on in Girlguiding?

'The 1st High Wycombe Brownies have had a busy and fun-filled summer term. We started with a 'Mini Fairy Garden' competition, which the Brownies had spent time designing, and crafting some of the components, during the previous term. They finished their gardens at home and brought them in to be judged after half-term. The variety, creativity and use of bits and bobs found at home and in their gardens, was outstanding, and we chose one winner from each Six.

On 1st July we joined the District trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park. In the morning we saw beautiful birds, otters playing in the water, prairie dogs, monkeys hanging upside down from trees, and meerkats, which the Brownies particularly enjoyed watching scamper about. Another highlight was going into the Lemur enclosure to watch the keepers give them their lunch, learn about all the different species of Lemur and see some tiny babies still clinging to their mum's backs! In the afternoon, we saw the giant tortoises, rhinos, camels, giraffes and lions. Not to be missed was the wolves enclosure, where we saw the first ever litter of cubs to be born at the park. The Brownies had to be quiet and careful not to disturb the five cubs from their important business of playing together and hiding from their parents! We ended the day in the adventure playground and then with the inevitably chaotic trip to the gift shop. All the Brownies and Rainbows seemed to have a fantastic day, and enjoyed exploring the park with their friends outside of our usual weekly meetings.'

Lara – 1<sup>st</sup> High Wycombe Brownie Leader

The summer months provide great opportunities for members of Girlguiding who are based in High Wycombe to spend time outdoors with their groups. The Rye is a popular outdoor location for units which meet within walking distance of this great local green space and this summer was no exception with nature based scavenger hunts, wide games and completing the Brownie cyclist badge, plus fending off a mother swan from trying to eat a Guide's belongings, examples of some of this year's Rye based activities.

Some of the guides from a couple of units also went kayaking on the Thames at the Longridge Activity Centre one evening and had a great time and they even managed to avoid getting too wet.

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### Girlguiding Cont.....

Although most Girlguiding activities tend to take place during school term times during the August Bank holiday weekend a group of girls and their leaders from two High Wycombe guide units attended a big, centrally organised camp at Foxlease, one of Girlguiding's activity centres, based in Hampshire. Called the Wellies and Wristbands camp it is Girlguiding UK's exclusive event for Guides and members of The Senior Section. Wellies and Wristbands provided both the girls and volunteers the full festival experience which meant live bands, a pamper zone, hot tubs, a Leaders' Lounge, cinema screenings, huge inflatables, zip-lining and much much more. It was a truly memorable experience.

Helen – 3<sup>rd</sup> High Wycombe Guide Leader

High Wycombe is fortunate enough to have units of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section to provide a fantastic guiding experience for girls from five years and upwards but these units can only keep providing this if there are enough leaders and helpers so we are always on the lookout for new people to help. If you are interested, and would like to know more, please contact:

Julie email <u>jplummer1@btinternet.com</u> Telephone 01494 528478 or Terrie email <u>terrie103@btinternet.com</u> Telephone 01494 445816 or visit the national website <u>www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested</u>



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To find out more visit the web site at: www.childbereavementuk.org
Helpline 08000 288840

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## Other local Church information for Totteridge & Terriers

### Totteridge Baptist Church

Located on Hillary Road, High Wycombe, HP13 7RA Regular Sunday service at 10:30am. Clubs and groups include Beavers, Cubs, Genesis Club for Y1-6 and Youth Club at ESYC for Y7+.

Tel: 07800 - 750678

### 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

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

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(Wycombe Islamic & Mosque Trust Limited)

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## Terriers Evening W.I.

In June Marcelle Siddall told us of the work she does with the women in a remote part of South Africa. To

provide for their families they have been trained in embroidery and beadwork. Many examples were on display, most for sale and a brisk trade followed the talk. In addition the provision of an adequate, clean water supply to the villages was a major task being undertaken.

Our July meeting was, as is customary, a garden party, this year held in Gerda Dolphino's lovely garden on a perfect summer evening. We were again entertained by a member's talented grandchildren, 13 year old Joshua on the saxaphone playing a jazz programme and Hannah, his 9 year old sister, an oboeist.

In June Chris Gray was our delegate at the Annual Meeting of the WI in Liverpool, a very successful meeting enlivened by a Beatles tribute group which had delegates dancing in the aisles.

At the final of the Three Counties Quiz our team, Chris Gray, Margaret O'Connor and Jill Stevens came second, by two points only to Downley Evening WI.

We do not meet in August but our autumn programme is :-

7 September The Czech Connection with Nigel Rees 5 October The Ridgeway with John Tyler

2 November Annual Meeting and a talk by Edwin Rye on Plants for

Winter Garden Colour

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

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# **Events at Hazlemere Library**

### Red Lipstick & Revelations on National Poetry Day

### Jan Moran Neil

entertains us with poems from her book published this year. With refreshments to follow.

Thurs 28 Sept 10:30-11:30am

### Free event

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### In the meantime, here are some other dates for your diary:

### Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September

1.30 p.m. –Teddy-bears' Picnic For under-fives and their parents/carers.

### Saturday, 9th September

10.00 a.m. – Bucks Historic Churches Trust "Ride and Stride" with Walkers Unite(d)! St Francis Church open all day for visitors.

### Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September

7.30 p.m. – Harvest Supper and Quiz Night

A home-made chilli supper and a final opportunity to pit your wits against the Vicar.

### Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Thanksgiving

8am Holy Communion & 10am Parish Communion

At both services we shall be collecting gifts of food, clothing and toiletries for homeless and rootless people in the East End of London

### Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. – Church Open Day and Exhibition

A chance to view some of the many artworks held in St Francis Church.

### Tuesday, 31st October

5.00 p.m. – Children's party for All Hallows' Eve

### Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November – All Saints Sunday

6.00 p.m. – Bonfire Party

### Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November (St Martin)

9.30 a.m. - Church Grounds Working Party

10.45 a.m. – Act of Remembrance

### Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November – 3 before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)

8.00 a.m. - Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. – Parish Communion with Act of Remembrance

### Saturday, 25th November

11.00 a.m. – Christmas Fair (Hall)

### **Regular parish activities:**

Sunday services at 8.00am &10.00am Communion every Wednesday at 10.00 am "Knit, craft and natter" each Wednesday at 11.00 a.m.

Messy Church at 4.00~p.m. on the third Saturday of each month The

**Keep Fit** for the not-so-active in the church hall at 3.00 p.m. on **Tuesday afternoons** during school term-time.

Christian Aid Lunch, church hall 12.45pm each Friday during school term-time.

With every good wish to you and yours



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### Autumn at St Francis' Church

# "Praised be you, my Lord, through all your creatures..."

Having spent the past 23 years as Vicar of Terriers living in the company of St Francis of Assisi, I have become aware how closely he lived in harmony with all God's creatures. This is the man who thanked a flock of birds for glorifying God with their

song, but asked them to stop while he and his companion said their daily prayers, and who would never allow his friars to cut a whole tree down for building or for firewood. One stem had to be left so that it could grow again. The "Canticle of Brother Sun", whose opening words for the title of this article, emphasises how all creation praises its Creator.

St Francis applied the same principle of harmony to his relations with the wider world. At the time of the Fifth Crusade Francis found himself carrying out a one-man peace mission in Egypt (and denouncing the crusading armies for their appalling behaviour toward the people of Egypt, both Muslim and Christian). Seven years later, when he was dying, St Francis was disturbed to learn that a feud between the Bishop of Assisi and the city's mayor had led to a total shut-down of the life of the city. The mayor had imposed a boycott on any dealings with the bishop and the bishop had retaliated by excommunicating the entire population of Assisi. Francis added a new verse to "The Canticle of Brother Sun" and sent one of his friars to sing it to both men. The new words were:

"Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are those who endure in peace for by you, Most High, they shall be crowned."

The words had the hoped-for effect. Bishop and mayor were publicly reconciled. The boycott was lifted, as was the excommunication. Both men ended the violence of their language against the other. In these days we are experiencing many examples of how violent speech and behaviour leads to appalling acts of the kind which I witnessed on Westminster Bridge on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and which have been inflicted more recently on the people of Charlottesville, Barcelona, Cambrils and Turku. St Francis offers an alternative way. We invite all who wish to explore that alternative to join us in St Francis Church at the beginning of October as we give thanks to God for the life of one of the most attractive of his saints.

We also invite all who live in Terriers and Totteridge to visit the church on this year's Open Day, 30th September. Following on from last year's arts-themed day, we thought we would take the opportunity to show off some of what Mary Phipps in her recent book described as the "Hidden Treasures" of St Francis' church and which are not normally on display. Sadly, there won't be the performance "slots" that there have been on recent open days. There will, however be simple refreshments available through the day. We look forward to greeting you then.



For our costal day trip this year we returned once again to Southend which we have not visited for a few years. It is still the typical English seaside resort with a sandy beach, amusements and not forgetting of course the world's longest tourist pier. Unlike last years visit to Brighton it was warm and dry so we were able to spend much more time outside on the beach, promenade and pier. A fish 'n' chip supper rounded off the day just right.

We had another of our "Meet & Greet" evenings over at the White Lion in Cryers Hill in May and again in July. This is a chance to meet new and existing members over a drink at this quiet pub with the advantage of not being as busy as those in High Wycombe Town Centre. We had a Friday Fish 'N' Chip lunch at the new Churchills at Park Parade and will continue to visit Dusty's Blues Club in Holmer Green once a month for some live music.

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, cinema, live music performances, comedy evenings, and various other events and trips out throughout the year. As summer turns to autumn we will once again be doing a few more indoor events.

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 and many members take that opportunity!

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 our membership secretaries Terrie on 01494 - 445816, Joyce on 01494 - 817895 or e-mail: info@chameleonsingles.org.uk.

You can also visit us on-line at <a href="www.chameleonsingles.org.uk">www.chameleonsingles.org.uk</a> for more information or connect with us through Facebook.



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### Your Community.....Your Organisations

### Men in sheds

Men in sheds is a place where men of all ages can come along and take part in activities similar to what they would do either at home or in the garden but with the bonus of like minded men providing good company. A typical "Shed" provides materials, equipment and tools to enable members to develop interests and get involved in productive activities.

### NAG's (Neighbourhood Action Groups)

A NAG is an initiative set up to deal with key issues identified by the community. The group is co-ordinated locally by Thames Valley Police. Typically NAG's consist of residents including young people, district and parish Councillors , representatives from the business community, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and the local Policing team. Each NAG usually identifies three key priorities for the policing team and community to address.

### **Scouts, Guides & Sports Clubs**

There are several local groups and clubs you can join locally. All are run by volunteers for the benefit of young people although of course in the case of sports clubs there are those that cater for adults too. Some are local while others may involve travelling a little further across High Wycombe.

### **NHS Retirement Fellowship**

The Wycombe branch meets on the second Wednesday of every month except August and December at Holmer Green Village Centre 2pm to 4pm. Annual Subscription is £15 plus £2 entry each month attended to include tea and biscuits. New members are welcome to this enthusiastic branch. Contact: Joy Kay (Secretary) 01494 815209 / 07931 307598

### **Nine O'clock Swim**

A small friendly, enthusiastic but non-competitive group of swimmers. The group hires the pool at Woodrow High House Tuesday's and Friday's 9-10am. Some members attend both sessions and others just the one. New members are welcome whether energetic swimmers or prefer a more relaxed pace. For more information e-mail: nineoclockswim@gmail.com