

Totteridge and Terriers News

T&T NEWS

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The Beech Tree at Terriers in the Twilight. A sign that winter is now with us and the festive season is underway. The empty tables show the outside is only for the hardy..... A warm welcome awaits inside the pub!

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

Events & Information Diary

This is your guide to just some of the events that are on in the local area. If we have not included yours remember you can still add it to our web site at www.bucksvoice.net/tandtnews or if it is after mid-March 2016 include it in our spring edition. Call, text or e-mail us with the details.

Friday 11th December 2015

South Bucks Hospice Light Up A Life at Pusey House, Amersham Road Annual remembrance event with special guest Pauline Quirk. Starts at 5:30pm and includes carols and hymns followed by refreshments.

Sunday 13th December 2015

Rennie Grove Light up a life at Union Baptist Church 3:45pm

The charities annual event offering an opportunity to remember loved ones who may no longer be with us by lighting a candle.

Friday 25th December 2015

Christmas Day! - Enjoy the day whatever you and your family are doing.

Friday 1st January 2016

Happy New Year! - May 2016 be a prosperous one for all.

Thursday 7th January 2016

Terriers W.I. Meeting 7:45pm at Cedar Park School, Hazlemere Monthly meeting of the W.I. held on the first Thursday of every month. New members welcome (See P.5/7 for more information)

Thursday 14th January 2016

Wycombe Wenches W.I. Meeting 8p - 10pm Totteridge Community Centre Monthly meeting of the W.I. held on the second Thursday of every month.

Saturday 20th February

T & T News Deadline for the spring 2016 edition of the magazine.

Answers to "Festive Phrases Quiz"

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- 2. Mince Pies
- 3. Carol Singers
- 4. Crackers

- Xmas Tree 5.
- Turkey 6.
- 7. Decorations

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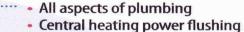
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For your local District councillors: Visit the Wycombe District Council Web Site at: www.wycombe.gov.uk This straight away brings us to our next problem:

TEAM MANAGERS WANTED

Following a successful appeal for more help with coaching, a number of younger people have volunteered their services and proving really helpful in the training sessions, but we now desperately need some-one who can fill the role of team manager for our two younger teams.

In this position you will manage the team affairs – arranging and leading training sessions, liaising with opposition managers and parents to arrange matches, setting up and instructing the team on match days, reporting results and attending a monthly club meeting.

This is a voluntary position and a FA Level 1 coaching certificate is desirable but not essential as the club will subsidise the cost of training to the right person. We are always looking to develop and grow the club and are keen to hear from players to join our existing teams and also adult coaches to extend our age range. If you are interested in joining please contact Peter Jemmett by email <u>peterjemmett@aol.com</u> or call the appropriate team manager:

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The UNDER 15's kicked off the season in a new kit kindly

sponsored by STOCKLINE LTD, a commercial refurbishment company located in the Cressex Business Park, High Wycombe. The team have since fallen into a pattern of win 1 lose1 which leaves them sat in a mid-table position, however, a couple of wins over Lane End Youth and Pitstone & Ivinghoe (in a penalty shoot-out) have seen them



make good progress to the next round of both the League and Referees cups.



Our UNDER 11's, also making an indifferent start to the new season, recently played their first game in a new kit sponsored by McDONALDS in the High Wycombe ASDA store and celebrated with an entertaining 4-3 win over rivals Thame Youth.

As with any help, the club are very apprecia-

tive of all support it receives and the donation of major items such as team kits go a long way in keeping down the costs we have to pass onto the players parents, on this occasion we are indebted to Mark Ballard from Stockline Ltd and Brian Mettle & Shafique Eisa of McDonalds for arranging these generous sponsorships.

Bucking the trend are the UNDER 9's who have shown some extremely good form and currently have playing record of won 7, drawn 3 and lost 1 in all mini matches played. We are particularly grateful to our qualified coach FRANK MILLIGAN who has kindly stepped in to run this team in the capacity of 'caretaker manager' until we can find a permanent solution.

Player membership in our younger teams continues to grow and we are now rapidly reaching a stage where we need to divide the larger UNDER 11's group into two teams. The logical way to go is to form a new UNDER 10's team splitting the UNDER 11's by age and filling the gap we currently have between the two younger age groups.



Terriers Evening W.I.

A chance find in the attic of her mother's house started Mary Simmons investigating the history of lace. Her mother had collected numerous pieces of lace dating from the sixteenth century onwards and had kept a diary. We learned that lace

could be made with a needle, a bobbin or by machine. Cut work lace was another method and we were shown examples of all of them. Mrs. Simmons had brought her pillow lace to show us. It looked impossible to work out which thread went round which pin. Refugees are much in the news at the moment. We owe a great deal to the Huguenots who fled religious persecution in Europe and brought their lace making skills to places like Honiton and Buckinghamshire. Mrs. Simmons generously allowed us to handle the lace and several of us modelled some of the pieces wishing we could take the home.

We are still in Centenary mode. In the nineteen forties there had been a parade of all the W.I. banners in Aylesbury. It was decided to re-enact this on 17th October when two of our members paraded with our banner on a very windy day.

In April this year, as part of the Centenary celebrations, We manned a stall at Pan Mill. We will be continuing with this on each Pan Mill Open Day selling cakes, preserves and crafts so if you fancy a home made cake with your cuppa come along and see what you can find.

The Centenary bulbs have been planted by the Welcome to Wycombe sign near the Beech Tree Pub.

Fairtrade or Tradecraft, can you spot the difference. Our speaker in October, Margaret Dykes, tried to enlighten us. Many of you will be familiar with the Fairtrade logo on goods in Supermarkets. These goods are supplied by small producers in poor countries through a middle man so reduces the profits. Tradecraft supports small communities helping them financially to develop their businesses, usually in small way for example bee keeping for honey or growing coffee beans. These are sold through Tradecraft ensuring more of the profit goes to the farmer. The quality has improved over the years. Divine chocolate is a well known brand enjoyed by many.

We had our Group Meeting in September when Pharmacy was the subject. The competition was " An old herbal remedy" We won with a receipt for drunkenness. The mixture sounded revolting, dyspeptic tea, hemlock bark and cayenne. None of us have tried it - probably better not to get drunk. (Cont p.7)

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Pet tips for the festive season

Christmas is an exciting time for us all. For the animals in our houses, however, it can also present a number of risks you may not be aware of.

Decorating for Christmas means baubles, tinsel, fairy lights and a Christmas tree. To a cat or dog these can be great new play things which if chewed and swallowed can cause serious internal damage, sometimes needing surgery. Whilst very pretty, festive plants such as holly, mistletoe and poinsettia are toxic if eaten. Pine needles from fir trees can get stuck in paws, vacuuming regularly will decrease the chances of this happening.

Avoid the temptation to share your Christmas cake or mince pies with your pet.... many of the ingredients in the foods we enjoy at Christmas such as raisins, alcohol, chocolate and certain nuts are potentially very harmful to them. If you think your pet has eaten anything they shouldn't have then call your vet immediately as time is of the essence.

Now that the days are getting shorter, make sure your dog can be seen by motorists when out walking by fitting them with a reflective collar, lead and/or coat and be wary of letting pets drink from puddles as they may contain anti-freeze, another winter risk.

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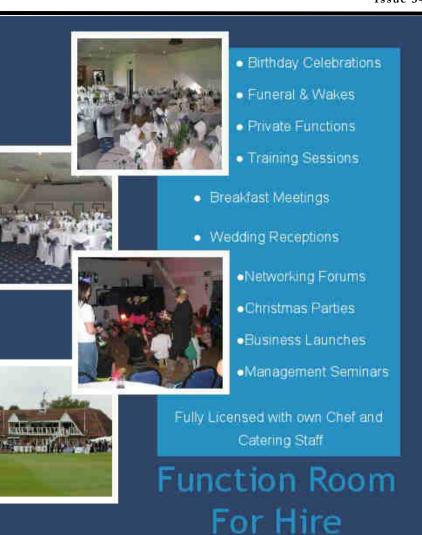
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Prize Quiz

- What is the name of the period running up to Christmas? 1.
- How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas? 2.
- How Many letters are there in the angelic alphabet? 3.
- In what town was Jesus born in? 4.
- How many presents were given? 5.
- Which pantomime are the following characters from: 6-8. 6. Wishee Washee 7. Baron Hardup 8. Widow Twanky
- How many of Rudolph's eight companions names start with 'D'? 9.
- What's the second line of I'm dreaming of a White Christmas? 10.
- What Christmas Carol starts "a rum pum pum pum"? 11.
- Who were the first people to visit the baby Jesus? 12.

Send your entries via e-mail to tandtnews@tiscali.co.uk, by text to 07905 888098 or alternatively by post to our address on page 30. The winner will be the first drawn with the most correct answers.

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High Wycombe Cricket Club, London Road, High Wycombe HP11 1DE info@hwcc.co.uk 01494 537878 hwcc.co.uk At our AGM in November we were delighted to welcome back Joshua, our saxophonist. He has had a fantastic time since we heard him last year playing at the Albert Hall Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club He has reached the ripe old age of eleven and is studying for his grade 8 exam. His younger sister, Hannah, was not to be outdone and gave us a solo on her oboe of "Somewhere over the rainbow". She had been taking lessons for twelve weeks - another talented musician in the making.

Future programme

Jan. 7th	Brittany's hidden corners
Feb. 4th	Astronomy from Crendon
Mar. 3rd	Medical detection dogs.

We meet on the first Thursday in the month at 7.45 p.m. at Cedar Park School, Cedar Avenue, Hazlemere. We are always pleased to welcome new members. For further details contact Margaret Rogers Tel 01494 524947



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Light Up a Life is our annual remembrance event and a time when we reflect on those special memories of our dearly departed who are never forgotten in our hearts and minds. A dedicated ornament with the loved one's name is hung on our Christmas tree.

Christmas carols and hymns will be sung, followed by seasonal refreshments such as mince pies, hot chocolate and mulled wine for you to enjoy. All welcome. Dedications can still be made during this time.

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The last few months have been very troubling on the international stage. We have witnessed unrest in many parts of the globe, and as a result have seen the migration of refugees to Europe particularly from the Middle East and Africa. I know many of my constituents take a close interest in what goes on in the world and compassionately try to alleviate suffering both in this country and abroad, contributing to worthy causes giving time, money and effort to help those in need. I believe David Cameron's position of helping refugees in the Middle East rather than in Europe is the right one. I am working with various government departments and local councils to discuss how to best

support the 20,000 Syrian refugees the Prime Minister has offered asylum in this country. As yet, we do not know the number of refugees which are to be settled locally, and I am conscious of balancing compassion for those fleeing war and persecution with the needs of people living in Wycombe and not over-stretching local public services.

Wycombe's motto is "Industria ditat" – industry enriches. I think that is exactly right: productive work in the service of other people is a crucial part of a flourishing life and society. From time to time I learn of instances where the planning system has positively prevented business from prospering. I would like to hear from planning experts, business people, and members of the public working for firms with knowledge of this to contact me with their relevant experiences and constructive proposals, which I can then draw together to try and bring about appropriate change.

I am regularly invited to visit local schools, both at primary and secondary level. Sometimes I meet the senior staff to discuss national education policy or funding; at other times I am asked to talk to pupils about life in Parliament or debate politics. In October I was honoured to be present at Highcrest Academy when it received a national award for its commitment to equality. I was asked to accept the award on behalf of the school, which I was delighted to do, and also to make a speech. It was very uplifting to see the pupils, staff and the wider community coming together in celebration, and I do hope the school's equality ethos will encourage everyone to take advantage of all the opportunities life gives them.

I should like to send you my very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. If you would like to comment on the Government's programme, please email me at: <u>steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk</u>. If you despair of the bureaucracy of government and would like my help with a particular issue, please phone my constituency office on 01494 448408.

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It is never an easy solution to take a child into council care either into a foster home, a residential placement or even to adoption and the County Council is doing all it can to support families at risk from being able to look after their children themselves safely. Our Children's Centres are key to much of this important work supporting parents at an early stage. Our nearest one is at the bottom of Hamilton Road and serves the immediate neighbourhood well.

As chairman of the children's select committee I have been leading an important piece of work to see what is being done to prevent child sexual exploitation in our County. Myself and colleagues spent many sessions over the Summer taking evidence from professionals involved in trying to keep our young people safe from this horrible crime which unfortunately is not uncommon especially in our towns like High Wycombe. We found that the police are doing some tremendous work in identifying possible perpetrators and intervening when necessary to stop the young girls and sometimes boys form being exploited. It is important that teachers, social workers and health professional are able to spot the signs and work together with the police to combat this danger to our children. One of our conclusions was to ask schools at primary and secondary levels to teach the children resilience to the temptations around them especially on the internet . Some excellent work is being done already but we must not be complacent.

Winter is nearly on us and the depots are stocked up on grit ready for the cold weather. Remember always to drive with extreme caution when there is ice around. We have had a couple of mild winters but the present forecast for this year does not look too good.

The race to resurface some of our roads before the Winter has been going on and I am aware that some roads like Fremantle has been prepared for resurface but await completion. I have asked for Green Hill to be top of next year's programme ,as well as Tower Street. You will have seen that the bottom of Hamilton Road has been repaired including the speed humps.

Please carry on reporting pot holes into the BCC website as they appear because the deeper ones will only get worse with the bad weather and I am sure many of you know what they can do to your tyres! The Cat 1 defects should be dealt with within 24 hours ,

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year, Valerie Letheren

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Brownies Need Your Help!!!!

A local Brownie Unit may have to close after 43 years if New Adult Leaders cannot be found.

We asked the girls – What do you like most about Brownies? They said:

I look forward to fun activities each week and I especially like drawing and making things.

I love being a Sixer and looking after the younger girls.

I especially like the holidays and days out.

I have only just started and I like playing games and making new friends. My favourite evenings are the games, fun activities and making things. Brownies is Enjoyable and Fun.

My favourite evening this summer was having a Camp Fire and making popcorn and biscuits.

I really enjoyed our visit to Pets at Home where we learnt about the animals. I like working towards Badges and learning lots of new things.

If I couldn't come anymore I would really miss Brownies and all my friends.

Come and share the fun with the girls, joining in and helping them to grow and develop keeps you young. There are lots of opportunities for leaders too, such as learning new skills, gaining recognised qualifications and travelling abroad.

To be an Adult Leader you need to be aged 18 – 65 and be able to commit to a regular weekly meeting during term time, with occasional additional activities. You do not have to have been a Brownie or Guide in the past to be a leader. Full support and training will be given.

Can you or someone you know help?

Contact Terrie or Julie for an informal chat and to find out more.Terrie01494 445816terrie103@btinternet.comJulie01494 528478jplummer1@btinternet.com

Or log into the national website <u>www.girlguiding.org.uk/brownies</u> to see what the girls get up to.

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Other local Church information for Totteridge & Terriers

Totteridge Baptist Church

Hillary Road. Regular Sunday service at 10:30am. Minister is Rev. is David Hazeldine. Clubs and groups include Beavers, Cubs, Genesis Club for Y1-6 and Youth Club at ESYC for 7+. Tel: 01494 - 263359

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The centenary year is almost at an end and what a year it has been. We have been involved in so many varied activities, met lots of WI members from all over the country and had fun. The last Bucks

Federation event is a Vintage Tea in Amersham and 6 of our members will be attending. Wycombe Wenches will conclude the year with a Christmas coffee morning, a festive meal and a talk about 'Angels in Art'.

Wycombe Wenches are now looking forward to 2016 and are hoping to welcome new members to our meetings. We meet in the Totteridge Community Centre in Totteridge Drive, High Wycombe, HP13 6UH on the 2nd Thursday in the month from 8pm until 10pm.

If you are someone who wants to get out and enjoy themselves, meet new people, try different activities then Wycombe Wenches is for you. Come along as a guest and find out about the WI of today. You are never too old or too young to join. To find out more about Wycombe Wenches you can visit our website: http://wycombewi.weebly.com/.

If you are interested in joining Wycombe Wenches, give Judith a call on 01494 528855 or email her on wycombewenches@hotmail.co.uk or you can just come to one of our meetings

At our first meeting of the New Year on January 14th we will be finding out about Mindfullness. On February 11th there will be a Sugarcraft demonstration and on March 10th we will be learning about Roald Dahl who would have been 100 years old in 2016.



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Thursday, 24th December – Christmas Eve 4.00 p.m. – Crib Service 11.30 p.m. – Midnight Mass of the Nativity Friday, 25th December – Christmas Day 10.00 a.m. - Family Service with Holy Communion Friday, Ist January – Naming and Circumcision of Jesus 10.00 a.m. - Parish Communion followed by seasonal refreshments in the Vicarage Sunday, 31st January – Presentation of Christ in the Temple 8.00 a.m. - Holy Communion 10.00 a.m. - Parish Communion for the end of Christmastide Tuesday, 9th February – Shrove Tuesday 7.30 p.m. –Pancake Party and Quiz Night Wednesday, 10th February – Ash Wednesday 10.00 a.m. – Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00 p.m. – Parish Communion for the beginning of Lent Sunday, 6th March – Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday) 10.00 a.m. - Parish Communion for all-ages

Regular parish activities:

Sunday services at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Communion services each Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. in the traditional style of the Book of Common Prayer.

Messy Church at **4.00 p.m.** on the **third Saturday** of each month for people of every age: a time of craft work and messy play, a short act of worship and a shared meal. Communion services on Saints' days and other holy days (details on the parish website: <u>www.terrierschurch.org.uk</u>).

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

Christian Aid Lunch in the church hall 12.30 p.m. each **Friday** during school 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. Details of starting point published on the church notice-board.

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

Tony Dickinson



Winter at St Francis' Church

We have been back in our church building for nearly a year now. In 2014 our preparations for Christmas had to be completed at the last minute, because we weren't sure until mid-December whether or not we would still be worshipping in the church hall. As things turned out, we were able to use the building for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and the contractors finally returned the keys to

the building the day before Christmas Eve. As a result we were able to celebrate the birth of Jesus "at home", so to speak.

This year we are hoping to make the most of our building. The plaster-dust has settled. The new lighting is working well. The building is dry and warmer than it has been for many years. We look forward to welcoming old friends, and the many visitors who drop in to St Francis, during Advent and Christmastide, not least for the special services such as the Christingle Celebration, the Crib Service and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. I hope that you may be among them. Those who will spend Christmas either away with family or at home entertaining family and cannot come to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day may like to know that we will be holding special Christmastide services, with traditional Christmas carols, at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 26th December and Monday 28th December in addition to our usual services on Sunday 27th December. There will also be a special service on New Year's Day.

Easter is very early this year, which means that Christmastide is barely over before the austere fasting season of Lent begins. Traditionally, Lent is a time when those interested in the Christian faith have sought to learn more about God and deepen their understanding. If you would like to find out what Christians actually believe, as opposed to what the media tell you they believe, please contact me by e-mail (vicar@terrierschurch.org.uk), telephone (at 01494 520676) or letter to "St Francis Vicarage, Terriers, High Wycombe HP13 5AB".

Here in the mean time are some dates for your diary:

Sunday, 13th December – Advent 3

8.00 a.m. – Holy Communion 10.00 a.m. – Parish Communion 4.00 p.m. - Christingle Service

Sunday, 20th December – Advent 4

8.00 a.m. – Holy Communion 10.00 a.m. – Parish Communion

6.30 p.m. - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP

Christmas is almost upon us and as usual we will have two different dinner events for our members to choose from. This year our evening event will be a Saturday

dinner/dance at Missenden Abbey. While for those who prefer a lunchtime event there is a meal at The Dolphin in Totteridge.

Several of our members are interested in live music, cinema and theatre. This year we will be going to the Wycombe Swan for the Peter Pan Pantomime just after Christmas. Events over the last few months include a day trip to Didcot Railway Centre, bowling at Hollywood Bowl in High Wycombe, a boat trip from Henley and an evening at the Rebellion Brewery in Marlow. There is always a lot going on with several events each month offering something for virtually everyone. All events both at home or a local venue are organised by members acting as hosts. To them all we are very grateful as no organisers would equal no Chameleon!

Our regular events each month continue to include the popular Lunch Club on the first and the Pub Night on the last Friday of each month. For those interested in live music we also visit Dusty's at least once most months for some great live bands at the Holmer Green Sports Club. Coffee mornings have also proved popular and it is likely we will do more of these both at home and at venues such as Garden Centres during the winter months.

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 (except December when it's on Wednesday 30th!) at The Crown, Amersham Road, Hazlemere from 8pm, There is food available if you wish to skip the cooking at home and many members take that opportunity!

Single, 40 – 60's, and 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 in the group and you would be very welcome too. To find out more call our membership secretaries Heike 01494 459246 or Joyce 01494 817895 or e-mail: chameleon_bucks@tiscali.co.uk. Visit us on-line at:www.bucksvoice.net/chameleon for more information.

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To view a full list of ceremonies, to find out more about Light up a Life, or to dedicate a light in memory of a loved one, visit <u>www.renniegrove.org/lual</u> or call 01442 890222.

Lent Lunches

If you're part of a church group and are holding a Lent Lunch next year, why not choose Rennie Grove Hospice Care as your charity? As you come together at an important time in the church calendar, the donations would make a real difference to local patients suffering from life-limiting illnesses and their families. To find out more about how you can support us, call 01442 820722 or email community@renniegrove.org

New Charity Shop

MP Cheryl Gillan cut the ribbon and opened the Charities latest new shop on 2nd November. The new shop located in Chalfont St Peter enjoyed a steady stream of customers on its first day. It is Rennie grove's 23rd shop located across Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

Shop on-line this Christmas

With only a few shopping days left until Christmas there are always going to be those last minute or extra presents to buy. Why no do it on-line and help raise money for Rennie grove while you shop with major retailers. Just sign up at the "Give as you live" website and every time you buy the charity get a small donation towards its vital work.

Question of Sport 2016

Following the success of this years event which raised £33,000 work is underway on next years event which will be held at the beginning of March. There is plenty of interest already so if your company would like to take part in 2016 or could offer a prize for the auction or raffle please get in touch be calling 01442 890222.