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Hello.

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Welcome to the summer 2011 edition of T & T News. As you can see from the front cover this is out 16th full edition of the community magazine and marks four years of serving Totteridge and Terriers. How that time has flown by and it only seems like yesterday we started this publication!

In this edition we have another update from Steve Baker who is our local MP. We also have news from the Terriers and Amersham Hill NAG - This is the Neighbourhood Action Group aimed at reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.

Girl Guides have been busy over the last few months and you can read their update on page 9. we also have a new contribution from MFP Counselling which is based behind the Hub on Easton Street.

There is something for singles too with news from the Chameleon group. Our local churches continue to offer a variety of events beyond the traditional services. Fundraising at St Francis continues as hope to complete their mile of coins by mid-June.

Finally in this edition we welcome back David Church with another story. This time Wellesbourne, now the Kingswood Grange development is in the spotlight.

Happy Reading!

David Winterburn, Editor



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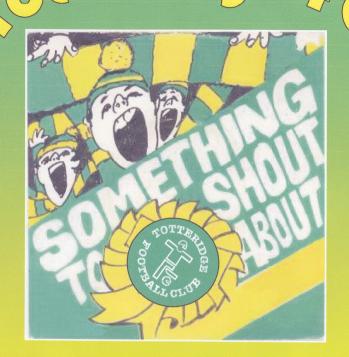
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I loved to watch the painstaking skills of the lacemakers, the mass production of the basket-makers, the patience of the potters and painters, the cunning of the fencers or the artistry of the flower-arrangers. Laughter was everywhere, memorably in the Welsh class where ex-RGS Head Malcolm Smith's uproarious voice led the "naughtly" boys, and the Swedish class when undertaker, David Silvey, was telling one of his many funny stories. (Good job I didn't understand Swedish, I Guess!)

Students were rarely any trouble. But I do remember one evening a very attractive lady arriving and latching onto me. I got her off to her class eventually. Later that evening the caretaker reported catching a prowler looking into a classroom window. It was the lady's husband, checking who she was sitting with. I felt sorry for the man actually and suggested to the lady we should promote her to a (literally) higher class.

Happy memories for me and not too boring for you, I hope. If I have stirred a memory, do let us know: I'm not overwhelmed with calls these days!

David Church Totteridge Resident.

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Council News Round-Up

Re-vamp at the Swan

Over the last year the Wycombe Swan Theatre and Town Hall have been transformed. The final touches have been made with the illumination of the tunnel from the town to the theatre and refurbishment of the dressing and shower rooms. The tunnel illuminations are achieved by using colour LED lights which are both environmentally friendly and give a welcoming, attractive and theatrical approach to the venue.

Tenants vote to transfer their homes

Council tenants voted by a small majority of 56.5% to transfer their homes to Red Kite Community Housing. The ballot was carried out by independent organisation the Electoral Reform Society. The yes vote means around £103 million will be spent on homes and estates in the first five years after the transfer. The council is said to be delighted with the result.

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Local News Round Up

Terriers Evening W.I.

"Antiques Road Show" came to Terriers Evening W.I. in April. Simon Brown from Bourne End Auction Rooms told us about some of the items he had brought with him trhen members had the chance to have their own treasures valued. Most of them were of a modest nature but one member was pleasantly surprised at the price put on her object.

As a follow up to the visit from two magistrates in February, two groups of members are spending some time at court. The first gruop went in April and had a very interesting morning. Various cases were heard including someone accused of thaft from House of Fraser. The culprit was banned from Eden. Imagine the amazement of two of our members who went shopping in House of Fraser afterwards only to be stopped on the way out when the alarm went off. Luckily no further action was taken as they had paid for the goods but the security tag had not been removed. One boy who had returned to court to have his case reviewed was given a certificate to say how well he had done and was congratulated by the Bench.

The two resolutions for the A.G.M. in June were discussed in May. We agreed to support the first one which asked the government to review the closure of libraries. The second one concerned mega farms. Having heard both sides of the argument, we voted to ask our delgate to decide which way to vote on the day. We then enjoyed tasting the various recipes which had been brought along. One in particular proved very popular, a courgette pate.

Our future programme is 7th July Garden Party August No meeting 8th Sept. The Andes, Amazon to Galapagos

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

For further details contact Margaret Rogers Tel 01494 524947

Roadworks on the Amersham Road

More roadworks are on their way at Terriers along the busy A404 Amersham Road. The works are due to start around mid-June and last until Mid-July. The works are part of a major plan to renew old gas mains with new plastic pipes and will mean digging up the road. Parking restrictions will be in place and it may be at times single alternate lines working with traffic lights will be required.

During the works access to properties will be maintained as far as possible. All our local businesses will be open as usual so do ensure you support them during a time when passing trade will be difficult to obtain.

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See our notice boards for latest community events open to everyone

Mondays 10 am: Yoga & Relaxation

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Welcome to Wellesbourne

A generation ago, as you turned off the main road at Terriers Cross Roads and went up Kingshill Road and "round the bend" you had a triple choice - go on to the end of the street lights into the dark world - and ditches - of Four Ashes, turn right and have a chat with the horses at Terriers Farm or left into the welcoming (de)lights of Wellesbourne, School by day and Adult Education Centre by night.

Both attracted thousands of people bu both met a surprising end - after a period of Lady Verney School and annexe of the college. What was once a centre of learning is now an upmarket housing development. If the residents ever feel haunted, I guarantee the ghosts will be friendly! Because that was Wellesbourne - ever happy and welcoming.

As I stood every evening at the main entrance, greeting the hundred streaming in, it often struck me that women vastly outnumbered men. There were plenty of youngsters, mostly going to vocational (examination) classes and older people, inproving their dressmaking skills or knowledge of Local History. But most were in the 25 to 45 bracket. They were looking for learning or exercise but predominantly for a nice evening out - good company, a bit of a laugh, anywhere to escape for a time the home and family.

Our two phones were kept busy - me in the office and my wife at home (no mobiles!) - and a common call would go as follows:

(Female) voice "I wonder if you can help me. Do you do evening classes? My doctor says I must get out. What do you recommend?"

(Imagine ringing your local grocer, asking if he sold food and which he recommended!) We flicked mentally through our hundred or so courses and usually suggested something safe like cookery, a conversational language course of Keep Fit.

The latter was amazingly popular and numbers so huge that we had to hire other schools or Village Halls. I visited all my classes regularly, to sort out problems, collect fees or at the risk of interrupting intense concentration (so definitely not Yoga or Bridge!) have a little chat. Ladies Keep Fit was my favourite call - to "Listen to the catchy music," I said - but nobody believed me!

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News from Wycombe and Westminster - Steve Baker MP

I am delighted to contribute once again to Terriers and Totteridge News, and should like to send my best wishes to readers.

As you will know, the hospital remains my top priority for Wycombe. Although there have not been any great developments at the hospital since I last wrote, I have continued to monitor services and raise a number of questions which concern local people. In particular, I have written to the Health Minister to ask him to explain the changes to funding for the South Central Ambulance Service. In my letter I reiterated my commitment to local mutual ownership of health services in High Wycombe. I also pointed out that I have campaigned for fairer funding as I believe health services in Bucks have been underfunded for many years. I will let you know the response when I next write.

I was delighted to hear of the new Job Club which has been established in Micklefield Library every Thursday morning at 11am. You may know I am a trustee of GB Job Clubs, and have been working to ensure those who are out-of-work the supports and skills they need to find a job. If you know of anyone who is looking for work, please tell them about this scheme and encourage them to use its services. The contact for the Job Club is Matt Knight on 07947 674352. Also, I am a director of something called the Jericho Fund, which provides microfinance for people wishing to set themselves up in business. The first person in Wycombe to be awarded Jericho funding started trading last month.

Most weeks I spend four days in London on Parliamentary business, with Fridays and Saturdays spent out and about in the constituency. I attend debates and votes in the Commons chamber when Parliament is sitting; during the past few weeks I voted to abolish ID cards, and have backed the campaign to reduce duty on petrol. You may also have seen in national and local papers that I have joined with other MPs of all political parties to ask for a democratic vote on whether we should remain in the EU.

I am keen to promote the Government's CUT RED TAPE CHALLENGE, where members of the public can suggest regulations which should be abolished. These regulations may cover health and safety to employment. Every few weeks particular areas will come under focus, and these include road transportation (week of 20th May); fisheries, marine enterprises and internal waterways (2nd June); manufacturing (16th June); healthy living and social care (23rd June); media and creative services (7th July); utilities and energy (21st July); rail and merchant shipping (4th August); mining and quarrying (18th August). If you would like to take part in the Red Tape Challenge either log on to the Cabinet Office website [www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk] or contact me direct and I will be happy to pass on your comments.

As always, I should like to finish by saying that if anyone has any local community or charity event they would like me to come to please get in touch with my constituency office on 01494 448408 and, if I am free, I will be delighted to support you.

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Amersham Hill and Terriers Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) News

The Neighbour Action Group is a voluntary group where members of the community, Police, Council and residents discuss any issues that have been raised by the residents in regards to our NAG priorities. These are currently: Anti-social behaviour, Drugs and Seasonal (defined as below). Our NAG is held every 6 weeks at Highworth School, Totteridge Lane at 7pm.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB): We are running an operation through the school holiday periods. Our main roads for concern for ASB are Windsor Drive, Hughenden Road and Temple End.

Drugs: Areas have been identified and we are patrolling these areas. The Neighbourhood Team will continue to work hard to identify and arrest persons using or dealing drugs.

Seasonal: This is going to be our new third priority. The NAG have decided to change from parking to this new priority, flexible/seasonal. This will cover any issues that the residents have brought to us, that can be solved easily and quickly.

This priority will be discussed at our NAG meetings and we will ask residents to come along to this and come forward with any concerns they may have in their community. If you are interested in becoming a NAG member then please contact one of your Policing Team.

We are encouraging the community to ring us if they are a victim of crime or witness a crime or anything suspicious.

If you are experiencing any issues then please let Thames Valley Police know via our non-emergency number 0845 8505 505 or in an emergency ring 999.

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team is: Neighbourhood Specialist Officer Bushra Sheikh 6470 Neighbourhood Officer Colin Bedford 586 Police Community Support Officer Emma Buckle C9507 T&T News Page 13

St Francis Church, Amersham Road, Terriers, HP13 5AB

Thanks for giving

First of all, a big "Thank you" to the people of Terriers and Totteridge for their generosity in Christian Aid Week. Despite the times of austerity in which we live, reports from many of our collectors suggest that a large number of people in our town are happy to support the Prime Minister in his conviction that this country should not "balance its books on the back of the poorest." We do not have the final figure yet but with the collection from several roads still to be counted the total is already close to £1300. Our thanks to those who gave their time and energy to make the house-to-house collection possible and, above all, to those who gave generously as a sign of their commitment to the world's poorest people.

During the summer there will be changes at St Francis' church and the vicarage. The vicarage has been chosen to pioneer a greener approach to its power supply and has become the first in Buckinghamshire to be fitted with solar panels, converting the sun's rays into electricity and reducing the church's carbon footprint. The church is now three-quarters of the way to its target for essential work on the building – not least thanks to a generous grant of over £130,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Local fund-raising continues with the completion (we hope) of our "Mile of coins" project in mid-June. Other events are being planned. A number of donations have also been received in memory of members of the congregation. One tenth of the money raised locally has been allocated to support building projects elsewhere in the UK and in other parts of the world. Nearly £1000 has already been sent to projects in Slough, South Africa and India.

The church building is becoming increasingly popular as a venue for concerts and recitals. On 18th June we shall welcome the Wooburn Singers, who will give a recital of British, American and Maltese music. They will return in mid-December with a concert of Christmas carols.

Later in the summer the project to restore the church building will begin in earnest, with investigations into the state of the brick-work, plaster and timber. We hope that this will cause minimum disruption during the remainder of 2011, but are looking forward to an interesting time (to say the least) in 2012.

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High Wycombe East District

girls in the lead

The excitement of the Royal nuptials has provided inspiration for our meetings this term, with one Brownie pack going on a Royal wedding themed Pack Holiday to Ellesborough, our Guide centre near Wendover! Other trips have included visits to see the ever popular Gang Show, and to learn about organic farming at Collings Hanger Farm in Prestwood whilst some of our Brownies are preparing for their first "Elephant Safari" Brownie camp at the end of term.

Guiding is as popular ever, and we have a number of Guides working towards their Baden Powell Challenge, as well as guite a few leaders in training at the moment.

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CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP

Summer is now with us and already Chameleon members are enjoying more outside events and day trips to places of interest. Locally we have been on a visit to West Wycombe Caves and the Chinnor & Princes

Risborough Railway and will be doing a trip to the coast hopefully on one of the summer's better days. For the caves visit we took advantage of one of the guided tours to find out more about these man made tunnels and the history behind. The railway proved an interesting trip by steam train along a line restored and operated by volunteer enthusiasts. This was a popular attraction as we found even early in the season.

Our programme is always evolving based on new ideas from our members. We encourage this through our planning evenings and pub nights so there should be something for everyone as they suggest and organise the events! Meals out, Bowling, Skittles, Quiz Nights, Take-Away at home, Food sampling evening, Walks, Pub Nights, Days out, Theatre and Cinema visits are just some of the events we have planned over the next few months.

We continue to attract a number of new people locally and we extend a very warm welcome to them. Every month we hold a pub night on the last Friday at the Red Lion in Penn from 8pm. This is a great place for new members to come along and meet us for the first time in a friendly informal atmosphere. There is food available too so why not avoid the cooking for one night? Our Lunch Club continues to be a successful daytime event and we have been holding this regularly over the last few months at The Crown in Hazlemere and also the White Lion at Cryers Hill. Again this is a great informal event to meet and chat with members old and new.

Membership has remained steady over the last few months and new members are very welcome to join the group. We have an increasing number from Totteridge, Terriers and surrounding areas. If you are single, 30 plus, looking for a social life and new friends then why not give us a try? There are no strangers at Chameleon, just new friends to be made in a social group run by and for its members. To find out more call Joyce on 01494 – 461328, Martin on 07747 - 703663 or e-mail: chameleon_bucks@tiscali.co.uk. You can also visit us on the web at www.bucksinfo.net/chameleon where there is further information and an events listing.

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