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Picture - New homes at Kingshill Grange in Terriers © DW 2011

These new homes at Kingshill Grange on the former Wellesbourne site along with a development at Milton Place show the expanding housing within the area.

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# Local Councillors support St Francis Church to install emergency exit.

Using their ward budgets, the three district councillors for Terriers and Amersham Hill ward have given St Francis Church at Terriers  $\pounds 1,600$  towards works to create a proper fire door at the east end of the church. This will mean that the church will be able to have emergency fire exits at both ends of the building and will be able to hold more community events such as concerts in the church building.

Councillors Roger Colomb, Tony Green and Arif Hussain presented their cheques to the church during morning service on 20th February 2011.

Below from Left Tony Green, Roger Colomb, Arif Hussain and Dr Peter Gee (Churchwarden)



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#### WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

Hello.

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Welcome to the spring 2011 edition of your community magazine. As you can see from our cover picture very soon we shall be welcoming some more new neighbours in Terriers as work continues on building new homes at Kingshill Grange. Hopefully they will enjoy being part of our community and readers of this magazine too!

In this edition of the magazine we have news from some of our local councillors and also Steve Baker MP. There is also news from Terriers W.I., Girlguiding, Totteridge Community Centre, our local churches, and Neighbourhood Action Groups.

If you run a local group and would like your news included in the magazine then please get in touch. Our contact details are on page 18. While we cannot guarantee to publish everything we receive we will do our best to include your item. Between editions your events can be added to our web pages at www.bucksinfo.net/tandtnews. Just e-mail us the details and we will put them up under "Events".

Finally apologies if your winter 2010 edition of T & T News arrived a little later than expected. The bad weather before Christmas made distribution for our volunteers difficult and we had to ensure deliveries only took place if safe to do so. With this edition the worst of the weather should be over or have I just given a cue for it to snow in early spring!

Happy Reading!

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#### Locality Services Bulletin - High Wycombe Local Area - February 2011

The Youth Service is currently consulting on the future of youth provision in Buckinghamshire, and two youth centres in the High Wycombe local area are being considered within the consultation: East Side Youth Centre and Castlefield Youth Centre. Green Street Youth and Community Centre and the Round House will remain open but due to budget reductions it will no longer be possible to maintain the staffing or funding for the current network of universal youth centres. Discussions are taking place with the management committees and other local groups to identify possible community solutions to take forward this provision. A formal workshop will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March to enable key stakeholders to come together to review potential solutions and anyone who is interested in taking part in this should contact Madeleine Howe (see below).

The Youth Service consultation forms part of the county council's overall consultation on budget proposals. This also includes specific consultation on Transport. For more information visit <a href="https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget">www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget</a>

A meeting was held on 1st December to talk to local people about the future of Castlefield library. Local organisations have expressed an interest in proposals for potential relocation or expanded use of the library and local people will be invited to be part of any future development. All ideas and contributions are welcome.

The Local Community Partnership has a number of budgets to spend in the local area and recent decisions include funding for Wycombe Museum to provide train the trainer courses in art and craft for Movers and Shakers groups in the town, an all day Job Club Fair at High Wycombe Library in April, Year 3 'My Community' workshops in local schools as part of Young Enterprise, and half term activities in Micklefield for children and young people.

Simply Walk, the countywide walking scheme has relaunched its walking leaflet. In your area there are walks in Downley, Booker, Micklefield and the Rye, and you can join a Sunday Strider rural work with a pub lunch! A new walk is starting in Castlefield. Simply Walks are free and offer a great opportunity to make new friends. Find a leaflet at your library, GP or community centre, visit <a href="www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/row/simply\_walk.page">www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/row/simply\_walk.page</a> or contact Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367 or simplywalks@buckscc.gov.uk

Many people have great ideas about how they could make their neighbourhood a better place to live, but sometimes barriers get in the way. Red tape, rules and regulations can stop people putting good ideas into action. Some barriers are real and some are myths but whatever they are they are frustrating – it means that local people miss out. The Locality Services Team is here to help get things done for your local community. If you have a barrier you want to bust then email Madeleine Howe at mphowe@buckscc.gov.uk.

The Localities and Communities Manager for your local area is Madeleine Howe who can be contacted for more information on items in this bulletin, or other issues at mphowe@buckscc.gov.uk or 01494 475378. The High Wycombe Local Area includes the unparished area of High Wycombe and the parish of Downley.



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# Local News Round Up

#### Terriers Evening W.I.

We started the year with delayed Christmas celebrations having cancelled our December meeting because of the snow. We tucked in to our buffet supper and Christmas cake and heard about some of the curiosities in the Chilterns. Amazing what is around if you keep your eyes open.

In February we went to "court". Two magistrates from Wycombe Magistrates Court told us of their experiences and than set us the task of deciding on sentences for various cases we were given. This was surprisingly difficult. We had to follow certain guidelines. In one instance we seemed to have no choice but to send a young mother to prison. We were cheered a little when it was explained that we could give her a suspended sentence. We hope to arrange a visit to the courts later in the year.

Each year the W.I. discuss a resolution of topical interest at the AGM in June. Members have a chance to vote for one resolution from a list of five or six, the one with the most votes going forward to the AGM. Quite a few of our members were concerned about the proposal to set up mega farms where thousands of cows would be kept and felt this would be a good topic for discussion. In May we shall discover which resolution has been chosen.

Our future programme is

7th April The work of an Auctioneer (plus members items valued)

5th May Resolutions plus recipe evening
9th June Chinese Cookery demonstration

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

#### New footpath stalled

A proposed new public footpath in Terriers between Sheraton Drive and Windsor Drive appears to have stalled. Buckinghamshire County Council's Rights of Way Committee approved the application for a modification order back in November 2010. The notice which will be open to objections has yet to be served at the time we went to press. It is likely to attract several objections from the residents in Windsor Drive as the route crosses through their gardens and parking area before reaching the public road. The landowner is also expected to object to the order.

If there are objections a public enquiry could be held to establish if any right to a footpath exists based on any past usage of the route.

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See our notice boards for latest community events open to everyone

Mondays 10 am: Yoga & Relaxation

6:30pm: Kids & Adults Kickboxing

Evening Pool & Dart League games - Bar billiards and many more - ask us for details

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Tuesdays 6:45: Zumba from pyramid fitness

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Wednesdays Evening card games - everyone welcome

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Thursdays 10am: Coffee & Cakes

Have your say neighbourhood police meeting

7pm: Fitness with Sue - Pay as you go low impact fitness

Fridays Friday afternoon bingo - everyone welcome

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#### Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) News - March 2011

#### **Amersham Hill & Terriers**

The NAG discusses any issues that have been raised by the residents and try to come up with solutions to these issues. Our NAG priorities are: Anti-social behaviour, Drugs and Parking. Our NAG is held every 6 weeks at Highworth School, Totteridge Lane.

**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**: we are posting leaflets to residents on certain roads if the NAG thinks there is a problem there. Your Policing Team will be patrolling the area to crack down on drug using or dealing.

**Parking**: as with many areas, parking at schools is the main problem for parking. So the NAG is working closely with the schools and seeking ways to manage the parking issue.

If you are interested in becoming a NAG becoming a NAG member then please contact one of your Policing Team. 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

#### Totteridge & Bowerdean

The next NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) meeting for Totteridge and Bowerdean Neighbourhood will be held on 15/03/2011 at High Crest School these are held every six weeks. The NAG discuss any issues that have been raised by the residents and come up with possible solutions.

Here are some of the issues that we are aware of and are working on.

**Parking:** Residents have said that the school on Hollis Road becomes an issue when the school starts and finishes. The NAG is currently trying to tackle this and the NAG is working closely with the school. There is also a parking issue near to Places of Worship which the NAG are working closely with these places to try and come up with possible solutions.

**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**: Thames Valley Police are patrolling any areas that the NAG thinks there is an ASB problem. We are running an operation during the half term holidays to cut down on ASB.

If you are experiencing any issues that are concerning you please contact Thames Valley Police on our non-emergency number 0845 8505 505 or in an emergency 999.

If you would like to become a NAG member please contact one of your Neighbourhood Policing Team below or come along to a Have Your Say meeting (HYS) which are held every first Thursday of the month at Totteridge Community Centre, Totteridge Drive from 10:00 till 11:00.

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#### News from Wycombe and Westminster - Steve Baker MP

The hospital remains my top priority for Wycombe. You may have seen in the Bucks Free Press I recently presented a public petition in Parliament calling for fair funding, local control and freedom for clinical professionals. The petition had 1547 signatures. This followed the submission of a similar petition which contained over 700 signatures to the Health Secretary, which I presented personally during a private meeting on 8th December 2010. I chose to present the petition on the day that the Government's NHS reform Bill came before Parliament. The *Health and Social Care Bill* will begin the modernising process which I believe will help the NHS to give every patient the best chance of surviving an illness like cancer, and the best quality of life for a long-term condition like diabetes.

A few weeks ago, I was privileged to re-open the renovated birthing centre at Wycombe hospital. This is midwife-led and has amenities comparable to those in private maternity units. I urge local mothers-to -be who expect a trouble free birth to consider using this facility. I am a great believer in midwife led births, and I know hospital staff at are committed to giving the best possible birthing experience.

Another local service I should like to encourage Wycombe people to use is the Citizens' Advice Bureau. The CAB is a wonderful organisation, with trained professionals and volunteers dedicated to helping people with a wide variety of problems, from debt counselling to advice on benefits and help with the law. I attended the organisation's AGM at its premises at 8 Easton Street, and know the people there would be pleased to help with any problem you might have. They can be contacted on 0844 4994108.

Back in November, I was invited to tour Highcrest School to look around its facilities and to meet both staff and pupils. I was tremendously impressed by the school, its staff and its pupils. I was delighted the school was rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted. I know many people will join me in congratulating the headteacher, Sheena Moynihan, and her staff on this excellent achievement.

I am aware of issues where changes proposed by central government may affect the education of children locally. These include funding of the pupil premium using the number of claimants of free school meals, academy status, and the English baccalaureate amongst others. To discuss these concerns I have been in touch with local head teachers, and have other meetings planned for the next few weeks, and promise I will do all I can to ensure children educated locally have the best possible chance of success. A pupil premium of  $\pounds 430$  will be allocated to schools for each child who is eligible for free school meals, and to that end, I would encourage parents to register if they are entitled to do so. I have also met delegations of students from both Bucks New University and Amersham and Wycombe College to hear their opinions on tuition fees, funding and education maintenance allowance. We have not necessarily agreed with each other , but each of us has had the chance to openly discuss views.

Apart from the work I have done in the constituency, I have also been busy in Parliament. I have been elected to serve on the Transport Select Committee, and I intend to use this to hold the Government to account on the M40 and high speed rail, amongst other things.

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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### **News from Bucks County Council**

The reduction in government funding and a freeze on the Council Tax has cuts in some services to residents. Front line services such as road maintenance have been protected as far as possible. I am pleased to sat that lollipop ladies and gents have been saved as well as some of our Sunday and late night bus services which are presently subsidised but some will have to be reduced.

My thanks to those residents who let me know how they would like my community fund spent this year. As a result we shall have a new grit bin on the corner of Wynbury Drive and also at Bailey Close. We are also having the short footpath which links Amersham Hill Drive to the Cemetery footpath cleaned up and resurfaced. Finally I will also have a supply of 30 mph stickers suitable to go on wheelie bins by request so that for at least one day a week residents can remind motorists that the maximum speed limit in urban areas is 30 mph . Please let me know if you would like a couple for your bins on vletheren@buckscc.gov.uk

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County Councillor for Terriers and Amersham Hill

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#### St Francis Church, Amersham Road, Terriers

Services in Holy Week and Easter....

#### Sunday 17th April - Palm Sunday

10am Procession of Palms and Parish Communion followed by prayer for healing

#### Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th April

Communion service each evening at 8pm plus on Wednesday Prayer Book Communion 10am.

#### Thursday 21st April - Maundy Thursday

7pm The lords Supper to remember the meal Jesus shared with his friends. Pre-booking is essential via web site (www.terrierschurch.org.uk) or on 01494 520676.
11.45pm Night Prayer

#### Friday 22nd April - Good Friday

10am Family Service (A service for all ages)

2pm The Last Hour (Prayers and readings at the foot of Jesus's cross)

#### Saturday 23rd April - Holy Saturday

8pm Easter Vigil (Readings, music and pictures preparing for Easter Day)

#### Sunday 24th April - Easter Day

10am Parish Communion (A celebration of the resurrection of Jesus for all ages)

On Fridays at 8pm up to 15th April there will be Lent Meditations on the "Four letter words of the Bible"

#### 80th Birthday Appeal

From 10th October 2010 until 9th October 2011 the church is celebrating its 80th Birthday. Part of the celebration is the appeal to raise £200,000 for essential repair and restoration work on the church building designed by Sir Giles Gilbert-Scott. The appeal will also provide funding for four other building projects in Slough, South Africa, India and Romania. Nearly £150,000 has been raised or promised to date. Further details and how you can help are on the web site - www.terrierschurch.org.uk. Souvenir mugs at £4.90 are available from the Church, Church Hall or Vicarage on 01494 520676.

### St Wulstan's Church, Hollis Road

St Wulstan's Catholic Church offers regular services both in English and for the Polish Community. Details of the church, notices and events can be found on their web site at www.stwulstanschurch.org. You can also contact the Parish Priest Father Innocent Abonyi MSP on 01494 - 438300 or by email at stwulstan39schurch@yahoo.co.uk

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# Totteridge Baptist Church, Hillary Road, HP13 7RA

Monday: Tumbling Tots (0-3) 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Young Disciples 11 - 14's 5.00 - 6.00 p.m.

Cub - Scouts 6.00 - 7.45 p.m.

Tuesday: Beavers - Scouts 5.45 - 7.00 p.m.

Art Club 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.

Wednesday: Coffee Morning 9.30 - 11.a.m. (1st Wednesday each month)

Thursday: "Open For-um!" 10.30 a.m. - 12.15 p.m. (Bible Study Group)

<u>Friday:</u> Genesis Club (5 - 11's) 5.00 - 6.30 p.m.

Xodus Club (11+ group) 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.

**Saturday:** Prayer breakfast 8.30 - 9.30 a.m. (Alternative weeks)

Sunday: Worship Service 10.30 - 11.45 a.m.

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#### Easter Services

Totteridge Baptist Church, Hillary Road, High Wycombe, HP13 7RA.

#### Sunday 17th April Palm Sunday - 10.30 a.m.

All age family service

You are invited to bring along an Easter egg, to be given away to those in our area with learning difficulties.

Subject - "Accepted & Rejected"

#### Maundy Thursday 21st April -7.30 p.m.

Reflecting on the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

Sharing a basic meal together

Subject - "What a price to pay"

### Easter Sunday 24th April - 10.30 a.m.

All age family service

Come and share in the Joy of Easter

Subject - "Glorious Saviour - Risen Lord"

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**High Wycombe East District** 

girls in the lead

# Ever thought of trying Rainbows or Brownies?

After a busy year of centenary celebrations, we have been able to relax a little over Christmas, but January sees the start of another year of activities!

Local Brownies have completed their First Aid badge and celebrated Burns Night by learning to dance the Gay Gordons, making tartan, and eating Haggis!

Guides and Rangers have visited Cadbury World for a day of chocolate indulgence and have also been collecting and planting tree seeds with the Wycombe Woodland Rangers.

Even more adventurous are some of our older girls who are juggling school work with preparing for the trip of a lifetime when they attend the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in July.

We have various units in the area catering for ages from 5 to 26 and we always welcome new girls, especially those aged 5 and 6 years who can join Rainbows, and those aged between 7 and 10 years who can join Brownies. We have meetings at St Andrew's Church in Hatters Lane and at Highworth School on weekday evenings, so why not come along and give us a try? It's a great way to try out new activities and make new friends!

Please email Lyndsay at <u>lyndsayhurn@hotmail.com</u> or Alison at <u>alisongieler@dsl.pipex.com</u> for further information.

Lyndsay Stone

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# Are you aged 15 or over and thinking about learning to drive?



# **Young Drivers Experience**

For the fifth year running the Association of Wycombe and District Driving Instructors

Are running 2day off-road driving courses in High Wycombe during
The School Holidays. The 2day course will cost £105
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The venue for the course is :-Wycombe High School on the 11th and 12th April 2011 and also on 26th and 27th July 2011

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# CHAMELEON SINGLES GROUP #

Spring is now in the air just when Chameleon members can look forward to some more outside events and day trips to places of interest. Last year

we had two great trips firstly to the Isle of Wight by Hovercraft and then a Canal Boat Trip on the Grand Union Canal at Cosgrove near Milton Keynes. For the latter we hired the boat on a self-drive basis taking our own crew and catering for the day. Add to this some pub meals, visits to places of interest, walks, a concert, skittles and quiz nights and you can see there is always plenty going on.

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, at home evenings, Take-Away nights, Walks, Pub Nights, Theatre and Cinema visits are just some of the events we have planned over the next few months. Recently we have continued to attract a number of new people locally and we extend a very warm welcome to them. We will be looking forward to their ideas for the future.

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. However we hope to try some new venues in the coming months. Again this is a great informal event to meet and chat with members old and new.

Over the past year membership has grown steadily as new members join the group and 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: <a href="mailto:chameleon\_bucks@tiscali.co.uk">chameleon\_bucks@tiscali.co.uk</a>. You can also visit us on the web at <a href="mailto:www.bucksinfo.net/chameleon">www.bucksinfo.net/chameleon</a> where there is further information and an events listing.