

Totteridge and Terriers News

# T&T NEWS

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Autumn 2012



Picture - Autumn Trees at the top of Totteridge Road © BP 2012

The golden colours of autumn as captured by local resident Brian Pollard whose wife has also painted this scene.

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### Saturday 17th November 2012

### Christmas Fayre

St Francis Church Hall, Amersham Road, Terriers 11am -3pm. All are welcome.

### Tuesday 20th November 2012

### T & T News copy Deadline

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### Totteridge and Terriers News

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### WELCOME TO T&T NEWS

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Welcome to the autumn 2012 edition of T & T News.

It has been a busy year for many local groups both with their own events and national events to be supported too. We have had the Queens Diamond Jubilee, the Olympics, the Paralympics, the Totteridge Fete to mention just a few events over the last three months.

As I write this editorial summer is just coming into autumn and like many people I am thinking "What Summer?". Still if the long range forecast is correct then it sounds like September will be an "Indian Summer" with warmer than average temperature's and lower rainfall. I am sure the rain will not be missed with the bucket loads that seem to have fallen ever since April.

Inside this edition we have all the usual features and news. As always we look to innovate our production of the magazine so the layout changes slightly with each edition as does what is going on in our local area. There are reports this quarter from the Terriers W.I., Steve Baker MP, Chameleon, a look back at the Totteridge Fete and a diary of events (This is updated on our web site at www.bucksvoice.net/tandtnews throughout the year) and lots more.

With the festive season less than four moths away we even have mention of the St Francis Christmas Fayre!

Happy Reading!

David Winterburn, Editor



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### TOTTERIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB

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The Under 12's team start their season on 16th September with a home fixture against Tring Tornadoes Blue. They currently play in Division 5 and are sponsored by Mr India.

As always at the start of the season the teams have high hopes so let hope our local sides do well in their respective leagues. If you would like to find out more or get involved either as a player or helping out then visit the clubs web pages at http://tottfc.intheteam.com



## TOTTERIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre continues to be open seven days a week with a variety of different activities taking place on virtually every day. The centre is also available for private hire for events such as private parties, meeting s and special events.

As well as events at the Community Centre occasional trips out are organised and recently this included a day trip to Southend-on-Sea. A popular costal resort the trip was fully booked with a waiting list in case anyone dropped out. The trip was organised by Jayne.

For those of you who have not visited the centre since it has re-opened why not go along and find out more. Alternatively you can get a taste of what goes on by visiting the web site at www.totteridgecommunitycentre.org

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# **Christmas Fayre**

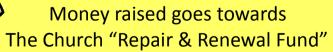
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# Local News Round Up (1)

### Terriers Evening W.I.

What a summer we have had! Imagine our delight when we were able to enjoy a warm summer evening for our garden party in July. It was our celebration for the Diamond Jubilee and most of our members turned up in red, white and blue. We enjoyed a shared supper with so much food left over that er were supplied with "doggy bags" at the end of the evening. Our committee members regaled us with Julie Andresa version of "Our favourite things" for older people. We found thoughts of walking frames etc. a bit depressing but we soon cheered up.

In June we discovered what was at "The other end of the tape measure". Mrs. Pritchard transported us to the time immediately after the war in 1946 when at the age of fifteen she became a hand (apprentice) at a Fashion House in London. She described the strict life she led, long hours and short tea and lunch breaks. The girls had to supply all their equipment apart from pins and were not allowed to wear lipstick because of the danger of marking the material. One of her tasks was to fetch notions (cottons etc.) from the stores for the workroom. Mrs. Pritchard learned many dressmaking skills until she was able to put one hundred covered buttons and loops on the back of evening dresses. We were able to view her handiwork when she displayed an exquisite wedding dress she had made.

A crowd of W.I. members, about eighty, made their way to Notcutts Garden Centre one Thursday evening in June. We are hoping our gardening skills will improve having listened to advice about pruning, planting in pots and keeping chickens. Silk flower arranging was added for the artistic. Many thanks to Notcutts for a pleasant evening and we are hoping for another invitation in the autumn.

Future programme

Sept. 6th Life of King Zog in Bucks,

Oct. 4th Wine Tasting

Nov. 8th A.G.M. and games evening.

We meet at Cedar Park School, Cedar Avenue, Hazlemere at 7.45 p.m. and are pleased to welcome new members. For further details contact Margaret Rogers Tel. 01494 524947.

### South Bucks Counselling

South Bucks Counselling is the new name for MPF Counselling which was established over 30 years ago with the aim of providing affordable counselling to adults aged 18 and over. They are a registered charity based in High Wycombe and offer help to people who feel they can no longer cope and are affected by feeling such as depression, anxiety and confusion. You can find out more about the organisation by visiting their web site at www.southbuckscounselling.org

For those wishing to develop counselling skills see page 9 for details of a course starting on 4th October 2012.

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# Local News Round Up (2)

News from Bucks County Council - Val Letheren updates us on her work.....

Much of the County Councils budget is spent on Adults and Children's Social care and with growing numbers of the elderly and children under 5 this can only become more of an issue if nothing changes in the way these needs are met.

#### **Adults Social Care**

There have been recent big improvements in the way residents are supported in order that they can live safely in their own homes which most prefer. The County Council now offers elderly residents needing support such as home help, the ability to receive direct payments instead of the Council arranging their care. This gives them the opportunity to control their own care arrangements to suit them and therefore have greater flexibility to meet their needs.

### Children's Social Care

The County Council has managed to contain the number of children needing to come into care by investing in early intervention. This could mean supporting young mothers before and after the birth of their baby and the increasing use of our Children Centres. This prevents problems arising later, but we also have a dedicated team of staff working with teenagers with problems to support them to stay with their families by sometimes arranging a temporary break for them away from home while the issues can calm down. This has worked well and we have prevented 22 young people from needing to go into care at a venerable time with this team.

We have just about to start on our 'Families First' work where we shall be supporting families with multiple issues such as drugs and alcohol abuse, long term unemployment, poor school attendance, youth offending etc. It has been shown that if active help is given to these families whose cost to the public purse can be very high they and the community are much better for it.

Valerie Letheren County Councillor for Terriers and Amersham Hill, Cabinet Member for Children's services Bucks County Council E-mail: VLetheren@buckscc.gov.uk T&T News Page 19

### Steve Baker (Cont).....

I also attended the AGM of the Bucks Association for the Care of Offenders in Aylesbury. I believe that if prison is to be effective, then ex-prisoners need to be supported in building a new, crime-free life for themselves. This includes finding and staying in work, which is a crucial element if they are not to re-offend.

Finally, I was honoured to join the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, and was pleased to be part of this year's Mayor Making ceremony in Frogmoor. I regret to say that my small increase in weight meant I received a boo from the crowd. The diet and exercise has already started in preparation for next year!

Please feel free to let me know your views on national issues; you can contact me either by email <a href="mailto:steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk">steve.baker.mp@parliament.uk</a> or via the House of Commons or my constituency office in the West Wycombe Road. Alternatively, you can ring my office in the House of Commons on 0207 219 5099 or the constituency office on 01494 448408.

### T & T News Picture Competition - Summer 2012

**Answers:** Kingshill Grange, Terriers New Post Box, Totteridge House, Terriers in

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Winner: P Taylor

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# Local News Round Up (3)

# **The Midcounties Co-operative**



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People can also win up to £1,500 in an essay competition addressing the question: 'Is there a co-operative alternative to capitalism?'. The competition seeks to provoke debate about what the world would look like if the size of the co-operative sector grew considerably. The project has been created to coincide with the 2012 International Year of Co-operatives.

Locally the Co-operative continues to be active in the community. Only recently your local community magazine benefitted through a grant towards our publication costs. This means T & T News can continue to publish quarterly as well as expand distribution and add more pages to cover local events.

The local Branch of the Mid-counties is located at: Park Parade, Hazlemere

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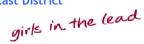
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**High Wycombe East District** 



Despite a very wet start to the Summer, all of the units have made the best of this and have enjoyed their Guiding Activities. Some of what they have done is as follows:

Queens Jubilee Garden Parties (indoors)

Rainbows had a letter from Buckingham Palace saying Thank you for the Jubilee cards they sent.

Mini Olympics

Visit to Brownies by an Olympic Torch bearer

Guides and Rangers Camped at Longridge Boating Centre

Adults got together for an end of term social

And of course, there were lots of other activities going on during weekly meetings.

District Guiders, with help from a few young people, manned a stand at the Jubilee Fete on Totteridge Common in July. We had lots of enquires from parents wanting their daughters to join Rainbows, Brownies and Guides or add them to a waiting list. We do need more adults to be able to take in more girls and indeed to keep units open.

# We are currently looking for leaders in all sections volunteering with girls of all ages.

Rainbows 5-7 years Brownies 7-11 years Guides 10-15 years Rangers 14-25 years

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# News from Wycombe and Westminster Steve Baker MP

As regular readers of Terriers & Totteridge News will know, my main focus in the constituency has been on the provision of local health services. My work on this has continued; in June I led a delegation of the local Save Our Hospital Services committee to meet the Secretary of State, Andrew Lansley, at the Department in Health in Whitehall. As a result of this meeting, Andrew Lansley said "I understand the concerns and will instruct a senior official from the Strategic Health Authority to come to Bucks and meeting the SOHS group." This meeting has now taken place, and I will update you on the conclusions and decisions reached when they are provided by the Secretary of State.

You may remember I undertook a journey to Stoke Mandeville Hospital by bus to find out for myself just how difficult this was for Wycombe residents. I decided I needed to experience this journey from a patient's view point, so in June, I accompanied an ambulance crew from Wycombe as it went about its work, treating patients and taking them to hospital. It is clear the ambulance staff are extremely professional and dedicated to their work, and I realised just how uncomfortable ambulances can be.

Before the start of the summer holidays, I was pleased to visit a number of schools to support them in a variety of ways. I attended an enrichment day at Highcrest Academy, where I saw the extracurricular activities provided for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. I was honoured to open the Hamilton Academy, and also to judge the classic cars and motorcycles at the Royal Grammar School fete. During June, I presented the awards at the Girls School Cricket competition which was held at the cricket club in London Road; this is a project which encourages girls' participation in cricket and sport generally. I also was delighted to attend a performance by the School of Steelpans which has been established to encourage youth participation and cultural awareness.

My constituency and Parliamentary diaries are always very busy, and I try to support as many local events as I can. During the last few weeks, these have included the 90th birthday celebrations of the Royal British Legion in the centre of town and launching the fundraising project for the new bells and stonework at All Saints Parish Church. I also attending the official opening of Made in Wycombe which is a project by local business people to encourage us all to support and buy locally produced goods and services. At this event, I saw a traditional chair arch for the first time, which was a fine echo of a long Wycombe tradition.

I try to complement my constituency activities with visits to projects which show Government policies in action. I spent a morning with the Chairman of the Red Kite Housing Association and visited a sheltered housing project. I was keen to see if bureaucracy had been reduced since my visit just over a year ago. I am sorry to say that it still seems as if there is as much red-tape as ever. I have asked for specific examples of what could be done to reduce this, and intend to take this up with the relevant Ministers.

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#### The 80th Birthday Appeal

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For further information contact: Canon Tony Dickinson Tel: 01494 520676 or E-mail: vicar@terrierschurch.org.uk







# News from St Augustine's RC Church - www.st-augustineschurch.org.uk

The church has regular services on Sunday's and at other times throughout the week. Visit the web site for information on services and other events coming up.

# News from Totteridge Baptist Church - www.totteridgebaptist.com

The church has regular services on Sunday's and is home to a wide range of other activities that take place both at the church and in the adjacent hall. Minister is David Hazledine who has taken over the ministry from this year.

### News from St Wulstan's RC Church - www.bjhnparish.org

The church on Hollis Road has regular services on Sunday's and at other times during the week. See the web site for full details including details of masses in Polish.

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### News from St Francis - www.terrierschurch.org.uk

### **Saving a South Bucks Masterpiece**

Repair work started on Monday 9th July at the Grade 2\* listed St Francis of Assisi parish church at Terriers, High Wycombe, to tackle extensive damage caused by leaking roof and damp penetration. Designed by the great 20th-century architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott (known for Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, Battersea Power Station, Bankside Power station [now Tate Modern] and the classic K3 red telephone box), the church's massive tower is a prominent feature of the town's skyline, visible both from the railway and from the M40. But the building is now on the "Heritage at Risk" Register.

#### Why a masterpiece?

The Parish Church of St Francis of Assisi is generally reckoned to be one of Scott's finest designs for a parish church. It is featured in the recent book by Julian Hunt, "Buckinghamshire's Favourite Churches", as well as in standard works by John Betjeman and Nikolaus Pevsner. The building was dedicated on 11th October, 1930 and has been used for Christian worship and for wider community purposes ever since. In recent years it has regularly been a polling station for local and national elections and it is popular with local musicians because of its excellent acoustic. However, in recent years it has been increasingly showing its age. Damp, especially in the exposed areas of the tower and the chancel and in the undercroft, has become a serious problem, necessitating the removal of a large area of unsafe plaster under the tower. A major restoration project, launched in 2010, aims to preserve an important part of the architectural heritage of our town and to improve community facilities in Terriers and Totteridge.

#### What is needed?

The total cost of repairing the damage and taking measures to minimise the possibility of recurrence is in excess of £250,000. This includes work identified as necessary in November 2007 when the building underwent a major survey and further work to rectify a number of problems that have been discovered since. Some work, at the west end of the building was carried out soon after the inspection in 2007. This exhausted most of the funds set aside by the Church Council for "repairs and renewals". Two years ago a successful application was made to Repair Grants for Places of Worship in England administered by English Heritage for the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Fund has promised £92,500 for the first phase of the work but this will not meet all our needs. In addition, the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust has allocated £6,000.

#### **Work in Progress**

Work began on Monday 9th July. This initial phase will be mainly external (repairing damaged stonework, renewing the church's guttering to a higher standard and clearing vegetation which bridges the building's damp-proof course). Eventually, further work will be needed internally (stripping and replacing damaged plaster). The Church Council is applying for a further grant from English Heritage for the internal work. Local architect Tony Mealing is supervising the work which is being carried out by Boshers of Cholsey.

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Our summer events have proved popular once again this year. Although we were a little cautious in the planning of outdoor events to ensure alternatives were in place if another rain shower appeared! We delayed our brewery visit by a month due to bad weather in July and had an enjoyable visit to the Rebillion in Marlow in early August. This was a very popular event with ample opportunities to sample the beers and a great barbeque too.

Summer had to include a visit to the coast and this year we went to Southend-on-Sea. The day turned out to be sunshine and warm all day so there was time for a bit of sunbathing on the beach. With the longest tourist pier in the UK of 1.33 miles we decided to walk to the end but take the shuttle train back. We had chosen a weekend where there was a live music festival on the pier so were treated to some free entertainment too. Fish & Chips at a beach café and a brief visit to the slot arcade and our day was complete.

Other events over the last few months include an evening out at a sing-a-long ABBA concert and an Elvis night. Plus many of our popular regular events continue to take place such as the pub night, lunch club and quiz night. With autumn on the horizon we shall start to have a few at home events and before you know it Christmas will be upon us and the annual celebration dinner or perhaps something different this year!

We continue to be open to new ideas and encourage all our members to get involved as organisers. Over the next few months we plan to have a visit to a Heritage Railway, an Indian meal, Chinese buffet, at home supper, Cinema evening, Games night, walk, bowling evening and more.

Our pub night on the last Friday of the month is a great place to meet new members and you would be very welcome to come along. We meet from 8pm at The Mayflower on Penn Road in Hazlemere and there is food available if you wish to eat. You are of course welcome just to join us for a drink, a chat and to find out more about the group.

Our membership includes a number of local people from Totteridge, Terriers and the 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>. Visit us on-line at <a href="mailto:www.bucksvoice.net/chameleon\_bucks@tiscali.co.uk">www.bucksvoice.net/chameleon\_bucks@tiscali.co.uk</a>. Is it is not proposed to the surrounding and an events listing.

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## Totteridge Fete



The Mayor of High Wycombe Chauhdry Shafique MBE takes to the stage at the Totteridge Fete to officially open the event held on the common on 1st July 2012.

Stalls all prepared ready for the start of the fete. A number of local organisations were represented including of course your community magazine!



With a very wet summer all eyes were on the weather on the day. We were lucky with just a few drops during the afternoon which was not enough to deter a large number of local people from attending.

Organised by the local NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) the fete was to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and raise funds for One Can Trust Foodbank, South Bucks Hospice, Sparkles Speech Therapy Centre and Wycombe homeless Connection. Many local organisations took up stalls to both promote their activities and in many cases also raise some vital funds with a range of activities and items for sale.

Events in the arena included Kings Wood School Maypole Dance troupe, Children's Fancy Dress, Misfitz Drama Group, Jackie palmer Stage School and a Zumba demonstration.

Here's to 2013's event - Well done to the organisers and thanks for all your hard work.

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# NAG NEWS News from your local Neighbourhood Action Group

#### Terriers & Amersham Hill

The priorities for the area continue to be

- Anti-social Behaviour
- Drugs
- Flexible / Seasonal

Lady Verney Close and Windsor Drive have been identified as areas where anti-social behaviour is occurring. These areas are being regularly patrolled to help reduce the problems of kids being anti-social towards some of the residents. A reduction has been reported at Lady Verney Close as a result and yellow cards have been handed out by the Public Safety Team for entering other peoples gardens and being rude when challenged.

A number of areas have been identified where there are drug issues. Several offenders have been caught over the last few months which has helped reduce the problem.

SID (Speed Indication Device) has helped gather information on places where there are speeding issues. A recent use of the device in Green Hill between 3:30 - 4pm showed out of 130 drivers 10 were doing more than 35mph in a 30mph limit.

Patrols are continuing to help reduce the risk of burglary in parts of the area. This is having a positive effect and a decrease in this type of crime has been seen.

### Totteridge & Bowerdean

The priorities for the area continue to be

- TFMV (Theft from Motor Vehicles)
- Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)
- Drugs

Three areas have been highlighted by members of the public for anti-social behaviour. Arnison Avenue, The Quadrangle and The Golden Fleece Pub were all places where Anti-social behaviour has been reported.

Both Arnison Avenue and the Golden Fleece Pub are also reported to be areas where drugs are an issue. These areas are being targeted with patrols and Police operations are being organised.