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**Let it snow!**

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The machines are being funded by local shops, Rotary, Round Table and some local individuals. They will be switched on between 11am and 3pm on Saturday the 5th, 12th and 19th December. The snow will fall in the area near to The Square

**Free pounds giveaway in Caterham during December**

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and parts of Godstone Road, Croydon Road, Station Avenue and Church Walk. Please e-mail your photos of Caterham's 'White Christmas' to editor@caterham-independent.co.uk and we will publish a selection in the January edition of The Caterham & District Independent.

ham Valley plus Vivace Pianos, Swift Windows, Village Health and Caterham Pine in Caterham-on-the-Hill. So far, 45 shops in Caterham are participating in Shop Smart, all offering loyalty incentives that can be viewed at the Shop Smart website, www.shopsmart-caterham.co.uk

**Locals rally to re-open The ARC**

A public meeting was held last month to launch a Community Share Issue to raise £100,000 to refurbish The ARC. The popular arts and recreational centre in Caterham was closed last March, but it is hoped to get the facility functioning again with help from local residents. Around 60 people attended the meeting that was led by Dick Moran, the Chairman of the Caterham Barracks Trust that owns the building. During the evening Dick set out his vision for the future of The ARC which will include

a children's soft play area, creative arts facility and coffee bar. Since the launch over £1,000 in shares have been bought and many volunteers have come forward to offer manpower and expertise to clean, refurbish and manage the building. Following the launch, Dick said: "I am really encouraged. One lady volunteer has come all the way from Tadworth because she wants to get the arts side of things going!" For more information visit www.thearcdevelopment-project.org.uk



Sophie Aldous of the CR3 Soldiers youth group presents Dick Moran with a cheque for £50 for a share in The ARC.

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## Tandridge Magazine Winter 2009

Full of news and information the latest Tandridge Magazine is currently being delivered to residents and businesses in the district.

Inside there are features about the residents survey, Christmas holiday information, swine flu, the launch of DisabledGo Tandridge (a website with access information for 500 venues across the area), how to avoid cowboy builders, changes to local bus services and licensed taxis.

A special pull out and keep crime prevention supplement has information about new police officers, how to avoid internet fraud, sensible drinking limits, free home fire risk checks, Dog Walker Watch and domestic violence, as well as useful contact numbers.

Anyone who has not received a copy of the magazine should contact Policy on 01883 732710, or e-mail policy@tandridge.gov.uk. The magazine is delivered by the Royal Mail door-to-door delivery service and should arrive with the post.

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## Something for everyone at 'DeFest'

The Caterham Festival is set to take Caterham by storm again next year, with plans already being unveiled to include 'DeFest', a two-day music event to be held at de Stafford School in Caterham-on-the-Hill on 19th and 20th June.

Day one will feature 'Tandridge has Talent' with 40 schools across the district lined up eager to showcase their talents.

Whilst the action on day one is expected to attract young people and families, those seeking a more relaxing experience can listen to a selection of jazz, classical, choral and other 'easy listening' music on day two. DeFest organiser, Mark Jones, said that he wants the weekend to appeal to everyone from ages 0-99 and for local businesses to get involved by offering practical help and sponsorship.

Mark said: "I am really excited because DeFest is going to be brilliant. The head of de Stafford, Mark Phillips, is all for it and



wants the school to be fully involved. The Festival Committee wanted to organise something different for this year that will appeal to everyone and will help to bring in the money we need to fund the Festival in the future. Next year is going to be fabulous in Caterham!" A transport service to DeFest will be arranged for those who would otherwise be unable to enjoy the entertainment.

Other new Festival events planned for next year include a food festival and a cycle race from the Valley to the Hill. Event organisers are looking for local bands that would like to play at the DeFest, and anyone who is interested in helping out. Please contact Mark at info@defest.com, or for more information, visit www.defest.com.

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## Special guest arrives to switch on Cedar Tree lights



Guest of honour Father Christmas with three of his helpers

Despite the cold and rain, approximately 200 people attended the switching on of the Cedar Tree Christmas Lights in the High Street in Caterham-on-the-Hill last Saturday. For the third year, Buxton Building Contractors kindly gave permission for the event to be held on their forecourt, where the crowd sang carols and enjoyed free mince pies and mulled wine served by the organisers, Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council. After Father Christmas switched on the lights everyone was treated to a flurry of snow from one of the town's new artificial snow machines.

## On your marks, get set, go ho ho

With Christmas approaching, interest in St Catherine's newest event in Caterham is starting to snowball...

The Santa Run is taking place on Sunday 13th December at Queen's Park. The event will raise funds for the hospice which provides specialised end of life care for local people in Crawley, Horsham, Mid Sussex and East Surrey. Starting at 10.30am, participants will run three laps of about 1km. The emphasis is on fun, so the course can be completed at any speed and distance, and everyone is welcome to take part. Dogs can be brought along to the event too, as long as they are kept on a lead.

Every participant will be given their sponsor form and a free Santa outfit (children under four will be given a Santa hat). As an early Christmas present, runners will also be rewarded with a well-deserved medal and festive refreshments when they finish. Entry fees are £12 for adults and £7.50 for children under 16.

Victoria Lawrence, St Catherine's Community Fundraiser, said: "Having expanded our services for East Surrey patients earlier this year, we are particularly pleased to be launching this new family event in Caterham. We hope that the whole community will really get into the festive spirit and support our Santa Run." For registration forms or further information, contact 01293 447376, email [victorialawrence@stch.org.uk](mailto:victorialawrence@stch.org.uk) or visit [www.stch.org.uk](http://www.stch.org.uk)

## Caterham councillor helps to promote fund for the people of Tandridge



(From left) Cllr. Sally Marks, Wendy Varcoe from the Surrey Community Foundation, David and Lesley Gold, Dr. Helen Bowcock, TCF panel members Mike Moss and Jeremy Webster.

The new Tandridge Community Fund ('TCF') received a generous boost to its funds recently during an informal function hosted by Surrey County Councillor for Caterham Valley, Sally Marks. Founder members of TCF including Chairman, Mike Moss, took the opportunity to explain to their special guests the significance of the new local fund and the enormous potential it has to assist local groups and individuals in need of financial support. The guest speaker was Dr Helen Bowcock, author of 'Hidden Surrey', a report that explains in detail why 'local giving' is needed to strengthen our communities. TCF is administered by the Community Foundation for Surrey which awards grants across the county. TCF's initial target is to raise a £100,000 capital fund in order to be in a position to start awarding grants in Tandridge and the fund already has nearly £40,000. Thanks to the government's 'Grassroots' initiative, any

£1 donation made before March 2011 is matched with a further £1 from the Office of the Third Sector's Grassroots programme and with Gift Aid the donation more than doubles, pushing a £1 donation up to the sum of £2.56 for the Fund. After the event, TCF Chairman Mike Moss said: "I am very grateful to Sally Marks for hosting this event and for the support and generosity shown by those who attended. Our fund is steadily growing and we are especially keen to take advantage of the government's match-funding while it is available. This is an especially good time for donors who can see their donation more than doubled if they want to help us now." If you would like to help TCF reach their target by making a donation towards this exciting new local fund, or if you would like to join the TCF panel to help make this worthwhile project a success, please call Mike Moss on 01883 713322.

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dependent Living for young adults with a physical and/or mild learning disability.

Visitors were invited to view the property and the facilities available. Previous and current tenants were on hand to advise the guests of the support given to enable residents to move on to their own independent accommodation. Housing Support Workers, Maryam and Sue are employed during office hours, Monday to Friday to support residents with housekeeping, cooking, shopping budgeting, managing direct payments and generally living and sharing with other people.

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Approximately £8,000 was handed out to this year's beneficiaries who helped out at the event in June and organised fundraising events in the run-up to the Carnival.

Next year's beneficiaries will be the Caterham Sea Cadets, Chaldon Scouts, Old Caterhamians RFC under-14s and Queen's Park FC Youth Teams.

Next year's Caterham Carnival will take place on Saturday, 12th June at Westway Common, Caterham-on-the-Hill. Thousands are expected to attend to enjoy the displays, sideshows and Carnival procession. If you would like to help on the day or hold a stall at the event, call Committee Chairman, Martin Vaux, on 01883 345678.



Carnival Committee member, Andy Parr (centre back) with representatives from next year's Carnival beneficiaries.

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## Fireworks fun for all



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Approximately 4,000 people attended the Caterham Round Table Firework Display last month which was held at the Dene Field in Church Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill. A dry, clear evening and the promise of a fabulous display attracted the crowds, many of them

taking part in the torchlight procession along the High Street led by drumming band 'Drumpelskiltskin'. The torches were also put to good use by a juggler who entertained the crowd before lighting the huge bonfire decorated with guys made by local children.

## Burtenshaw's Beat

by Tandridge  
Neighbourhood Inspector,  
Elaine Burtenshaw

Firstly I want to say a big thank you to everyone who responded to our message: 'Don't wind up with egg on your face' regarding how we would deal with anti-social behaviour around Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night. The number of reports of ASB over this period was the quietest in years. On Halloween night we seized a quantity of alcohol from underage teenagers. We also issued two fixed penalty notices; one for obtaining alcohol for someone under the age of 18 and the other to a convenience store for selling wine and cigarettes to three 15-year-old girls. On Remembrance Sunday members of my team were at locations throughout Tandridge assisting with traffic control and laying



wreaths. I was at Warlingham and it was warming to see so many of the community out there particularly the young people paying their respects. In November we held a meeting for Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators which was attended by many. The meeting was opened by District Chairman Cllr Glynis Whittle. Presentations were given by our Force Crime Prevention Officer, myself and coordinator of Woldingham NHW (900 houses covered). It was a positive meeting, the outcome being that we want NHW

to grow in Tandridge, so please contact us and we can maybe link you to an established scheme.

Contrary to reports you may have read regarding an incident outside the Royal British Legion in May I would like to clarify that officers were initially called to a report of people throwing stones and bottles but the situation soon escalated into violent public disorder. Two people are currently on trial for assaulting police officers in connection with this incident and it would be inappropriate to comment further at this stage.

Recently I attended two meetings which discussed next years Caterham festival and 'De-Fest'. It is exciting to see the plans coming together for what should be excellent community events with something for everyone. See you there!

Finally as it is year end and my next column will be in 2010, I would like to wish you all a very peaceful Happy Christmas.

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In glorious weather the children, class by class, went out to the playground with their collection of just over £300 worth of ten pence pieces - 3000 coins! They managed to go round the playground once and another 6 metres too. They all en-

joyed seeing whose class made the longest section of the line, carefully judged by Miss Relph their PE teacher. Year 3's was the longest, claiming the tin of sweets for their efforts!

The money raised will be split, half in aid of playground improvements and the other half donated to the Tadworth Children's Trust in memory of Milo Gray, who had been a pupil at Essendene Lodge School.

## Caterham Army Cadets remember Colonel Tween



Serjeant Ashley Beatens receives the trophy from Mrs Barbara Tween at the recent presentation ceremony.

Last month a special trophy was awarded to the Caterham Army Cadets in memory of the Chairman of the Surrey Army Cadet Force Association, Colonel Peter Tween who passed away last year.

Colonel Tween joined the Army Cadet Force in 1947 as a boy of 13. He went up through the ranks and in 1969 started the Caterham

detachment of the ACF.

On receiving the silver trophy from Mrs Barbara Tween, Colour Serjeant Ashley Beatens said: "We are very proud to receive this trophy which will be held and dedicated to the cadets. The best cadet overall will hold this for six months which will be an inspiration to the rest of the cadets in the Caterham detachment".

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## COAT update

Caterham Overseas Aid Trust "COAT" is a local charity with one aim; to raise funds to help people in third world countries out of poverty and often starvation.

COAT is run by enthusiastic volunteers and all funds raised are collected locally with the support of our Patron Lord Howe of Aberavon. Those of you may remember him as MP Geoffrey Howe. This year we have had fantastic events and received great support. Our unaudited accounts show we

have raised more than £19,000; more than in previous years since forming in 1982.

Our events this year included a record-breaking Surrey Harmony concert early in the year which raised £2,411, and being the selected charity at the Miller Centre for their play "Katharine Howard" in July. What have we done with the money? We channel our funds through agencies who work on the ground so none is wasted in government bureaucracy, corruption, and general overheads. Our selected agencies include Self Help Africa (helping farmers improve crop yields and avoid starvation in Eastern Zambia), Practical Action (using science to maintain sustainable forests in Chinchipe, Peru), VSO volunteers around the world, Water Aid (a project in Mali towards helping provide fresh water and sanitation to 88,000 people), and many others. There's loads of other important work we support but we always need help from you by donation, helping at events or becoming a member of our committee.

Phil Saville, COAT Secretary, 01883 341063,

## Lions support local youth group

A recent appeal in The Caterham and District Independent helped secure a donation of £1,000 from the Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions towards the purchase of a new minibus for a local Sea Cadet Unit. Chairman of the Lions Club, Alan Turton, presented the £1,000 cheque to the Commanding Officer of Caterham Sea Cadets, Sub Lieutenant Aaron Clarke RNR after hearing of the Unit's plight in trying to secure funds for a much needed bus.

"The Community Service Committee were unanimous in supporting this worthwhile venture," said Alan as he handed the cheque over during the recent Royal Navy Parade at the Unit HQ in The Grove.

The Unit's Management Team has focused their attention on raising the £15,000 needed to replace the existing M-registration Transit bus, which is used to transport cadets to activities on a twice-weekly basis in



Lions Chairman, Alan Turton, presents the cheque to Sub Lieutenant Aaron Clarke of Caterham Sea Cadets

places such as the Excel Centre in London or Portsmouth. As well as its age, the bus does not have enough seats for the growing number of cadets.

Speaking of the donation, the Commanding Officer said: "This is a significant donation and we are immensely grateful to the Lions for their generosity". The total stands at just over £12,000 with much of the

money raised coming from donations to the cadets during their house-to-house and street collection appeals.

Other individuals or organisations wishing to help by making a donation are urged to get in touch. Contact details are available on the Caterham Sea Cadet website: <http://units.ms-sc.org/caterham>

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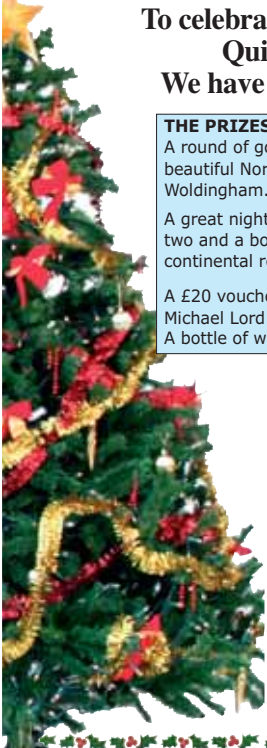
The closing date is Monday, 14th December and the four winners will be drawn from the correct entries on Tuesday 15th December.

The answers to the quiz and the winners' names will be published in the January edition of The Caterham & District Independent. Only one entry per person. Entrants must be over 18. \*Terms and conditions apply

- In 'The 12 days of Christmas' song how many gold rings are there?
- The winter flowering plant 'Helleborus Niger' is usually known by what name?
- 'Marley was dead to begin with. There is no doubt whatever about that,' are the opening lines of which book?
- Tara Palmer-Tomkinson has a sister with what Christmas associated Christian name?
- Christmas Island, administered by Australia, is in which ocean?
- Which newsreader made a surprise 'leg revealing' appearance on the 1975 Morecombe & Wise Christmas special?
- Which racecourse stages the prestigious King George VI Chase each Boxing Day?
- Who, famed for his church music, composed the Christmas Oratorio?
- Which European capital city annually presents London with the Christmas tree displayed in Trafalgar Square?
- Which pantomime includes the Ugly Sisters?
- ... and in which pantomime does Widow Twanky appear?
- How many magic beans did Jack (of Jack and the Beanstalk) receive for his mother's cow, on his way to market?
- Born in Pauntley in Gloucestershire, which now popular pantomime character was made Mayor of London by Richard II?
- Which Christmas tradition was begun by Henry Cole in 1843?
- What Christmas connection is there between Sissy Spacek, Humphrey Bogart, Annie Lennox and Princess Alexandra?
- The Christmas Day 1986 screening of an episode of which soap opera attracted an audience of over 30 million, the record number of viewers for any non-live transmission?
- Which famous author wrote 'The Adventures of the Christmas Pudding' a collection of short stories first published in 1960?
- The last three are on Christmas No.1s in the hit parade:
- Which song title became the first to reach the coveted Christmas No.1 in Britain by two different acts? It reached No.1 originally in 1957 and for the second occasion in 1978.
- How many times has "Do they know it's Christmas" held the No.1 slot at Christmas?
- Who reached No.1 with "Merry Christmas Everyone"?

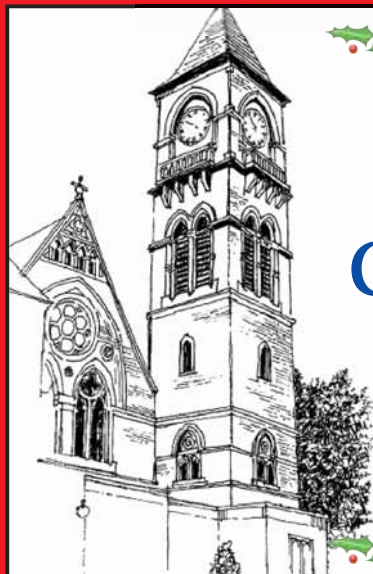
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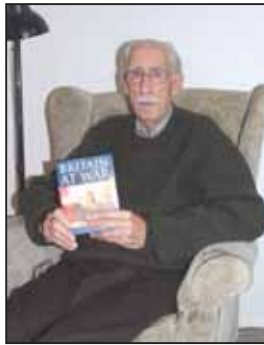
## Douglas recalls his wartime experiences for 'Britain at War' dvd

The recollections of local World War II veteran, Douglas Newdick, have been recorded for posterity in a new four-disk dvd set entitled 'Britain at War'.

Douglas, who lives in Caterham-on-the-Hill, was approached by Aaron Hutchinson of 'Simply Media', who produced the dvds. Aaron was put in touch with Douglas after contacting the Italy Star Association for soldiers who fought in Italy. Although Douglas was at the fight for Monte Cassino in 1944, it was his experiences in El Alamein in North Africa in 1942 that Aaron wanted Douglas to talk about in front of the camera.

"I arrived in El Alamein on 31st July 1942," recalled Douglas. "I was part of the 44th Home Counties Division of the Eighth Army. We got so badly smashed up that three months after arriving in the desert our division was split up."

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Douglas Newdick with the dvd, 'Britain at War'.

Alamein', 'The Battle of Britain', 'The Blitz' and 'Arnhem'. The stories are told through first-hand accounts from veterans and civilians along with fascinating archive film and graphics. Douglas's recollections and those of others who fought in the war, paint a fascinating picture of what life must have been like for the young soldiers in the face of such adversity.

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Douglas age 26, taken in 1942 in Alexandria.

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## Remembering the fallen

Uniformed groups of all ages, councillors, representatives of Surrey Police, marching bands and the public took part in Remembrance Day parades and services across the District last month. At Warlingham Green, the Chairman of Tandridge District Council Glynis Whittle, Chief Executive of TDC Stephen Weigel, Peter Ainsworth MP and Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector, Elaine Burtenshaw paid their respects at the town's war memorial at Warlingham Green. War veterans were also present, including the Chairman of the Warlingham branch of the Royal British Legion, Harold



Webberley (pictured above) who served in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers during World War II.



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## League of Friends Xmas Fayre raises nearly £2,000 for the Caterham Dene hospital

The League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital ("Loff") held its Christmas Fayre on Saturday 14th November at the United Reform Church in Harestone Hill, Caterham Valley. The organisers were delighted to raise nearly £2,000 at the event, cash which is earmarked for a new DVT diagnosis machine at the

hospital.

Roger Wright of the Loff said: "We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our fayre such a success. I would particularly like to thank the hospital staff who ran a cake stall on their day off, raising £400. The Godstone WI also very generously donated their proceeds of £180. Thank you!"



The Caterham Dene nurses, left to right, Lynne Bieda, Kathy Delwiche, Jenny Humphrey, Beverley Hilaly, Madryn Pollard and Daphne Hughes.

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## Pop in to the Marie Curie shop this Christmas

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Crystal Palace FC players with Marie Curie PR volunteer, Karen Green, pictured with some of the Marie Curie range of Christmas gifts.

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- Community centre
- Arts centre - dance/drama
- Gallery & visual arts studio
- Softplay area
- Café/Bistro

# The story of the ARC

In March 2007 a brand new creative arts centre opened in Caterham called the ARC. In the heart of what used to be Caterham Barracks in Caterham-on-the-Hill the building was once a gymnasium, where soldiers from the first and second World Wars trained before going into action. After years of lying empty and unused following the closure of the barracks in the 1980s the Caterham Barracks Trust reopened the building which had been transformed into a modern facility which

retained the character of the original building. The main attraction, a 7,000 square foot soft play area, attracted families from all over Caterham and beyond, bringing life back to the old gymnasium. As well as the popular soft play area, the ARC accommodated a dance and performance studio, a creative arts workshop, an exhibition hall and a café.

The Caterham Barracks Community Trust (CBCT), owner of the ARC, has been keen to reopen the building since it closed in March this year and, to raise the capital needed to fund the redevelopment, has launched a Community Share Issue. A prospectus has been drawn up with a

business plan, as for any share issue, and the Trust is inviting local people to invest in the community facilities at the ARC. It is the first of its kind in the South East and it's happening in Caterham! Thanks to the many expressions of support given to the Trust by the local community, the Trust is hopeful that the ARC will be fully functioning again very soon. Activities are already taking place within the building, including stand-up comedy nights in the dance studio.

***"We all want the ARC to re-open as soon as possible and the quicker the money comes in and more volunteers come forward, the sooner we can open!"***

***- Caterham Barracks Trust Chief Executive Dick Moran***

Chief Executive of the Trust, Dick Moran said, "To build something worthwhile actually takes more than money; it requires energy, enthusiasm and commitment. The Trust and its trustees have these in abundance and are leading by example in becoming the founder members and first investors in this innovative approach to raising the money needed for this beautiful community building. The Trust has spent £1.39 million on redeveloping the ARC and it would be a tragedy for that investment to be wasted."

He went on to say "If the community wants this building to succeed, buying shares is an easy and rewarding way to show it; giving up time or using skills for the benefit of others is also essential for this venture to succeed."

The share issue hopes to raise in excess of £100,000 which is the sum needed to relaunch the ARC as a thriving business. This time around it will be a community owned business in which YOU can have a say!

For those who do not wish to own shares but wish to support what the Trust is trying to do, it is possible to make donations to the Trust which is a registered charity. Ideally, a small but regular donation in the form of a direct debit will provide the Trust with the kind of reliable income which will allow it to plan for the long term future but any donation is welcome.

Sara Corker, chair of trustees for CBCT, has a personal and professional interest in the arts and she is delighted to support this initiative as a founder member. She said, "It is easy to find inspiration in what is going on here; the Trust is concerned that this business will be sustainable and the company will be able to pay the mortgage so that this building will remain in community ownership for the long term benefit of the people of Caterham. This building was always intended to develop creativity at the heart of the community and the recent dance class in Indian Dance for Teachers held in the ARC shows the way we would like to go forward."

On the back of the share issue, the Trust is working with volunteers to rebuild, repaint and revive the ARC so that it can be opened sooner rather than later. It is hoped that people will be ready to offer their time and expertise as well as their money. To facilitate the process, Dick and Maria Moran have bought £20,000 worth of secondhand softplay equipment to get the ball rolling.

Mandy Streets, a local resident and ARC supporter, has set up a new group on Facebook designed to attract volunteers to help put the ARC back together and more than 80 people have already signed up to the 'ARC



**Volunteers playing in the second-hand soft play equipment. Volunteers comprising local individuals and groups are helping to clean and repair the equipment ready for when the ARC is back in action.**

Community Project'. She says she wanted to get involved for the sake of her children but also just because it is a good thing to be part of a community project. She believes this is an opportunity not to be missed and would like the soft play and café available through the winter for mums, like her, to meet their friends and for her children to be able to play safely. She says the project needs leadership and vision to succeed and she and her friends are happy to get

the ARC, including a lady who is keen to run children's parties, and a local restaurateur who would like to run a bistro. We all want the ARC to re-open as soon as possible and the quicker the money comes in and more volunteers come forward, the sooner we can open!"

Given the level of interest in the ARC expressed by local councillors on Tandridge District Council, the Trust is has expressed its willingness to brief the Council on how



**The new play equipment as it looked before it was dismantled and brought to the ARC**

behind Dick Moran and the Trust to make it happen.

Dick added: "I have already had people coming along with exciting proposals for

this approach to community investment works and plans to invite the Council to work with the Trust to develop this and other community facilities.

**All questions and any requests for further information should be directed to**

**DICK MORAN**

**Tel: 07951 482436**

**email: dickmoran@theofficersmess.co.uk**

**or write to CBCT, The Officers' Mess, Coldstream Road, Caterham CR3 5QX**



**A youngster having some fun at the ARC before its closure in March. Play equipment such as this was a huge hit with local families, many of whom are now rallying to raise funds to restore this fantastic local facility.**



# The ARC Share Prospectus



Comp No: 3885646  
Charity No: 1089853

The ARC has been the most important challenge for Caterham Barracks Community Trust since it was first conceived by a working group in 2000. It is Caterham's most exciting community project and the Trust has already poured in £1.39 million. The building is almost ready (again) but it needs work and money to set it up properly. Come and see for yourself.

So, today, you are invited to buy shares in a not-for-profit company called 'The ARC (Caterham) Ltd.' The shares are not those of a city business, they give you a say in this building, a say in how this community develops in this beautiful building.

The business has to make money, to pay the mortgage and other necessary borrowings, (and the staff) but it will be reinvested in the first instance in the ARC. The company is a co-operative, using profit for community benefit - to become a member you have to buy shares (minimum £50) and every member has a vote - one member one vote regardless of the size of your shareholding (and you can invest as much as £20,000!). Your share cannot be transferred and it can only be sold back to the company but you can withdraw your money if you need it on 3 months notice!

It is unlikely that it will produce much of a dividend in the first 5 years but in the longer term, your share may increase in value, returned to you when you sell it. We hope that you will leave it there since it will continue to provide benefits for years. This is a good time to invest in the community - we can hardly do worse than the banks and you have a say in how your money is invested!

to this project is a good business plan. Ours is on the website but if you call us we will send you a copy. The next pages explain how your money will be spent and spell out the risks and the small print.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR MONEY

Individuals and organisations can each buy up to £20,000 of shares. The minimum investment is £50, which will buy 50 shares. Every investor has to become a member of 'The ARC (Caterham) Ltd' (The ARC) and it will be run on a one-member, one-vote basis.

On receipt of your cheque and request for shares, your money will be placed in a deposit account and a share statement sent to you. The money will be used, under the direction of the founder members, who will form its first Board, to pay for the initial fit-out and the refurbishment which needs to be done and for the staffing needed to get the ARC off the ground.

After that it will be used to purchase equipment, upgrade the facility and support activities.

## CAN I GET MY MONEY BACK?

You will hold shares in The ARC Caterham Ltd; this is not a donation\*. Almost all the money we receive from the share issue will be invested directly in the ARC and will not be spent on anything else without your permission. The Board of Directors will have the option of buying back shares or paying a

dividend on them, but you cannot sell your shares to anyone other than TACL. It is likely that in the early years of TACL, it will be difficult for the Board of Directors to buy back the shares, though every effort will be made to do so in special cases.

\* Please note that we do also accept donations of any amount, and standing orders of regular small donations are also extremely helpful. Donations can be sent to Caterham Barracks Community Trust which is a registered charity committed to improving the lives of Caterham people and you can require your donation to be spent on the ARC. If you are a taxpayer we can claim Gift

participate in decision making at general meetings. Members elect the board of directors to manage the business and oversee the work of staff and/or contractors. Members will be kept informed of the work of the Society at the annual general meeting and via the annual report and accounts, the newsletter and website.

## Shareholding

All shares have a nominal value of £1. The minimum shareholding is £50. You can buy additional shares up to the legal maximum, currently £20,000. The shares are not transferable. The notice period for withdrawals is three months.

The Board of Directors have the right to reduce the amount payable on each share when withdrawn if the auditors of the Society certify that there are more liabilities than assets. The Directors also have the right to suspend withdrawal for such periods as they think fit and are likely to suspend withdrawals for at least the first three years.

## Interest

Interest payable on share capital is determined by the Board of Directors and communicated to members. There is currently no interest payable on share capital.

## Governing law and Investor protection

The ARC (Caterham) Limited (TACL) is not an authorised institution under the Banking Act 1987 and does not accept deposits. This means there is no share deposit protection scheme for investors. TACL is an exempt person from the regulated activity of deposit taking by its issue of shares pursuant to Paragraph 24 of the Schedule to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") Exemption (Order 2001). The shares are not a specified investment for the purposes of Section 22 of FSMA (What is a Regulated Activity) pursuant to Paragraph 76 of FSMA (Regulated Activities) Order 2001. The issue of withdrawable shares which are not transferable exempts this document from the requirements of an approved prospectus required by Section 85(1) of FSMA. An investment in the withdrawable and non-transferable shares of an Industrial and Provident Society is not treated as a controlled investment for the

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## Risk

Membership of the Society and the purchase of shares should be seen as a social investment to support the aims of the Society and not an investment for personal gain or profit. Membership is not suitable for anyone who needs income from investments or immediate access to their capital. Although the Board of Directors will implement prudent management policies, there is always the risk that you could lose some or all of your share capital.

## Data Protection

By completing the application for membership you consent to the Society and our contractors and agents holding personal data about you in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We do not sell or exchange mailing lists.

## Important Notice on Money Laundering

It is a term of this offer that, to ensure compliance with the Money Laundering Regulations 2003, and the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and such similar legislation, TACL will require verification of identity from any applicant. We will contact you about this following receipt of your application.

If shares are bought on behalf of any third party (i.e. not the named member) verification of this person may also be required. If satisfactory evidence of identity is not provided this may result in delays and may even result in your application being rejected, in which event the money payable on application will be returned without interest to the account at the drawee bank to which such money was originally debited. You should ideally make payment for your shares from your own account. If this is not practicable and you use a building Society cheque, third party cheque or banker's draft you must ask the building Society or bank to write on the cheque the name and account number of the person from whose account payment is being made.

**PLEASE SUPPORT US. THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR CATERHAM AND WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US.**

*Please read the small print so that you understand the risks!*

Aid. The details for these and other ways of supporting the project are on the ARC website.

## NEXT STEPS

1. Please study the Business Plan available on the ARC & CBCT website. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to see a copy, please ring the contact number on the application form.
2. Fill in the form on page 4 and return with a cheque for the number of shares you want.

## THE SMALL PRINT

### The Society

The ARC (Caterham) Limited is an Industrial and Provident Society registered under the number 30823 R as a society for the benefit of the community. The registered office is The Officers' Mess, Coldstream Road, Caterham CR3 5QX. A copy of the society's rules is available on request.

### Membership

The Society is owned by and accountable to its members. All members have an equal say based on the principle of one member one vote. Membership is open to all persons and organisations that agree with the aims and objectives of the Society. Individuals must be at least 16 years of age to be a member. Members



Children from Hillcroft School in the Looking Glass Exhibition Gallery. The bright and spacious gallery (once the gymnasium changing rooms!) housed a number of exhibitions by local art groups and schools.

# Investing in your Community

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## SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Who can buy shares?

Anybody over age 16 and any organisation.

### How much can I spend?

Minimum £50 – but you can invest up to £20,000.

### What do I get for my Investment?

Each investor becomes a member of "The ARC (Caterham) Ltd". Each member has one vote – no matter how much you have invested.

### What will you do with the money?

The money will be used to continue the development of the ARC as a building for community use. This will include fit-out, refurbishment and

staffing to get us started. Later it will be used for buying equipment and upgrading the ARC.

### Can I get my money back?

Your shares are not transferable and can only be sold back to the Company.

You can withdraw your money after 3 months' notice.

In the early years it is unlikely that the Board of Directors will be able to buy back your shares.

### Will I get a dividend?

In the early years this is unlikely because any profits will be used to develop the facilities. In the longer term your share may increase in value and be returned to you when you sell your shareholding.

### Can I lose my money?

Yes – this project has risks and there is a possibility of loss. This investment is not suitable if you require income from your investment or you are likely to want ready access to your money.

### Can I make a donation instead?

Yes please! Standing Orders for regular amounts are very welcome. If you are a UK taxpayer please authorise us to collect Gift Aid on your donation.

### Can I just be a volunteer helping this work?

Yes please!

**Please contact Dick Moran  
01883 333037**

## LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL?

As with all community ventures, it takes time to get things off the ground and the ARC is no exception. However, the key to success has to be that it is a safe and well managed place. That will apply to staff and visitors alike.

To that end the Trust has arranged meetings with the Environmental Health Dept. of the Council so that we start on the right footing.

We will also have to make sure we have an entertainment licence and we will definitely need a drinks licence – lots to think about!

**REMEMBER:** This is a Community project aimed at providing much needed facilities for the whole Caterham area. If YOU get behind the project, invest money and time in it, make use of and pay for the facilities, encourage friends and neighbours to make use of them too – TOGETHER we can make it fly.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The first task will be to put back the playspace and a quality bistro/café but to do it the Trust needs the help of volunteers.

The more people volunteer, the sooner the building will be brought back to life! The ARC Community Project has a Facebook Group (The Arc Community Project) and anyone interested in supporting the project is invited to join.

## YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

are getting down to some serious work!  
We have to know if the train set is fit for purpose!

## NEW BEGINNINGS

**LET'S START BY TAKING THE HOARDING DOWN AND PUTTING THE SIGN BACK!**

The front needs a facelift – so one of the first tasks for volunteers will be to paint the front of the building. Longer term, we will need to put on a new flexible surface material but for now let's just give it a face lift!

## PROGRAMMING THE ARC

In order to programme the ARC to meet a wide range of community needs, the Trust needs to hear from any group or individual wishing to make use of the spaces. These include the playspace itself, the foyer café, the long gallery, the dance studio and the wetspace art studio.

Meetings will be arranged with the various interest groups to create a balanced programme.

**THE WORKING GROUPS ARE:** 1. Theatre & performance 2. Dance 3. Other classes e.g. Pilates  
4. Visual Arts 5. Entertainment e.g. Comedy

Dates will be advertised through the Facebook group and at [www.thearcdevelopmentproject.org.uk](http://www.thearcdevelopmentproject.org.uk)

*If you know of any group or organisation which could make good use of this facility ask them to contact Dick Moran by phone or email.*



(From left): CBCT Chief Executive, Dick Moran, ex-CBCT trustee, Roger Wright and local resident and Project Manager, Omar Ibrahim get to grips with the scaffold during the first efforts at reconstruction of the play area.

## Comedy @ theARC

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/ £8 on the door  
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## SHARE ISSUE NO. 1 - APPLICATION FORM

Any individual aged 16 or over and any organisation may apply to become a member of The ARC (Caterham) Ltd (The ARC), and may invest in the Society by applying to buy shares. Applications under this offer must be for a minimum of 50 shares (£50).

Applications for shares must be made on this form, and must be accompanied by a cheque in payment. Acceptance of your application will be notified by issue of a Share Statement, which will be posted as soon as possible.

The Directors reserve the right to reject any applicant in whole or in part, in which case the application monies will be returned by cheque through the post at the applicant's risk.

All members must be shareholders and all shareholders must be members

Name of applicant: .....

Contact name (where applicant is not an individual) .....

Address .....

Postcode .....

Telephone .....

Mobile .....

Fax .....

Email .....

I wish to apply for membership of The ARC (Caterham) Ltd. I agree to be bound by the Rules of the Society. I have read, accepted and understand the Terms and Conditions set out in this offer and I am aware of the risks involved in investing in The ARC (Caterham) Ltd.

I consent to The ARC (Caterham) Ltd holding information in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

I enclose a cheque for £..... (payable to The ARC (Caterham) Ltd)

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Signed .....

Date .....

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**Please return this form to CBCT, The Officers' Mess,**

**Coldstream Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 5QX**

**Further information: e-mail:**

**[dickmoran@theofficersmess.co.uk](mailto:dickmoran@theofficersmess.co.uk) Tel: 01883 333037**

Applicants and members should be aware that share capital in an Industrial and Provident Society is risk capital and there is a possibility of loss. The ARC (Caterham) Limited currently pays no interest on share capital invested in it. This investment is not suitable for those who require income or ready access to their capital. Investors are not covered by any depositor protection scheme.




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## Readers' letters

### Rose & Young ...

I moved here to Caterham in 1997, but had been coming here to visit my family since the 1980s. I'm appalled that Rose & Young has been left as an eyesore for so many years. I agree entirely with Gordon Frith in 'Readers' Letters' (Nov. Ed) - not to vote for any of the the councillors until we see some sort of action, though I know that nothing will transpire from ordinary people, trying to put forward their point of view. On a similar subject, how long will the Adult Education Centre be left to deteriorate; such a lovely building.

I also went to a meeting some 3-4 years ago regarding Soper Hall, which has no further developments either and obviously will soon be dilapidated. Why doesn't Peter Ainsworth or any others for Liberal or Labour do anything regarding these places I've mentioned?

**R.Legg, Caterham Valley.**

### ... the saga goes on

The saga of the site seems to go on and on without any solution. We hear so many rumours but nothing so far other than the stubbornness of the owner of the site. Is the land up for sale or has it been "land banked" until prices go even higher? We need a consortium to put their heads and their money together to invest in the land and put it to good use.



The former Rose & Young showroom in Croydon Road, Caterham. Photograph by Andy Parr

Caterham desperately needs more shop premises to encourage more high street shops to have small branches here. The idea of trying to encourage shoppers to shop locally is to have more well known shops especially along the Valley, which would have a knock on effect to those already established there. This would encourage those who park in Morrisons car park to venture out of the precinct and see what a choice of other interesting shops there are in Caterham.

Please Mr Owner/s of the Rose and Young site, see sense please sell us back the land - we need it so that Caterham can become a more comprehensive shopping area like it used to be - how long do you plan this 'saga' to go on for?

**Maureen Jeffery, Caterham.**

**See page 27 for the Council's response to Gordon Frith's letter published last month.**

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### CAB urges families to check new benefits rules

More families with children will now be able to get help towards paying their rent thanks to new changes to benefit rules which came into effect from Monday 2nd November. From that date income from child benefit is no longer taken into account when it comes to calculating entitlement to housing benefit and council tax benefit.

Caterham & Warlingham Citizens Advice Bureau is urging parents who receive child benefit and live in rented accommodation, but who at present get no housing benefit, to check their entitlement again. It estimates that a single parent with two children, for example, who previously just missed out on getting any help towards paying the rent could now be entitled to housing benefit of up to £21.58 a week.

The Citizens Advice Bureau can be found online at [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk).

### Caterham Rotary helps local military clubs



(From left) British Legion President, Peter McNeil, Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator, Barbara Henning, Ex-Servicemen's Club President, Dennis Christian and Caterham Rotary President, Jim Burton with one of the new benches.

Caterham Rotary Club are delighted to have been able to replace the two damaged benches outside the Royal British Legion and Ex-Servicemen's Club in Townend, Caterham-on-the-Hill. President of Caterham Rotary, Jim Burton, formally handed over the benches after the two minutes silence on Armistice Day last

month. There have been two benches on the same spot for about ten years but time and vandals had taken their toll and new benches were required.

The Rotary Club would like to thank David Knight of Knights Garden Centre, Woldingham, who supplied the two Alexander Rose benches.

# Eating Out

## Winter warmth at 'The Fox'

Review by Ann Highgate

I recently visited The Fox in Old Coulsdon to try out their new Winter Warmer Selection menu, which is currently available alongside the old favourites on the regular menu.

The Fox is very welcoming with soft lights, comfortable seating and real fires with the ambience of a country cottage. Whilst waiting for our meals we enjoyed a selection of warm Mediterranean breads served with infused olive oil and balsamic vinegar. The starter I chose was the Tempura Tiger Prawns served with a plum, coriander and toasted sesame seed dipping sauce as prawns are a real favourite of mine. The batter was extremely light and the dipping sauce was wonderful! My partner Peter chose the Roasted Flat Mushrooms stuffed with forest mushrooms, cream cheese and thyme

served with crisp sweet cured bacon and rocket which were cooked to perfection; they are also served without the bacon for a vegetarian option. For my main course I chose Spanish Chicken, breast of chicken stuffed with goat's cheese and chorizo served on roasted peppers and crisp baby potatoes with basil pesto. The chicken was moist and all the flavours were delightful. Peter chose the Lamb Shank Jardaloo, tender lamb shank in a spicy spinach curry sauce with cumin, chili and paprika, finished with juicy apricots served with coconut and almond rice and a poppadom. The meat was tender and succulent and the sauce had a really spicy kick. All the dishes came beautifully presented. Our waiter suggested one of their new selection of wines, the Sangiovese Luigi Leonardo red which truly complemented our meal. All the waiting staff were helpful and attentive, making our evening all the more enjoyable.



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## Celebrate in Bollywood style!

Review by Julia Church

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This spacious restaurant can easily accommodate a large group of friends, family or work colleagues, with ample waiting staff to take care of everyone.

If you are in celebration mood, you may decide to try something you haven't had before from the menu like I did during my night out at Bollywood last week. Following recommendations from Amin, the owner of Bollywood, I had the Sula Salmon to start with followed by one of the Chef's Specialities, Murg Sagrana for my main course. The Sula Salmon smelt delicious as soon as it was put in front with me and the flavour was lovely. The gently spiced, tender chunks of salmon were pre-

sented on a skewer with tomatoes and peppers and made a very nice start to my meal. My partner Keith chose 'Chicken 65' - which he found nice and spicy but not too hot.

My main course, Murg Sagrana, is one of Bollywood's best dishes, according to waiter Khan. This chicken dish is unique to Bollywood and I soon discovered why it is so popular. The sauce was sweet, creamy and gently spiced, perfect for anyone who prefers a milder curry. Keith had the Chef's Special Chicken Curry and when I asked him what he thought of it he said: "This would probably come top of my list of favourite Indian foods - it's spicy and juicy and has a really nice consistency." I could tell he was pretty impressed!

As side orders we had Spicy Begun, nice juicy aubergine cooked Bengal style and



A group of friends have a Bollywood night out to celebrate a special birthday

Sabzi Curry, a very good vegetable curry.

With one portion of mushroom rice and one naan bread between us, we had more than enough food as the portions were nice and generous.

The bottle of Chardonnay Semillon was enjoyed by us both, selected for its description in the wine list as being 'Great with curry'!

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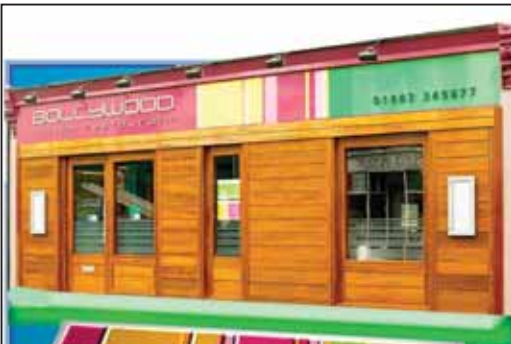
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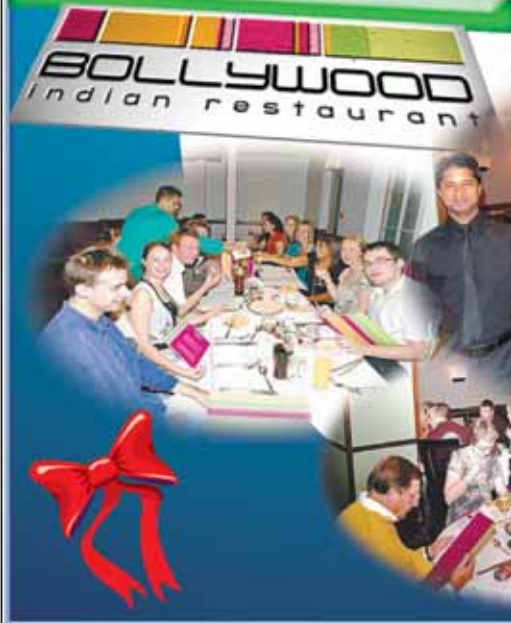


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## What's On

### Fundraising disco

A disco is being held at the Ex-Servicemen's Club in Townend, Caterham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, 5th December to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Time: 7.00-11.30pm; Cost: £8 per person. There will be a raffle and licensed bar. For tickets in advance contact Sandra on 0783 723 2274 or email: jackiew@dsl.pipex.com

### Adult Education

A stimulating and entertaining ten-week course is being held beginning on 14th January entitled: 'Public and Private Letters and Diaries - from 1800-1925. History through contemporary eyes.' The tutor is Jean Bannister and the course will take place at Caterham Baptist Church, Beechwood Road, Caterham Valley on Thursdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon. The course fee is £68.00. Enrol at the first meeting or con-

tact 01883 343289 or 01883 349824 for further information.

### Scouts Carol Service

The Caterham and District Scouts Carol Service is taking place at Warlingham School, Tithepitshaw Lane, Warlingham on Tuesday 8th December from 6.00-7.00pm.

Come and take up 'The Bethlehem Challenge' to support the work of Spurgeons among vulnerable children and young people in the UK and overseas.

### Jitterbug Dance Class

Friday, 4th December sees the opening night of the Swing Joint jitterbug dance classes at the Ex-Servicemen's Club in Townend, Caterham-on-the-Hill. Doors open at 7.30pm. There is an improvers lesson from 7.45-8.30pm followed by a social until 11.30pm. Jenny Green and the Jazz Knights will be performing live swing music as well as two dj's playing music from the 30's, 40's and 50's. For more details visit [www.nonamejive.co.uk](http://www.nonamejive.co.uk).

## The magic of Reiki

by Julia Church

Last month I had a Reiki treatment with Tracey Drew at the Caterham Osteopaths and Healthcare Centre\* and was amazed at the benefits I felt immediately afterwards. How many of us feel like we are constantly playing 'catch-up' and end each day feeling anxious that we have not finished our 'to do' list? After my treatment the feeling had miraculously lifted and I felt ready to take on all challenges. My circumstances had not changed since that morning, but my inner-wellbeing had. The treatment had started with a chat with Tracey about the health benefits and how Reiki would help my personal circumstances, followed by a gentle session of 'laying on hands' by Tracey whilst I lay on the couch with my eyes closed listening to relaxing music. Although Tracey barely touched me as her hands moved to treat different

areas of my body, I could feel the sensation of warmth through my clothes. Apart from stress reduction, this 'life force energy' also promotes healing and has been effective in helping every known malady. Tracey, a master practitioner in Reiki, has performed over 3,000 treatments and runs courses so that her clients can perform Reiki on themselves. Tracey is offering £5 off treatments until the end of January and you can also purchase gift vouchers to treat someone this Christmas! \*See advert below.



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# Readers' letters

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## Rose & Young - the Council's response

I refer to Gordon Frith's letter in your November edition about the Rose & Young site. \*

I share the concerns of local residents and businesses about the building's appearance, but the site is privately owned. As such, the Council has limited scope for solving the problem and has decided it cannot risk millions of pounds of taxpayers' money to acquire the site on a speculative basis.

The Council has invited the owners to discuss 'the car park plan', but they have not responded. In the absence of the owners' consent, this particular initiative could cost the Council in the region of £2m. Speculative and risky expenditure on this scale would exhaust our reserves - something I could not justify to council tax payers for the sake of improving one single site. The issue has been debated by councillors and we have taken the decision not to pursue the proposal.

An initiative with adequate financial backing from other sources remains the only realistic solution. The Council did grant planning permission for offices to the owners back in 2003, but I assume they did not find it

economically viable to proceed. However, as a planning authority, we are keen to enable a sustainable scheme and remain available to advise and encourage any prospective developers who have ideas for the site.

While this response will bring little comfort to your readers, I hope it clarifies the situation. The Council cannot act as a property speculator, by acquiring a site which risks so much public money.

**Councillor Martin Fisher Chairman, Tandridge District Council's Resources Committee.**

## R.A.F Association

I was very interested in Peter Simpson's letter concerning the National Service R.A.F Association, in your November issue; I have been aware of its existence for quite some time. However, a branch of the Royal Air Forces Association has existed in the area since 1947, the Kenley & Caterham branch. As the word 'forces' implies, we cater for serving and ex-Service personnel of the U.K, Commonwealth and ex-pats. Being adjacent to the former R.A.F Station, Kenley, we once had a fairly large membership. When the R.A.F vacated Kenley in 1977, our branch set up our H.Q. on the station, in the Portcullis Club. It does seem to our members that a large proportion of the local population are unaware of our existence, and

others have little or no idea of our function and what the R.A.F.A. represents. We welcome new members, as well as 'Associates'. Anyone interested can obtain more information by calling 'Mike' Roach, on 0208 668 3408 (Branch Chairman) and 'Bert' Fane on 01883 347595 (Club Chairman and Membership Secretary).

**Ken Sayers (Standard Bearer), Caterham.**

\*You can download the November edition of The Caterham & District Independent, with Gordon Frith's letter on page 21, by visiting [www.caterham-independent.co.uk](http://www.caterham-independent.co.uk)

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## Whyteleafe FC

by Andy Runacres

The last month has seen a plethora of cup action for Whyteleafe, with participation in 3 competitions. The biggest of these was undoubtedly the FA Trophy, which saw us drawn at home to premier division Hornchurch in the 2nd qualifying round. The team put in a splendid performance and went into the 2nd half 1 up and very much in control of the game. However a questionable decision by the referee to show Leafe midfielder Coleman a red card changed the game and Hornchurch equalised soon after to earn a replay. Despite going into the tie with great confidence Whyteleafe failed to turn up on the

night, and Hornchurch ran out deserved 4-0 winners. Next up was the League Cup and a tough draw in the 1st round, away to premier division Carshalton. With a busy schedule ahead manager Massey rested a few regulars, but despite this the Leafe came away 3-1 winners, and were rewarded with a home tie against divisional rivals Godalming in the next round.

The third cup competition last month saw us in action against Met. Police in the Surrey Senior Cup and a thrilling game at Church Rd saw us run out 3-2 winners with Butler grabbing a 30 yard winner in extra time, necessary after the Met. Police keeper had scored an equaliser with the final kick in normal time.

With all the cup action,



Sam Butler

league fixtures were a bit thin on the ground, but two home wins, 5-0 v Horsham and 3-1 v Chatham, sandwiched an away defeat to leaders Worthing, and saw Leafe move up to 10th in the table, and the hope that a bit of consistency could see us into the play off positions.

December games include a Bank Holiday game (28th) against local rivals Merstham. See you there.

## Caterham Old Boys FC

by Gerald Mills

Both teams of the Old Boys have continued their fine start to the season.

The first team fought out a 1-1 draw with local rivals RH 123 at Queens Park with our opponents laying siege to our goal in the second half. Some brave defending almost saw a slender 1-0 lead win the game but RH scored with a few minutes left to share the points.

A fine home win against Trinity 3-1 keeps us hot on the heels of League leaders AFC Cubo. A waterlogged White Knobs saw the cup game against St Andrews called off to be replayed.

The 2nd team are still unbeaten in both league and cup with good wins over RH 123 reserves in the cup 8-2. 14th November saw a top of the table clash against Real Holmesdale. When all the

other games in the league were called off due to heavy rain, Real Holmesdale managed to come up with a pitch that was playable.

The game turned out to be a spectacle of excellent football from both teams in extreme conditions. At half time the Old Boys were 3-1 up with great goals from Danny Gillam and a superb solo effort from midfield giving us the 'upper hand'. In the second half Real Holmesdale piled on the pressure and managed to score two more goals. The Old boys also scored two more cracking goals and ran out 5-3 winners. The game ended with the Old Boys sitting on top of the league.

It's still early days but the club is looking in good shape for the rest of the season. If you want to watch some entertaining football on Saturdays our home ground is at White Knobs, Caterham Valley. Kick-off is at 2pm and entrance is free!

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