

Invest in the ARC!

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Caterham residents are urged to attend the launch of the ARC Community Share Issue next week to learn how they can help to re-open and run this valuable local facility. 'Investing in Your Community (a strategy for the ARC)' is being held at the ARC in The Village, Caterham-on-the-Hill on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm. The Public Meeting has been organised by Dick Moran, the Chief Executive of the Caterham Barracks Trust and local volunteers to mobilise the community into taking ownership of the building for the benefit of all. At the meeting, Dick will invite people to buy shares starting at £50 in the new 'co-operative' company. The aim is to raise £100,000 initially to relaunch the ARC as a thriving community-owned business. As well as seeking investment, the Trust will be appealing for volunteers to help clean and rebuild the facility ready for use this winter.

Dick said: "To build something worthwhile actually takes more than money; it

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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."

Dick and Maria Moran have already bought £20,000's worth of second hand softplay equipment to get the ball rolling.

"The equipment needs to be cleaned, refurbished, redesigned and rebuilt by the community for the community," said Maria. "We want this valuable facility open and providing benefit as fast as humanly possible."

resident, Mandv Local Streets, has set up a Facebook group designed to attract volunteers to help put the ARC back together and more than 80 people have already signed up to the 'ARC Community Project'. Mandy, said: "I think this is an opportunity not to be missed. The project needs leadership and vision to succeed and I and my friends are happy to

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get behind Dick and the Trust to make it happen. It's such good news that after all these months we have a plan to reopen the ARC." Dick added: "There are so

many groups that want to make use of the space in the ARC. I want us to produce something quite brilliant so that people value it. I want it to be an inspiration for kids as well as a recreational facility for the people who live in the retirement home next door. It will be run by local people to meet local needs -I have a good feeling about this!"

If you have any questions you can call Dick Moran on 07951 482436.

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The Caterham Community Partnership will be spending £200,000 on the 'Shabby to Smart' project to smarten up shopping areas in Caterham. Both the Valley and the Hill areas will benefit from the renewal and refurbishment of items such as planters, bins, benches and sians. A pilot scheme around The Square in Caterham Valley is also planned where various other improvements will be made. Surrey County Council and Tandridge District Council have both put £45,000 towards these overall improvements and Caterham Valley and Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Councils have also contributed a total of £25,000. The rest of the money will come from the South East England Development Agency ('SEEDA') via the Surrey Rural Towns Group. Chairman of the Caterham Community Partnership, Chris Windridge, said: "This is one of the many initiatives being implemented following the feedback from the ABC 'A Better Caterham' Healthcheck survey."

Launch of 'DisabledGo'

Thousands of disabled residents can now benefit from a unique new online access guide launched last month by Richard Stilgoe at the Orpheus Centre in Godstone. Sponsored by Tandridge District Council, the Tandridge section of the 'DisabledGo' guide lists a large number of goods and service providers across the horough

The information, which can be found at www.DisabledGo.info is likely to make a huge difference for people with hearing, vision, or mobility-related concerns, and may even prove useful for older residents or for those with pushchairs. By logging on to the website, residents are able to check, for example, whether a cinema offers a hearing loop, whether a pub is accessible to a wheelchair user or whether a restaurant has menus in large print or Braille.

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High Sheriff of Surxey, Lady Elizabeth Toulson, presents Caterham Festival Chairman, Andy Parr, with the framed certificate.

At the Caterham Festival AGM last month, Lady Elizabeth Toulson, High Sheriff of Surrey, presented the Festival Committee with a certificate to recognise the valuable and imaginative work of the Street Party, especially the work done involving young people. A donation of £500.00 had already been received and was used for the Festival.

Andy Parr announced that there will be another Festival in 2010 and was reas elected Festival Chairman. Andy mentioned many of the highlights of this year's Festival, and thanked all of those who had done so much to make it such a success.

Next year's events will include many favourites such as the Street Party, the

Open Caterham weekend, the Music Festival and the visit by an author who will be the former television newsreader and politician, Martin Bell.

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New events being planned include a cycle race from Caterham Valley to Caterham-on-the-Hill, and a 'Caterham's got Talent' show.

Funds are now being

applied for to ensure that the Festival can continue. The Festival will take place from the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May until the end of June. Help is needed for many of the projects, and new ideas are still being considered. If you would like to help please contact info@caterhamfestival.org, or call Andy on 01883 340561.



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Carnival Committee hands out £8.000

Approximately £8,000 was handed out to the lucky beneficiaries of this year's Caterham Carnival at the recent AGM of the Carnival Committee.

The 1st Caterham St. Mary's Scout Group are using their money to replace the doors and floor of the scout hut and the Caterham Pumas football team are putting their money towards a new clubhouse. Another beneficiary, the Caterham Festival Committee, will use their money to fund free activities at next vear's event. A cheque for £500 was also presented to Janette Relph of Caterham District Girl Guides for their Centenary activities, in recognition of all the help the group have given the Carnival over the years.

Mr Martin Vaux was reelected as Chairman of the Carnival Committee after illness forced him to step down. The Committee thanked Graham Llovd Evans who stepped in to become Chairman this year.

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(From left to right) David Yeoell and Rhain Thomas, the Caterham Pumas; Barbara Brunsdon, the Caterham Festival; Carnival Committee Chairman, Graham Lloyd-Evans; Janette Relph, Caterham District Girl Guides; Neil Burtenshaw, 1st Caterham Scout Group.

Next year's Caterham Carnival will be on Saturday, June 12th. Nominations to become beneficiaries were heard from Caterham Rugby Club and Caterham Old Boys FC. If you belong to a group or organisation and would like to apply to be a beneficiary next year, please call Martin Vaux on 01883 345678.

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Residents urged to help wipe out graffiti

Over the past 12 months there has been a dramatic increase in graffiti in Caterham-on-the-Hill. Tandridge District Council and Surrey Police are asking residents with information about graffiti vandals to call 0800 068 2070. They could get a reward of up to £500 for information leading to a successful prosecution.

If anyone witnesses someone damaging property with graffiti, they should 999 immediately. Surrey Police keeps a data-

base of graffiti tags, while the Council has photo-graphic evidence of graffiti for possible future prosecutions. The Council also uses mobile surveillance cameras to help catch vandals at known graffiti hotspots. Businesses could face fines of up to £2,500 if they sell aerosol spray paints to people under the age of 16. Councillor Tony Elias, Chairman of the Community Service Committee, said: "Graffiti has a negative impact on the environment, is illegal and the most common type of property vandalism contributing to people's fear of crime. It also costs thousands of

Burtenshaw's Beat

by Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector, Elaine Burtenshaw

n case you needed proof that 'Crime Does Not Pay' last month Surrey Police successfully clawed back three quarters of a million pounds from a convicted drug dealer. The confiscation order ruled that Sean Lynch had benefited to the value of £1 million from his criminal activity. Lynch, 49, from Warlingham was the leader of a drugs distribution gang who received sentences totalling almost 60 years. Lynch was sentenced to 18 years. Now His Honour Judge Crocker has ordered Lynch pay back the money within six months or face an additional four years on his sentence. £758,353 was deemed to be realisable for payment now.

This is certainly a busy time of year for us with Halloween ending, Guy Fawkes starting. My team have been doing additional patrols, taking positive action against the minority who spoil it for the majority. My team have issued a Penalty Notice for Disorder against an 18-year-old for letting firoworks off in



November 2nd is 'Not in my Neighbourhood Week' combined with Surrey Neighbourhood Watch Week. Additional activities include a bus visiting various locations staffed with partners from Tandridge Council and Surrev Fire and Rescue giving information and advice. Please talk to them and let us know what is it you want to stop so that its 'Not in your Neighbourhood'.

Operation Golden also launches this month to tackle distraction burglaries in East Surrey. The aim is to raise awareness of methods used by distraction burglars and to empower elderly and vulnerable members of our community to keep unwanted visitors out in the cold. The most common method used by bogus callers is claiming to be a water board official, also posing as builders, charity workers, police officers and

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Surrey Harmony takes to the stage in the USA

by Sandie Kirk

The county's own women's close harmony chorus, Surrey Harmony, have returned triumphant from the International Women's Barbershop Championship in Nashville, Tennessee.

33 regions were represented in the competition and the 80 strong choir were placed 15th overall – the highest ever ranking for a UK chorus.

Women from Caterham, Oxted, Warlingham, Croydon and all over the region flew out to compete in the prestigious Sweet Adeline's International Competition, after qualifying last year in Birmingham to represent the country.

On Thursday 22nd October, in front of a cheering audience of 10,000 at the Sommet Centre in downtown Nashville, they wowed the judges with their performance of 'I Never Meant to Fall in Love' and 'Dixieland One-Step'. On the Saturday night they entered the



'Surrey Harmony' dazzling the audience in Nashville

record books as they took part in a Guinness World Record breaking mass singing lesson.

It wasn't all about barbershop – there were outings to the Wild Horse Saloon and the world famous country and western bar Tootsies, where all the greats have played over the years, from Patsy Cline to Johnny Cash.

From 15 year-old students to 70-something retired nurses, Surrey Harmony attracts singers of all ages and occupations. It encompasses a wide range of musical styles, from traditional barbershop, to pop songs and West End favourites. Surrey Harmony always welcomes potential new members - anyone interested in learning more should check out their website at www.surreyharmony.com. Their next Caterham appearance will be at St Mary's Church in Church Road, Caterham-onthe-Hill on Saturday 28th November, a fundraiser in aid of Chaldon Church. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine, beer or soft drink. Family tickets cost £25. Call 01883 343081 or 01737 643946 to book tickets.

Eric Robert Dear

A British soldier called Eric Robert Dear was born in 1917 and lived in Caterham. He died during Operation

Market Garden during the Battle of Arnhem on 4th October 1944 and was buried in Lier in Belgium. He was the son of Robert and Hilda Dear and his wife was called Kathleen Margaret Dear. A historian named Willem Segers who works for the Belgium National Institute for War Veterans is researching British soldiers who fought in Europe, to paint a picture of their

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In the Spotlight

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Birthplace: Dublin.

Marital Status: Happily Married.

Children: Three sons and two arandchildren.

Pets: Having been bitten by dogs, pets do not come high on my radar!!!

Childhood hero: Peter May. Captain of Surrey and England Cricket Teams.

Likes: Being a member of the Rotary Club of Caterham and being a County Councillor. Dislikes: People talking on their mobile 'phones sitting next to me on the train.



Favourite Food & Drink: Salmon Chips with Mayonnaise and Red Wine.

Pastimes: Cricket, football and walking.

Favourite TV show: '24' and 'Spooks'.

Favourite books: Spy Thrillers.

Favourite holiday destination: Places in the UK where it a large proportion to be dois peaceful and I can walk for hours each day with my wife. Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at? I would rather eat it!

Favourite song of all time: Visions of You' by Cliff Richard.

Biggest influence on your life: Miss Smyly (Smyly Homes, Dublin).

Proudest moment: The birth of my sons.

Where would you most like to live?

In a Penthouse Apartment overlooking Lord's Cricket Ground .. well I can dream, can't I?

Who would you most like to meet? I would have liked to have met Paul Harris the founder of Rotary International. A man of real vision

who cared about others in life.

If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it? Although I do not do the lottery, if I won a large amount of money I would like nated to Smyly Homes and the local Caterham Rotary Club to assist good causes. My wife says she would like the front garden sorted first!

Guides go to Wembley for the 'Big Gig'

by District Commissioner, Charley Formosa.

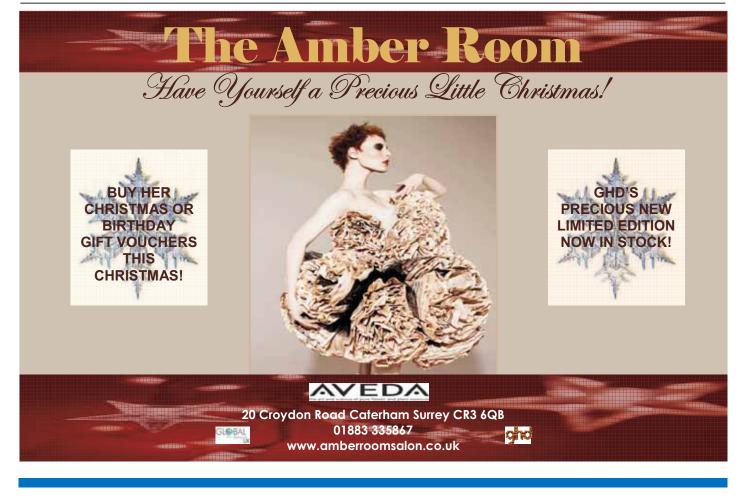
Four Guide Companies and Woldingham Senior Section from Caterham travelled to Wembley Arena last month for the 'Big Gig', a pop con-cert just for Girlguiding. Eleven thousand screaming girls (and one or two Guiders) had a brilliant time singing and dancing to Pixie Lott. JLS. Scouting for Girls. the Noisettes and the Saturdays to name but a few. The whole arena shook at times and I think even the artists were surprised by the enthusiasm of the audience. Guides from as far away as Glasgow and the Isle of Man had travelled to Wembley for the event, so those of us from Caterham didn't really feel we could complain about our journeys. A great evening was had by all, and I am sure that the ringing in my ears will stop very soon. This year, 7th Caterham (St John's) Guides are raising



Members of Woldingham Guides Senior Section at the concert last month.

funds for the BBC Children in Need Appeal by laying loose change around the inside of St John's Church on Saturday, 14th November. How many times will they be able to go around it? They need your help in collecting 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p or 20p coins for the day. If you are able to bring the coins to the church, the Guides will be there from 10am to 2pm; alternatively, you can contact Julie Woodland on 01883 340271 who will arrange for them to be collected.

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Two other local play areas are currently under construction - one in Grange Meadow in Bletchingley and another in Stafford Road, Caterham Valley.

Playground Bletchingley Friends raised just over £35,000 towards the Grange Meadow project, while £50,000 was provided by the Playbuilder scheme. Playground Bletchingley Friends, a group of local parents and individuals, raised the money by organising sponsored swims and fetes, as well as attracting £8,500 from the Rural Ac-



The new playground in Mint Walk, Warlingham.

cess to Services Programme and funding from the High Sheriff Youth Award, Bletch-Parish inalev Council, Gatwick Airport Community Trust. local charities, organisations and residents.

Speaking about the Grange Meadow project, Councillor Tony Elias, Chairman of the Community Services Com-mittee, said: "It's not often we can create a brand new play area. This is a great example of partnership working with other councils, as well as within the local community.'

The £50,000 play area at Stafford Road Recreation Ground in Caterham Valley is being built next to the existing play area which is also being refurbished. The play area will feature a wide range of equipment and is due to be completed by December.

Essendene Lodge School

St Peter and St Paul **CofE school pupils** help the homeless for Harvest Festival

To celebrate Harvest Festival the children of St Peter & St Paul CofE Infant School in Chaldon held a 'Task for a Tin' initiative for the 'Nightwatch' charity in Croydon. By completing helpful tasks at home, the children succeeded in collecting 412 cans of soup for the charity which will provide some welcome refreshment for

the homeless. Headteacher, Mrs Leader, said the children had made a 'souper' effort!



Pictured boxing up the tins, from left to right, Lucas Cooke, Bluebell Class. Stephanie Leeson, Daffodil Class and Evan Moore, Snowdrop Class.

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Caterham Army Cadets are top in the county



The winning team, from left to right, Colour Sergeant Searle, Corporal Rogers, Cadet Sharpe, Sergeant Rawlinson, Cadet Goode, Cadet Rawlings.

Caterham Army Cadets proved themselves to be the best in the county last month when they came first in the annual Military Skills Competition in Pirbright. Caterham beat 26 other detachments from across Surrey, demonstrating proficiency in navigation, skill at arms, first aid, command tasks and drill. Each cadet received an engraved medal and the detachment will have its name engraved on the highly prized trophy. "We are all delighted with them," said Company Sergeant Major, Steve Beatons. "Colour Sergeant Searle did most of the training and was the backbone of the team. They have set a standard for the rest of the cadets to follow in their footsteps!"

Don't forget to 'Build a Guy'!

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Dunottar School,

With just a few days to go before the Caterham Dene Firework display, now is the time to hunt out your old clothes, mix some papier mâché and create a Guy for this year's Round Table 'Build a Guy' competition. Everyone who enters will receive two free tickets to the firework display on Saturday 7th November. Clive Harper of Caterham Round Table said: "We want to encourage even more people to enter the competition this year - our target

is 30 entries!" The winner will receive a generous cash prize of £100 and free glow in the dark products. Their Guy will take pride of place on top of the huge bonfire at the firework display. There is a second prize of £50 and a third prize of £25.

Entrants should take their Guy to the Dene Field for 12.00 midday on Saturday, 7th November where judging will be carried out by members of the Caterham Round Table.



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One of the founders of the Shop Smart scheme, Chris Windridge, said: "The shop count is now at 44 and Shop



Smart membership exceeds 1,500 people. The benefits to the town's people are that shopping locally has some additional rewards and the scheme highlights the wide range of shops and facilities the town has. Shops are seeing some new faces and the overall effect has been positive."

Last month Mrs Pauline Kirkham chose a £150 studio voucher from MHP photographic studio in Caterhamon-the-Hill as a winner in the launch competition.

Pauline commented: "Shop Smart and the trail competition were a great way to help people become aware of what's available locally. Many shops you normally walk past are bigger than expected inside and provide choice and competitive prices. It was an eyeopener to discover so many friendly, individual and distinctive shops."

Did *you* do National Service in the RAF?

Whyteleafe Football Club was the venue for the inaugural get-together of the new Kenley branch of The National Service (RAF) Association last month. 30 new members enjoyed a hearty lunch while reminiscing about National Service life in the RAF 55 or more years ago. During the meeting an informal discussion was held about future activities and it was agreed that the group would meet at the same venue on a bimonthly basis on the second Wednesday of the month, the next one to be on the 9th December when a traditional Christmas lunch will be served. Peter Stimpson was elected organiser of the new Kenley group, the 28th to come into being since the association was formed eight years ago.

The Association holds national events including a reunion each summer, usually held at the RAF Museum in Cosford. The new Kenley branch would welcome new members and anyone interested should contact Peter Stimpson on 01883 348310.

STEVE

Go on, indulge yourself!

by Julia Church

Caterham residents now have a luxury hand-made chocolate factory on their doorstep - who says dreams don't come true?!

Award winning Chocolatier and Patissier, Tim Fisher, grew up in Caterham and after moving to London for a few years to perfect his craft, he is now back in Caterham running his own business, 'Indulgence Con-fectionery', tucked away in Westway, Caterham-on-the-Hill.

"I'm really proud to have opened a chocolate factory in my home town," said Tim. "I want to become wellknown in Caterham for my chocolate!"

Tim has won numerous awards over the years including Best in Class awards at the British Open Cookery Championship on no less than six occasions.

"At Indulgence Confectionery all the chocolates are made by hand," ex-plained Tim. "We don't use loads of vegetable oil to give them a long shelf-life."

The result is that the chocolates melt away in your mouth and taste as though they have just been made. No artificial ingredients are used to flavour the chocolates, and Tim has spent



Tim Fisher

hundreds of hours creating a superb range of flavours. "I suppose the painstaking process of perfecting the blend of ingredients is a bit like being an alchemist," explained Tim. The result is exquisite flavours that include Lime, Honey, Cinnamon, Strawberries and Cream and even Earl Grey Tea!

Tim is now taking orders for Christmas and you can order online at www.indulgenceconfectionery.com. The gift boxes make ideal Christmas presents. If you want to buy something extra special why not purchase membership of the Chocolate Club for the one you love? The perfect solution for guys who never know what to get their girlfriends for Christmas!

See the Indulgence Confectionery advert on page 12 to see where you can meet Tim later this month.

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The Village Inn hosts children's charity event

On Saturday, 28th November The Village Inn in Caterham-on-the-Hill is hosting a fundraising event in support of the children's cancer charity, the Thomas Ball Charity. The charity has offered huge support to the family of six year-old Megan Hierons, sister of Becky Hierons who works at The Village Inn.

Megan suffers from Neuroblastoma which has resulted in her being paralysed from the waist down and needing spinal surgery every six months to try and keep her back straight while she grows. Her sister, Becky, said: "The Thomas Ball charity have taken Megan, my little brother Joe and mum and dad on holiday at least twice a year for the last five years, giving them a break from all the treatments and hospital visits." There will be a raffle during the evening with many fabulous prizes.

Tickets for the event cost £6 from The Village Inn.

Marie Curie hospice consultation

Tandridge District Council is inviting comments on its draft 'Urban Design Concept Statement', for the former Marie Curie Hospice in Harestone Valley Road, Caterham. A number of design options are suggested, including a preferred approach that keeps the main building. Comments will be considered by the Council's Planning Policy Committee and where necessary the statement will be amended. It will then be adopted by the Council and used to guide and judge any planning applications for the site.

The consultation runs until the 26th November. The draft statement is available on the Council's website http://www.tandridge.gov.u k/Planning/PlanningPolicv/mariecuriehospiceurbandesignconceptstatement.ht m, as well as in Caterham Valley and Caterham Hill libraries. Comments should be sent to the Director of Planning at the Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted RH8 0BT, or by e-mail to LDF@tandridge.gov.uk.

Steve says a big 'thank you' to Mercedes

Caterham resident, Steve Georgiou, was full of praise for Mercedes Direct recently when they saved him from nearly making a very costly mistake.

When his car had ignition problems, Steve believed he needed a new key and hurried down to Mercedes Direct in Croydon Road to order one. But luckily for Steve, After Sales Adviser Vojislav Petrovic decided to check the car out before putting the order through. "Vojislav was brilliant," said "He came to my Steve. house and fixed the problem so I didn't need to buy a new key after all. He didn't just go the extra mile, he went the extra million miles! He is a real credit to Mercedes. I didn't even buy the car there!'

Vojislav said: "Poor Steve was in a panic when he first came to the showroom because he thought he needed a new key. We try to be the best for service. Goodwill is so important, especially in the local community."

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Steve Georgiou, right, with Mercedes Direct After Sales Adviser, Vojislav Petrovic.



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Caterham resident comes

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Sue Baines' prize-winning garden.

Caterham resident, Sue Baines, received national recognition for her hard work and creativity recently when she became a finalist in the BBC Gardeners World gardening competition. Sue came third overall following the viewers' poll last month, although she was the judges' first choice.

"It was great to be a finalist and the other contestants were very nice," said Sue. "We had a great time filming up in Birmingham. The show's presenters, Toby Buckland and Alvs Fowler were lovely."

Thanks to the competition, Sue will be showing members of the Hardy Plant Society round her garden next September with four coachloads of visitors dropping in over the course of two days!

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Spice up your Life in Kenley!

Eating

Review by Julia Church

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Last summer saw the opening of a fascinating new Indian restaurant, Kenlev Spice in Godstone Road, Kenley. The owner, Syed, honed his culinary skills from a young age in the beautiful state of Karala in southern India. His last position was as a sous chef before leaving India to settle in England and open up a restaurant of his own.

When I visited Kenley Spice last month with my friend Janice, we took our own wine as the restaurant does not have a licence to sell alcohol yet.

Many of the menu choices are Syed's own recipes, including the delicious onion chutney that was served with popadoms along with

mango chutney. The portions were very generous and represented excellent value. I had the Tandoori Tiger Prawn for starter, lovely juicy, spicy

prawns served with onions and red peppers. Janice had the Chicken Carfrial, one of Syed's own home-made recipes using mint, coriander, green chille, ginger and garlic to produce a lovely delicate flavour. discoverd а

new favourite with my main course - Murg Sagwala curried chicken tossed with baby spinach leaves, a wonderful combination. Janice decided to opt for a fish curry and Jose recommended the Mango Fish Curry simmered in coconut milk. Jose explained that the mango helps the sweet and sour flavours of the curry to come out and lanice was very impressed with the flavour. Syed will cook each individual dish to your own taste for spiciness, so you are not limited to specific mild, medium or hot dishes on the menu.

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The White Bear celebrates award triumph

The White Bear pub in Warlingham is celebrating after winning the top award at the Brakspear Pub Company Annual Awards, announced last month.

The 16th century inn, just a 15 minute drive from Caterham, was named 'Pub of the Year 2009' at the event where Neil Rowlands, Carl Adair and Diane Miller were announced as winners and presented with a Welsh slate plaque to display at the pub.

In selecting The White Bear for the highest award, judges it as: praised 'Everything a quality foodled pub should be, where excellent standards the from the car park through to the kitchen and welcoming staff create an atmosphere where customers can relax and enjoy the excellent food and drink."

Their training and development of staff members was also singled out as key to the pub's success.



Members of the White Bear management team, from left, Nicole Joubert, Neil Rowlands and Diane Miller with the trophy

Co-owner of the White Bear, Neil Rowlands, said: "We were surprised and thrilled to win the award. We didn't even know we had been nominated until we were invited to the Awards dinner! We are very proud of The White Bear and it's great for us to have our efforts rewarded with this important award.'

The White Bear provides the perfect setting for a meal out with friends or cosy drink in front of a log fire. A visit to this charming pub certainly ticks all the boxes!



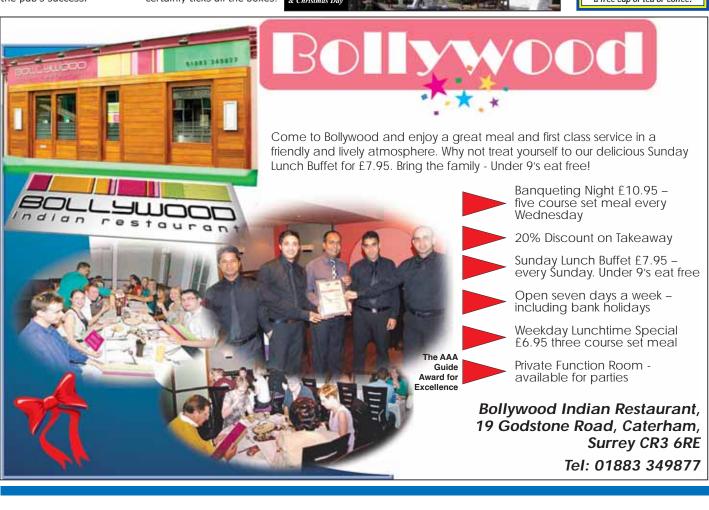
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Readers' letters

Rose & Young

With reference to your October story about the car park plan for Rose and Young, I am extremely angry that once again a plan for this blight in all of our lives in the Valley is rejected by those who are supposed to represent us. I left school in 1954 at the age of 15 and went to work for a few months in Farringdon Road where the devastation of the war was still apparent, with the shells of buildings still standing. Every time I pass the Rose and Young site it brings those memories back to me. Not good memories! This is 2009 not 1954. This site is a disgrace and so is the inactivity of Tandrige Council in this matter. All we get is excuses. We in the Valley want this eyesore removed as soon as possible.

I would suggest all of the residents in the Valley refuse to vote in the forthcoming elections until we get some action. It is time for urgent action by all of us to get this site out of our lives. It has become the target for the dreas of our community to throw paint over the site making it even more of an eyesore.

So come on residents show your displeasure with people that are supposed to care for our environment and that we mean business. Don't vote for the people who seemingly do not care for us.

Gordon Frith, Caterham.

Thank you from COAT Members of the Caterham Overseas Aid Trust (known as 'COAT') would like to

thank all those who so generously supported the Street Collection on Saturday 10th October, £634,32 was raised which will ao to helpina some of the poorest communities in the world with basics like safe water and food production. Thank you also to all those who collected for us.

Margaret Deards, COAT Chairperson, Caterham Valley.

Rotary Street Collection

The Rotary Club of Caterham would like to say a big "thank you" to the Caterham people who donated £322.49 to their street collection on Friday 16th October. The collection sought to fund Aquaboxes providing emergency supplies and water purifying equipment to victims of successive natural disasters in the Phillipines, Samoa and Sumatra. The money collected will fund five Aquaboxes. Jonathan Mountain, the

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by Marion Piggott

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Rifle Club, one of the oldest

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102nd Annual General

Meeting and Prize Giving

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sented with handsome tro-

phies and shields, some of

which have been passed

down through the genera-

The prizes were presented

by Miss Heather Bishop who

is a member of the Cater-

ham club and the British

last month.

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Pistol Club

Club member Norman Skin-

ner explained: "After the

Boer War hundreds of rifle

clubs were started all over

the country to ensure there

were plenty of skilled rifle-

men in the event of another

war. Many of the clubs no

longer exist, but our club is

still very active with a

membership of over 100,

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Caterham & District Rifle Club AGM



Evening of Chamber Music



Yuki Negishi and Julie Groves

Award-winning musicians will be performing in aid of St Catherine's Hospice at a Caterham concert on Saturday 21st November.

This special evening of beautiful chamber music, performed by Julie Groves on flute and accompanied by Yuki Negishi on piano is being held at Caterham United Reformed Church in Harestone Hill. The varied concert programme will include works by Poulenc, Hindemith, Roussel and Copland.

Julie, who lives in Caterham, said: "I am verv pleased to be giving a fundraising concert in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. They provide such a meaningful and needed service for so many people and this concert is my opportunity to give something to the hospice. I hope many people will come and have a thoroughly enjoyable evening while helping this important local cause.

Victoria Lawrence, St Catherine's Community Fundraiser, said: "Having expanded our care into Tandridge this April, we are naturally delighted that Julie and Yuki have chosen to support St Catherine's, helping to raise funds for our end of life care." Everyone is welcome to attend the evening which starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8, available from Jam Music, JJ Browne & Sons Jewellers and Vivace Pianos. For further details about this event, please contact Victoria Lawrence on 01293 447376.

League of Friends Autumn Fayre

The League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital are holding their Autumn Fayre on Saturday 14th November at the United Reformed Church, Harestone Hill, Valley Caterham from 10am-2pm, Refreshments will be available including a Ploughman's Lunch. Please

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Peter Pan

Chaldon Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS) are presenting 'Peter Pan' on 26th, 27th November, 28th and evening and matinee performances. Tickets cost £8. To book tickets call 01737 642033.

Fundraising Concert

East Surrey Scouts are featuring 'Country Company', a renowned Country Music Duo at a concert on Saturday 7th November in St. Peter's Hall, Limpsfield. The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £12, to include a fish and chip supper. Voted 'Britain's Most Popular Duo on three occasions by the readers of Country Music Round Up newspaper, the duo will have you aching with laughter and singing all the way home!

For more information and to book tickets, call Alan Osborn on 01342 843489. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Christmas Fair

St John's Church in Clareville Road, Caterham Valley is holding its Christmas Fair on Saturday 14th November

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Cyclist Sarah Jouault, centre, with members of Caterham Harestone and Caterham Rotary Clubs

Members of both the Rotary Clubs of Caterham turned out to welcome the arrival of Sarah Jouault last month, as she completed Day 2 of her cycle ride round Rotary District 1250.

From October 11th-13th, Sarah cycled 288 miles across three counties, visiting all 35 Rotary towns in the District. So far the ride has raised over £4,000 for four Rotary children's charities: Chase Hospice Care for Children; The Chestnut Tree Hospice for Children; the Lodge Hill Centre in Pulborough and St. Michael's School in Kilolo, Tanzania. On her arrival at the Surrey National Golf Club, Sarah said: "Riding up Church Hill was tough - I nearly got off the bike and pushed it!" Storrington Rotary Club provided Sarah's support

team including Peter, the Motocycle Minder who escorted Sarah during the ride.

Whyteleafe FC

by Andy Runacres

October saw attention turn to the FA Trophy. The FAT is the non league equivalent of the FA Cup and is open to all non league teams from the top four steps, culminating in a May Wembley final. Whyteleafe's recent record in the competition isn't very impressive, having gone out at the first hurdle in five of the last six seasons. You have to go back to 1998/99 for our record run, when we reached the last 16 before going out to eventual winners Kingstonian in front of what was at the time, a record home crowd.

The draw for the preliminary round had handed us an away tie to divisional rivals, Walton Casuals. It was not the most exciting of ties, despite Sky pundit Tony Gale's involvement in team matters.

The game ended in a 0-0 draw with the highlight being an O'Hara penalty save to keep us in the dame. The replay took place the following Tuesday



The O'Hara penalty save at last month's game against rivals, Walton Casuals.

night at our Church Road ground. Tony Gale, seemingly short of Sky duties, was again in attendance, but it ended up being a frustrating night for his side, as Leafe ran out deserved 2-1 winners. The first Qualifying round saw us drawn away to Leighton Town from the Southern League and a rare journey north of the river. Manager,

Massey, was quoted as saying we were going to play for a draw. Fortunately, the players did not listen and we ran out 3-0 winners with goals from Hammond, Scott and Royston.

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'Thank you' from Caterham Pumas

by Rhain Thomas

Caterham Pumas Football Club would like to thank the Caterham Carnival Committee for the cheque of $\pounds 2,500.00$ which we re-ceived as beneficiaries of the Caterham Carnival. The money will go towards replacing our clubhouse. We would also like to thank all those people who were involved in what was an-

other great day. This came at the end of one of our most successful seasons which had one of our teams as league champions and three teams reaching their respective league cup finals.

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Tandridge swimmers smash their personal bests

Tandridge Aquarius Swimming Squad (TASS) swim-mers took part in Sevenoaks Świmming Club's Sprint Trophy B Gala on Saturday, 3rd October. The Squad opened the gala winning the first race. At the half way point the team were managing to hold third place, but finally finished fourth overall, with 1066 winning Swimmers the competition. Caroline Mabb, club coach,

said: "We had to swim a lot of our older members up an age group (or two!) to fill the races, but they put on excellent performances and even managed to win races against much older competitors! We had some ex-

cellent performances in both the individual and relay events and once again a number of our swimmers achieved personal best times. We also won the 10/U Medley relay, with the same team coming second in the 10/U Freestyle relay." The club's achievements included eight wins and eight second placings. Jack Tomlin, Callum English and Jake Bentley each swam a personal best time to win their races, with Caitlin Lefevre swimming her personal best in both her races. Abigail Rawson, David Eason, Emma Watmore, Beth Wat-Eason, more, Zoe Fossett, Adam Watt, Chloe Samuels and Samantha Jobson also swam personal best times. Molly Roadnight also won her race. The other clubs taking part were 1066 Swimmers, Sutton Atlantis and Whiteoak.



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Old Cats RFC

by Chairman, Steve Dalgleish



Old Cats passing the ball during their match against Old Cranleighs last month.

Old Caterhamians hosted Old Cranleighs on Saturday 17th October for their third league game of the season. The afternoon started with a pre-game lunch which raised £150 for the Help for Heroes charity which the club fully supports.

The game itself started with both teams eager to open the scoring early with play going end to end. The first points came five minutes in when Cranleighs offended inside their half and the penalty was converted by Alex Rayment to give Cats a three point lead. Both ball and territory were evenly shared for the next 20 minutes when another well struck penalty within Alex Rayment's range gave Cats a six point lead, and that is where the score remained until the half time whistle. The second half saw Cats playing uphill and with a new found vigour, dominated almost all of the play. Camped for so long in the opposition half they tried time and time again to cross the line from line out, scrum and open play. Eventually in the last quarter of the game they drove forward again with another strong carry from Jonathan Delicata who was stopped just short. Jon managed to slip the ball to Julian Jameson who touched down right of the posts. The conversion attempt from Alex Rayment struck the post but went out. Cats continued to control the play until the end of the game when they came out worthy winners at 11 - 0.

If vou would like to join the Old Cats either as a player or a supporter, please phone me, Steve Dalgleish, on 07729 591256. Why not give us a try?!

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Caterham Old Boys FC

by Gerald Mills

Having been promoted, our Firsts started in a higher League this season and our Reserve side started in a higher division. Our First teams started with a tricky away game to AFC Cubo, played over at Barnes, Having several players injured or unavaialble and not having played a friendly for two weeks, a 1-1 draw was probably a fair result. Since then all four games in the League and one in the cup have been won, a great start under new manager Andy Rekkie. The Surrey South Eastern Counties Combination League is a lot tougher with no easy games. The players are adapting well and with more players returning from injury, the goals are beginning to flow and we are looking to do very well in this division.

Our reserve side under the

leadership of Gary Pryde have started as they left off last season by winning all their games so far without conceding a goal, averaging nearly five goals a game. Even at this early stage of the season we are looking at winning the 4th division of the Redhill League!

After last season's haul of trophies from both sides. expectations are high of collecting more silverware this season. The only person not so happy is our President Bernard Wellard who has to clean the trophies!

We are very fortunate to have Bernard who started playing for the club when he was 15. He has managed, trained, coached and done most other jobs. John Fackrell our secretary is also key to our success. He makes sure all the players are registered and sorts the referees for our games as he is the Redhill Registration Secretary.

With such a great start to the season, let's hope November continues in the same vane!





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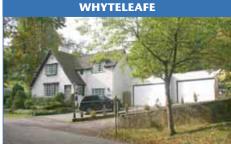
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