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# New youth club opens in Caterham

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Surrey County Councillor for Caterham-on-the-Hill, John Orrick, with some of the founder members and supporters of the new Caterham Hill Youth Club. **See page 9 for full story.**

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**The Rose & Young building was on Tandridge District Council's agenda last week - see why on page 2**

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## Rose & Young - Solution needs to come from private sector

On Thursday, 1st October, the subject of the dilapidated Rose & Young site in Caterham Valley was discussed by the Resources Committee of Tandridge District Council. A local resident, Mrs Christine Sayles, had put together a detailed proposal to demolish the site and turn it into a car park and the cost that would be involved. Having looked carefully at the document, the Resources Committee decided not to pursue the proposal. Liberal Democrat Councillor

Chris Botten, who attended the meeting, said: "I was disappointed with the Committee's decision because it wasn't willing to do further investigation including a full site survey. I don't think they should have dismissed the proposal - if they had approached the Parish Councils in Caterham they may have been able to help with funding a survey."

Head of the Resources Committee, Mr Martin Fisher, commented: "There were two proposals looked at last Thursday. One was the idea put forward about a car park and the other was the viability of a Compulsory Purchase Order. With regard to the car park proposal, having spoken to sources in the industry my view on the figures are far removed from Christine's on what it would cost to provide a car park. The cost would have to be recouped by ticket sales which is too risky a proposal for the Council - we cannot be speculators with public money."

The Chief Executive of Tandridge District Council, Stephen Weigel, sent a copy of the proposal to the owner of the site for his comments, but has not received

a reply. Any proposed work done on the site, for example, site surveys, could not be done without the owner's permission.

With regard to a Compulsory Purchase Order, Martin continued: "It would have to be proven that the Rose & Young site is obstructing another scheme which has widespread community support to meet the criteria for a Compulsory Purchase Order. To purchase the site would cost millions of pounds so we would need a private developer to come forward with a plan for the site and the money to pay for it."

Vince Sharp of the Chief Executive's Office suggested the best way forward would be for a group such as the Caterham Community Partnership (CCP) to tackle the problem. CCP Chairman, Chris Windridge, said: "We will be looking at whether we can initiate a project to tackle this issue or at least review if there is anything that can be done by local businesses. It is a serious problem for the town and I would like to encourage anyone with any relevant expertise and or/commitment to helping resolve the situation to please get in touch by calling me on 01883 340109."

## Blazing a trail for Shop Smart!



(From left) Loyalty Trail winners Jean Tooke, Pat Harris and Milly Hopkins celebrate their success in a shiny Caterham 7.

The winners of the Shop Smart Loyalty Trail were announced last week as the scheme continues to go from strength to strength. The overall winner, Mrs Pat Harris and her granddaughter seven year-old Milly Hopkins, chose the £100 prize. Pat and Milly completed the trail together during the school summer holidays, visiting 37 shops. They also won a £20 voucher sponsored by Waitrose. The second prize winner, who selected the £150 gift voucher from MHP Pho-

tographic Studio, was Mrs Pauline Kirkham.

The third prize winner, local historian and author, Mrs Jean Tooke, won a ride in a Caterham 7.

Anyone who has a valid Shop Smart card by the end of October will be entered into a draw for a £20 voucher from Southern Co-operative and another draw for a boot bag from Barretts Gun and Sportswear shop. Visit [www.shopsmartcaterham.co.uk](http://www.shopsmartcaterham.co.uk) for more information and to download a Shop Smart registration form.

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**Warlingham rape - police "Following up lines of enquiry".**

No arrest has yet been made in connection with the rape in the Hillbury Road Recreation Ground in Warlingham last month. The offence took place near Maple Road, sometime between 12.30am and 1.30am on Friday 4th September, as the 19 year-old victim was walking home following a night out with friends. The suspect is described as a white man and around 5ft 11" tall. He spoke with a local accent. Surrey Police are following up lines of enquiry resulting from house to house calls and an appeal for witnesses. Detective Inspector Jackie Elkins said: "Offences of this nature are very rare and are taken extremely seriously by Surrey Police. If anyone has any information which could help with our enquiries then please get in touch by calling 0845 124 2222 and quoting reference number TD/09/4777."

**Alleged assault in Waller Lane**  
 Surrey Police received a report of a sexual assault

**Residents warned of risks of sleeping in bins overnight**

A Caterham resident found a very dangerous place to spend the night on Thursday 17th September. Luckily, thanks to the actions of the crew of the council's recycling contractor, Biffa, the young man was found in the recycling bin at Fern Towers, Harestone Hill the next morning before the bin contents were crushed. The young man, who appeared to be around 16, told the recycling collectors he had slept in the bin after returning home late that evening to find himself locked out of his mother's flat. The council has written to residents of the flats to alert them of the dangers of this behaviour. Earlier this year a man was found crushed to death at a Sussex recycling site, after it is believed he fell asleep in a bin. Councillor Tony Elias, Chairman of the Community Services Committee, said: "This boy was extremely lucky, thanks to the vigilance of the crew."

which is alleged to have occurred in Waller Lane, Caterham, on Saturday, 12th September. This incident is not being linked to an assault in Manor Park or a rape in Warlingham. Officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team are regularly on patrol in the area and will continue to provide a high visibility presence. Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector Elaine Burtenshaw said: "A number of lines of enquiry have already been followed into this incident. I would like to reassure the community that Caterham is a safe place and Surrey Police is working hard to ensure people are safe and feel safe."

**Manor Park suspect released on bail**  
 A 38 year-old man has been released on bail without charge following his arrest in connection with an assault in Manor Park, Caterham, last month. The incident occurred around

8.15pm on Saturday, 5th September when a 17 year-old woman was walking to meet friends and was grabbed from behind by a man. The man told her to come with him but she shouted at him and managed to run away, scratching his hand. The suspect is described as white, 5ft 10" tall and aged around 35. He had wavy shoulder-length mousey brown hair, of average build and had an oval face and thick eyebrows. He was wearing a plain white t-shirt, light-blue baggy jeans with small holes in the knees and dark shoes. Investigating Officer Detective Constable Jamie Keech of Reigate CID said: "We are asking the public to come forward with any information at all that they have in connection with this incident." Anyone with information is urged to call Surrey Police on 0845 125 2222 quoting reference TD/09/4820 or Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111.

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Cllr. Sally Marks (left) and Library Manager Jan Campbell by the new self-service facility. subject of this sort of investment from Surrey. The self-service facility is a great way to encourage children to make use of the library as they are so comfortable using computers. I am sure the funky new colour scheme and self-service facility will encourage even more people to use this super library."

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## Burtenshaw's Beat

by Tandridge  
Neighbourhood Inspector,  
Elaine Burtenshaw



First and foremost I want to reassure you all following the recent assaults which occurred last month. The latest incident is alleged to have occurred in Waller Lane, Caterham.

I know rumours are circulating that a murder had occurred. I can categorically confirm no murder has taken place in Caterham. My neighbourhood team is regularly on patrol in the area supported by our colleagues from the response team and we will continue to provide a high visibility presence. With your assistance a number of lines of enquiry have already been followed. If anyone has any further information, no matter how small, then I urge you to contact us or Crimestoppers. I want to reassure you that Caterham is a safe place and my team along with other Surrey Police teams are working hard to ensure that you are safe and feel safe.

Last month saw the launch of Tandridge Dog Walker Watch at the RSPCA open day. It was great to see so many of you, at which some of you will have also met

my noisy hounds Giovanni and Pinot Grigio, who contrary to rumours are not the new breed of police dog!! Thank you to those of you that signed up to the scheme. If you are interested in joining then please contact your local officer and we will send you the pack.

Halloween is fast approaching and for many this can be an intimidating time of year. Last year reported incidents were down and I want it to continue that way. With partners we are working hard to ensure everyone in the community, young and old alike, enjoy the occasion. The message this year is "Don't end up with egg on your face". In essence, if you get caught with eggs, flour or fireworks without reasonable reason or there is evidence you have used them in an anti-social way, then we will visit and give you a warning; caught a second time we will issue an ABC (Acceptable Behaviour Contract) which will be in place for a minimum of three months; refusal to sign or continued anti-social behaviour may start the steps to an ASBO. So let us make it better than last year and all enjoy Halloween with respect and consideration to the wider community.

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## Back to school .....

by Jerry Connor,  
Kenley Financial Ltd



Autumn is upon us, perhaps my favourite time of the year when the foliage is at its most beautiful and there is an energy to get things done before winter sets in. It's also the time for children to go back to school after a long summer. Children born on or after the 1st September 2002 and approaching seven will be receiving an extra £250 voucher (£500 for those on lower incomes) from the government to add to their Child Trust Fund (CTF) account.

This event gives us an opportunity to remind ourselves what CTFs are and what purpose they serve. There are restrictions on what can be paid and who can access a CTF. Contributions cannot exceed £1,200 per year from all sources which may include top ups on the state sponsored vouchers from parents, grand-

parents or Godparents. Most importantly they cannot be accessed until 18 at which point the young adult becomes the absolute owner of the CTF and can do with it what he or she wishes. The intention of the government was that this account would give a good start to adulthood and possibly ease the burden of student debt.

The current economic climate indicates that the state will have less funds to allocate to students so this sum at 18 may well be needed much more than we feel right now. The first CTF account holders still have at least 11 years to run, and this is important both in terms of the investment timeframe and whether you

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### Kimilili School plants tree in memory of Bill



Bill Govier

A tree has been planted in Kimilili School in Kenya in memory of Bill Govier, a Caterham resident for over 20 years, who passed away last August. The tree was planted on the day of Bill's funeral, to commemorate the fact that there would be a collection for Kimilili School instead of flowers at his funeral, a decision made by his family. Over £500 was raised to spend on new projects at the school.

Bill took a specific interest in the school when his granddaughter, Stephanie Pedrick, visited Kimilili in 2001 on a school trip with de Stafford. The purpose of the trip was to build a new science block for the school, and de Stafford, along with the Caterham Overseas Aid Trust, have continued to support further projects in Kimilili. Bill also had his own personal link



Bill's granddaughter, Stephanie Pedrick, at Kimilili School in 2001.

with the area, having served in Kenya as a member of the colonial police after the Second World War. Jessica, Bill's step-daughter, said: "He loved Kenya. When he was out there he even adopted an orphaned elephant and an orphaned cheetah. He was always particularly interested in de Stafford's link with the school in Kimilili, and would have greatly approved of the collection at his funeral."

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wonderful new outdoor play area situated on the green. Little Treasures operates from 7.30am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday. Registration will be free for anyone registering for a nursery or pre-school place on the Fun Day. Any profits from the day will go to a little boy in Niger who is sponsored by the nursery through World Vision.



Having fun in the new outdoor play area

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A young pupil from Warlingham Park School learns her way around one of the brand new Roland E9 keyboards

This term sees the opening of the new keyboard lab at Warlingham Park School, consisting of six Roland E9 keyboards and accessories kindly donated by the Friends of Warlingham Park School. The special keyboard lab has been constructed for every child in the school to enjoy. The keyboards have great sound and recording features to enhance the children's learning and can also be used with the school's laptops to create music.

Music teacher, Debbie King, said: "The junior pupils have already started composing for our Christmas carol competition whilst learning about structure, composing and keyboard skills. It is a great asset to our school."

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as a storage tank to purify up to 1,100 litres of polluted water. A filter and water purification tablets supplied with the tank make the water safe and pleasant to drink.

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## Teens start new youth club for Caterham-on-the-Hill

Last month saw the opening of a brand new Youth Club in the Community Hall in the High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill, thanks to the efforts of a team of youngsters and their adult supporters.

Having identified a need for a youth club in the area, the teenagers applied for and succeeded in obtaining a £20,000 award from Surrey Youth Services to start the facility.

On the opening night on Friday 11th September, one of the founders of the club, 17 year-old Stelios Coates, said: "My mates and I used to hang around on the streets all the time so we decided to start this youth club up for somewhere for people to go. We really want to let everyone know we are here so they can enjoy coming to the club."

As well as obtaining funding, the youngsters also had to find suitable premises. The Caterham Community Association came to the rescue and granted use of the Community Hall in the High Street for two evenings a month. At the opening night Councillor John Orrick told the organisers: "I admire your tenacity to get this youth group going. It has been brilliant work from all of you and I hope it is a wonderful success. The Youth Opportunity



Members of the new club get to grips with the sound system.

Fund was set up three years ago and is sponsored by the government and as a result of that we have things like this."

The Tandridge Youth Panel also helped to get the new venture started along with other youth organisations including the North Tandridge Youth Committee (NOTY) who recognised the need for a youth club and backed the project from the start.

Over 60 youngsters attended the opening night to investigate the activities and entertainment on offer that included music, karaoke and dancing. More volunteers are needed to help run the club so if you are interested and can spare a couple of evenings a month call Stelios on 07595 498217.

## Get creative at 'Amazing Glazing'!

Westway in Caterham-on-the-Hill is now home to an exciting new artistic enterprise, 'Amazing Glazing'. The bright and spacious ceramic café, a place where arts, crafts and coffee go hand-in-hand, has a wide range of creative activities suited to children and adults of all ages. The studio is run by Bernard and Pam Otway who, having recently moved here from South Africa, decided that Caterham was the perfect location for their new business.

"We do pottery painting, textile designing and découpage," says Pam, who is largely the artistic inspiration behind Amazing Glazing. "Pottery painting is very popular. You choose an item of Bisque pottery, paint it here in the studio, and then we glaze and fire it for you."

There are a wide variety of different pieces available to paint, ranging from plates and mugs to small ceramic figurines, priced between £6 and £30, with a £5 studio fee per person. The studio also offers textile design courses and well-comes parties.

"I like to think we offer more than other studios," says Pam. "As far as possible I try to sit down with everyone individually and give them some help. You don't have to be creative. Our customers are astonished with what they go home with!"

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As we get closer to November, the mysterious pile of wood in the Dene Field next to the Dene Hospital in Caterham-on-the-Hill will increase in size ready to become a huge bonfire on Saturday 7th November, the date of this year's Round Table Fireworks Night. The torchlight procession will leave Westway Common at 6.30pm and the bonfire will be lit at about 7pm. Hot food will be available in the Dene Field with the local scouts manning a hot dog and hamburger stall. Admission is £5 on the night or £4 in advance. Tickets are available up to and including the 6th November from Cost Cutters Westway, Butlers, High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill and J.J. Browne Jewellers, Godstone Road, Caterham Valley. For the third year, the Round Table are inviting local youngsters to make a spectacular Guy Fawkes to put on top of the huge bonfire.



Last year's winners of the Build a Guy competition.

The competition is open to anyone age 11 years old and under and this year the Round Table would like to see more entries than ever - at least 30 is their target! The winner will receive a cash prize of £100 and receive free glow in the dark products. There is a second prize of £50 and third prize of £25. Everyone who enters the competition will receive two free tickets to the firework display. 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 Round Table.

## Readers' letters

### Oakhall Church

I write not as a member of Oakhall Church but as a local resident having lived in Roffes Lane Chaldon for 27 years and for the past 12 years in Warringham.

I am very surprised Tandridge District Council could not 'bend the rules' so to speak in order for Oakhall Church to purchase Garrod House. I agree that there should be certain restrictions in order to safeguard nearby residents from loud music, for example the letting of a hall for a wedding party disco etc, but for general day to day church use I think the council has been really mean.

I well remember when Norman Garrod ran his Litho printing company on that site. It operated 24 hours a day, Monday to Friday plus overtime at weekends. Being myself a supplier of printing ink to Garrods I had first hand knowledge of the constant noise of clat-

tering printing and folding machines plus employees' and trade vehicles coming and going night and day and that never appeared to upset local neighbours. Hence my surprise that TDC is now being so difficult in not allowing the building to be used as a church.

It would be interesting to survey residents in Francis Road Caterham to see if they have made any complaints regarding noise over the years against Oakhall Church. Secondly, is it not possible for Oakhall Church to appeal against this current decision?

I suggest they don't give up.

**Alan E. Harper, local resident.**

### Thank you

The Caterham Deanery Children's Society committee held a collection in Caterham Valley on August 8th. A total of £228.50 was collected. All the money was sent to the Children's Society to enable them to create a better world for children. Thank you to all the volunteer collectors and

people who kindly made a donation.

**Alan Turton, Promoter.**

### Sunshine or rain?

I was so puzzled by comments on the weather in the article 'In the garden' last month that I wondered whether I was reading from last year's paper. But no, it is dated September 2009. Further thoughts were that it referred to the west of the country. Certainly it doesn't reflect the weather that we have had in Caterham-on-the-Hill.

We have had a reasonable amount of sunshine although, thank goodness, only a few of those sizzling hot days that throw too many people into, for example, road rage! We have had an occasional day of sustained rain but on the whole we have had dry weather as the parched condition of our gardens and mildew on some suffering plants demonstrates.

**Monica Meeneghan  
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Readers' Letters are continued on page 13.

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Review by Julia Church

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When I visited La Botija last month, the first thing I noticed was the buzzy atmosphere. It was a Thursday evening and the restaurant was full. There was plenty to take in, from the upturned barrels for tables and the Jamon Serrano hams hanging above the bar in true Andalusian style. The menu offers a wide range of hot and cold Tapas as well as Paella Mixta with chicken

and shellfish and Paella Vegetariana for non-meat eaters. The Tapas dishes that my partner Keith and I selected were all beautifully cooked and presented and wonderful to eat. We selected the Gambas tres Colores, pan fried prawns with mushrooms and avocado cooked in white wine, garlic and cream sauce; Arroz Empedrado, traditional Spanish rice with chicken and chorizo; Raxo, strips of pork tenderloin cooked with onions, garlic, parsley, paprika and white wine and Championes Rellanos, deep fried mushrooms in batter stuffed with spinach and cheese bechamel sauce. Accompanied by a jug of Sangria, the Spanish dining experience was complete! La Botija offers a wide range of good quality wines, but is particularly proud of its 'Magnificent 7' prestige wines for extra special occasions. A separate booklet explains all about the production process of these outstanding wines - ask owner, Sergio, for more information.



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## Prize-giving for 'Hill in Bloom' winners

Another successful Hill in Bloom competition came to a conclusion with the prize giving at Hillcroft School on Wednesday, 9th September. The competition is run by Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council to encourage residents to make the Hill more attractive. The winners were:

**Commercial class:** 1st prize: Audley School; 2nd prize: Hillcroft School; 3rd prize: Caterham Ex- Serviceman's Club.

**Residential garden class:** 1st prize: Rita Paul; 2nd prize: Mr and Mrs Hanley; 3rd prize: Mr and Mrs Simsion.

**Containers:** 1st prize: Mr and Mrs Wyatt; 2nd prize: Sheila Vaux; 3rd prize: Rita Paul.

**Judge's Prize:** Jill Greaves.



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**Hospice services**  
 Further to the letter published in the September issue concerning Marie Curie, please may I clarify the situation concerning the provision of end of life care for local people with incurable illnesses. Marie Curie continues to provide a national night sitting service across the country, which is available in East Surrey as elsewhere, and can be accessed by patients via their district nurse. Marie Curie no longer provides hospice care for people living in East Surrey, having withdrawn this service at the end of March. Since then, hospice care has been provided by St Catherine's. This includes care at

home, through visits and phone support seven days a week; as well as day services in Caterham and in Crawley; and beds on the wards at the hospice in Crawley for short stay symptom control, and/or care at the end of a patient's life. I have recently visited St Catherine's services in Caterham and have been hugely impressed by the vital end of life care and support given to local patients, families, friends and carers. Please support St Catherine's activities so that our local hospice can continue to provide these valuable services. *Sally Marks, Chairman, Fundraising Steering Group (Tandridge) for St Catherine's Hospice.*

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## In the garden

by Alec Herbert

Autumn is a busy season in the garden as we prepare for the arrival of the winter months. For some, the work done over the next few weeks will be followed by garden tools being put in the shed and virtually ignored until next March. Keen gardeners will find things to do all year round and will be aware of the need to keep off the ground if it is very wet or frozen, as this tends to compact the earth. There are many things to do before winter sets in and one priority is the planting of spring bulbs. Whilst there is still just about time to plant daffodils, narcissus and spring flowering crocus, many other bulbs, including most varieties of tulips, can be planted up to the end of next month. The depth of planting will be dependent on the type of bulb but most can be planted between 10-15cm. Make sure the hole is well filled so that the bulb does not risk being subjected to standing in water, causing it to rot. Leaf clearing is the most obvious and, for some, the

most tedious, job at this time of year. Clearing leaves from lawns is essential to prevent them having a detrimental effect on the grass through the winter. A few bags of leaves placed out of sight will provide a good leaf mould in twelve months' time ideal for mulching next autumn. The lawn will benefit from a good rake over, removing dead thatch and moss and then scarified. This will improve the drainage, helping to prevent water-logging through the winter. An autumn lawn feed may seem like unnecessary work but the benefits will be obvious next year. When you mow the lawn, raise the height of the mower blades as the growth rate of the grass slows down. Certain shrubs can be pruned and dead wood removed but it is always worth leaving some pruning until the spring, thus providing foliage on which winter frosts can etch their patterns. Much to do then, but two or three quieter months ahead during which the garden tools can be cleaned up and the mower serviced! Happy gardening!

## Royal British Legion helps ex-Irish Guardsman



The photograph above shows ex-Irish Guardsman Kevin Marum (right) receiving his mobility scooter from the Royal British Legion, presented by welfare caseworker, Mr Peter McNeil. "This is the proof that the Royal British Legion branch in Caterham is still alive and kicking. 'Help for Heroes' is our motto," said Mr McNeil. Any ex-service person can get help from Mr McNeil by calling him on 01883 348221. All personal information is treated with the strictest confidence.

## In memory of George Tidman

On Tuesday, 25th August, one of Caterham's most senior residents, George Tidman, passed away peacefully after a short illness aged 96. George was born in Stockwell, South London, on 16th June 1913. In 1948 he moved to Chaldon with his wife Betty. Ten years later they moved to their present home in Court Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill with their young family of four daughters and two sons. "Dad loved the outdoors and encouraged us all to take up outdoor activities such as camping and cycling," said his daughter Pamela. "Dad particularly liked cycling and as a young man belonged to the Cyclists' Touring Club." George's cycling stood him in good stead when he was courting Betty as every weekend he would cycle from London to Cambridge, where she lived, to see her. George was a sergeant with the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers during the war doing work on gun sights that was linked with the optical training he had



George Tidman, a man who counted his blessings every day.

undertaken before the war. After the war George worked as an optician in London. Following his retirement in the 1970s, George worked part-time for a number of years from his home in Court Road. A kind, gentle family man, George loved to have get togethers with his growing family, now with 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. George was a keen gardener and would often be found mowing his lawn, whether it needed it or not, or just going for a stroll round Caterham hand in hand with Betty. "Dad didn't like to keep still for very long," said Pamela. "'Life is Movement' was his motto."

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# Whyteleafe FC

by Andy Runacres

How many people realise that the FA Cup starts in August of each season? The FA Cup actually spans the whole of the season, with the 1st of six qualifying rounds starting in mid August. These early rounds decide which non league teams make it into the hat with the professionals come November, a feat that Whyteleafe achieved for the only time in their history ten years ago, before losing to Chester City in a replay. Unfortunately for Whyteleafe this season, the FA Cup also finished in August, as a depleted side lacking any forwards came unstuck at the first hurdle, losing 1-0 to an organised but unspectacular Uxbridge team. The game really was there for the taking, and the young Leafe side gave a good account of themselves but just lacked the finishing touch that a proper centre forward would no doubt have given them. So that was the end of dreams of glory and Football Focus appearances for another season, let alone the chance for the club to swell its coffers with the generous prize money on offer. League form in the last month has been mixed. We



Sam Butler in FA cup action against Uxbridge last August.

followed up our win at home to Ramsgate with another home win, this time 2-1 against Walton Casuals, with goals from Watson and Sidwell. Then followed three straight defeats. A 3-2 loss away at a very physical Godalming was followed by a 1-0 home defeat to an Andy Sinton-managed Fleet Town, and then another 3-2 defeat, this time at Ashford Town. Our latest game saw us get our first away points of the season, with goals from McDowall and Oakins giving us a 2-0 win over Dulwich Hamlet, a result that moved us to 12th in the table, only four points off the play off places. Don't forget to follow our progress at [www.theleafe.co.uk](http://www.theleafe.co.uk).

## Ben cycles to Paris for his latest fundraising challenge

Ben Stubbs, Assistant Fitness Manager for Tandridge Leisure, undertook the London to Paris bike ride last month in order to raise funds for The National Deaf Children's Society. On Wednesday, 8th September he set off from Purley Way in Croydon at 7am and headed towards Dover to catch the evening ferry to Calais. From there he spent three days riding to Paris. Ben, who successfully completed the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge two years ago, said: "Without a doubt

the first two days were the hardest. I have never come across so many hills! I am just grateful that I live in a hilly area so I was able to prepare myself for the north of France".

Ben reached the Eiffel Tower in Paris at 4.30pm on Saturday 12th September. He spent a total of four days on his bike, riding for eight hours each day. Ben covered a total distance of 315 miles (approximately 500km) and managed to raise around £1,500 for The National Deaf Children's Society.



## Chris is heading for the top!



18 year-old Chris Hall, from Caterham-on-the-Hill had a double celebration recently after winning two medals at the South London Harriers Club Championships last month. Chris won second place in the 100m and third place in the 200m events, which took place at the Sutton Arena in Carshalton, on Sunday 20th September. Chris has been with the club for three years and this was his first time competing in the annual athletics even. Chris said: "I really enjoy running and always give it 110%. I am very proud of my achievements this year and hope to better myself next year". Chris, who also has a keen interest in tennis, currently studies Sports Science at Nescot College in Epsom.

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## Caterham Old Boys FC

by Gerald Mills

Caterham Old Boys Football Club have just completed the most successful season in the club's history, with the first team winning the Redhill & District Football League Premier Division and the Senior Cup. The reserves were runners-up in the Redhill & District Football League Fifth Division, as well as winning the Junior Cup. Both cup finals were played under floodlights at the Redhill FC ground, and the reserves would probably have won the league if they had started their run of wins one game earlier. They finished the season on the back of a run of 16 straight wins in all competitions. The reserves were also the only side in the Redhill and District League both Saturdays and Sundays who scored more than 100 goals for the season in league



Caterham Old Boys FC - Redhill and District League 2008/9 Senior Cup Winners.

games. While much of the success was down to the players, the club was well supported by the Committee and match day supporters who were always cheering the sides on. Special thanks should go to First Team and Reserve Team Managers James Cocker and Gary Pryde who guided the teams so successfully through a long and arduous season. As well as the success achieved on the field, the

Club, which was founded in 1924, was also honoured by the Surrey Football Association at a ceremony in June 2008 by an award of a plaque for 75 years continuous membership of the County Association. For season 2009/10 the First Team have been accepted into the Intermediate section of the Surrey South Eastern Combination. The club was started by a group of young men who attended Caterham-on-the-Hill School (now Hillcroft)

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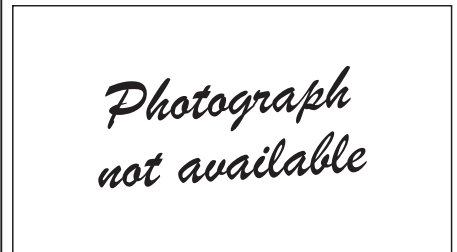
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A stunning five bedroom home measuring approximately 2,200 square feet situated on the exclusive Kenley Park development with lounge, open plan kitchen/dining/family room, utility room, master bedroom with dressing room & en-suite, bedroom two with en-suite, bonus room/bedroom five, family bathroom and landscaped front & rear gardens.

UPC0294

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UPC0346

**£229,000****KENLEY**

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UPC0301

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A two bedroom detached bungalow with living room, dining room leading to fitted kitchen, bathroom, detached garage and off road parking situated in sought after residential road in Caterham on the Hill.

UPC0347

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A larger than average 3 bedroom 1930's end of terrace house with lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, secluded level rear garden, off street parking and offered with no onward chain.

UPC0337

**£244,950****CATERHAM**

A two/three bedroom semi detached house with lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, lobby, bathroom situated in a popular residential road. Viewing recommended.

UPC0330

**£220,000**