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Residents concerned about a proposed development by London & Ouadrant comprising 69 flats in Beechboow Road. Caterham packed into the Vallev Soper Hall in Harestone Vallev Road last month to hear a presentation by the architect of the scheme, Frank Revnolds. The scheme would retain the old Adult Education Centre and convert it into flats, and create additional flats on the land between Beechwood Road and Farningham Road. Amongst the audience were County Councillor for Caterham Valley, Sally Marks and members of Tandridge District and Caterham Valley Parish councils.

The presentation had been organised by Caterham Valley Parish Council to enable the architect to answer the concerns of the residents, and explain how the plans had been modified to take into account the issues raised during the consultation process. Mr Revnolds gave a detailed explanation about the design of the flats pointing out modifications such as pitched roofs illustrated with images of the plans projected onto a large screen.

During his presentation Mr Reynolds said: "A study by London & Quadrant shows there is a great need for affordable one and two bedroom properties Caterham which allow people onto the housing ladder through shared ownership schemes. I think it has the hallmark of a well-considered scheme. It has a very good balance between the needs of the local community, the wider community, the requirements set down by law, whilst retaining the old school building.

Local estate agent, Peter Jones did not agree saying: "We have many new flats already in Caterham which we cannot sell. What people want is houses for those who are already in flats and need to move to something higger.

One of the main concerns



Residents share their views following the meeting.

expressed by the residents was the inadequate parking provision, pointing out that Beechwood Road, Farningham Road and Commonwealth Road already suffer congestion from commuters parking in the roads.

By the end of the evening the audience had made it clear they felt the scheme was entirely inappropriate for the locality.

The Planning Committee of Tandridge District Council will be voting on the scheme later this month. The plans can be viewed at the Tandridge District Council website, Application No. TA:/2010/704.

Action group forms to resist overdevelopment

On Wednesday 15th Septemthe Caterham Hill and Chaldon Action Group to Resist Overdevelopment (AGRO) was formed. Its objective is to influence, improve and, where possible and appropriate, stop developments in Caterham Hill and Chaldon.

One of the key pressures that led to its formation is the likely application for a housing development on the Oaklands House site when the NHS sells the land. This site abuts Chaldon Parish and, together with the Chaldon Mead site in Chaldon, represents a major impact on the amenity of local residents. Despite both Parish Councils being prepared to contribute to the cost of Tandridge District Council producing a Planning Brief for the site it was not felt, by Tandridge, to be worthwhile. The Action Group will therefore bring to the fore local people's concerns and wishes for the site. AGRO is comprised of Caterham Hill and Chaldon Parish Councillors, District Councillors and residents. It will gather evidence on topography, traffic and infrastructure that can be placed before the Planning Authority to resist and to overdevelopment fairly reflect the views of those who live in the area.

Chairman of the group, John Orrick (County and Parish Councillor) said "We all thought that we would not be doing our jobs properly if we sat aside and let the Oaklands House site scheme go through without local input so we have agreed to act together without Party Politics for the community". would welcome any com-ments from residents about the Oaklands location and any other sites that may take a developer's eye." He added that "It is not about having no development, attractive though that sounds, but securing the best outcomes for the existing residents as well as any incomers".

Vice-Chairman, Jeremy Webster said: "I am horrified at the prospect of unchecked development at this site which, along with other applications in the immediate vicinity, is leading to unviable and unsafe traffic conditions. It is imperative that we act together to improve conditions right across the Hill".

For more information call John Orrick on 07801 975407.

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Radio Caterham gets a step closer to launch

by Emma Berry

The idea for a local radio station came closer to becoming a reality on Thursday 16th September when a meeting to discuss the new station took place at The Arc in Weston Drive, Caterham-on-the-Hill. The event had a great turnout local councillors, young bands, representatives from other community radio stations and many members of the community attending the meeting held

by Mark Jones, organiser of this summer's DeFest music festival at de Stafford School in Caterham.

The meeting outlined the vision for the future and what progress had been made so far. It also gave local people the chance to ask questions, make suggestions and volunteer to become a member of the management committee.

In his introduction to Radio Caterham Mark said: "This

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Mark Jones, centre, with Andy Edmeads, Assistant Director of The Arc (left) and Dick Moran, Chief Executive of the Caterham Barracks Trust. Photo by Emma Berry.

Warlingham Sainsbury's names its choice for 'Charity of the Year'

Staff from Sainsbury's in Warlingham swapped one uniform for another on Saturday 4th September as they dressed up in school uniform to launch their new Charity of the Year partnership with the Tandridge Community Fund (TCF).

TCF was started in 2008 by a small panel of committed Tandridge residents. Managed by the Community Foundation for Surrey, a charitable trust which aims to inspire more giving in Surrey, it is creating a permanent source of funding to support voluntary, community and charitable groups in the local area. Earlier this year local resident David Gold, co-owner of West Ham FC, became patron of TCF and donations now total £55,000. As the interest accumulates it is awarded in grants to support projects of benefit to the local area.

Sainsbury's Manager, Dave Benstead, says "The staff are really looking forward to getting involved in the fundraising this year. We think the Tandridge Community Fund is a fantastic way to help support a range of small, local initiatives who may find it hard to raise funds for themselves."

Chairman of TCF, Mike Moss. who was recently awarded an MBE for his services to the community, said: "We are absolutely delighted to be chosen as Sainsbury's Charity of the Year. Their support comes at a crucial time. With more cut backs on the horizon, things are going to get tough for small local groups; there has never been a better time to get local giving off the ground in Tandridge. We are really looking forward to working with the staff and customers to raise as much money as possible over the coming year."

To make a donation to TCF or find out more about the work of the Community Foundation for Surrey visit www.communityfoundationsurrey.org.uk/tandridge.

radio station is about the community and will provide information on local events whilst playing a wide variety of music. It will give young people the chance to gain qualifications and work experience and we hope to have local schools, churches and unsigned bands having regular slots."

He went on to explain that he had been contacted by Andy Edmeads, Assistant Director of The Arc and Dick Moran, Chief Executive of the Caterham Barracks Trust who had offered him a venue in a building opposite The Arc. Mark is now in the process of finding people willing to provide equipment for the spacious room which will become the studio. If you would like to be involved or have any contributions to make please contact Mark on 07841 065845 or email catcomradio@gmail.com.

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Open Evening showcases the potential of town's historic hall

On Friday 17th September an Open Evening was held at the Soper Hall in Harestone Valley Road, Caterham, in order to encourage suggestions and ideas from the public for its future use. The Soper Hall Group, part of the Caterham Community Partnership, is looking to acquire the building for the community through an asset transfer from Tandridge District Council.

The historic building has been under threat of being sold to a private developer, who could clear the site to build new homes. The Soper Hall Group is aiming to save the building, and, as explained by Soper Hall Group Chairman, Graham Tapley: "Enable it to become a vibrant social and community facility that is self sufficient and pays its way as a standalone and thriving entity". Potential



Visitors discuss the future for Caterham's Soper Hall.

users of the hall were represented at the Open Evening, including the Citizens Advice Bureau, the Rotary Clubs of Caterham, Caterham Art Group and local bee keepers.

During his speech at the Open Evening, Graham said: "Something has to be done to arrest the decline before the Soper Hall becomes yet another boarded up eyesore on the Caterham townscape."

Graham explained how such a 'Transfer of Assets to the

Community' has already taken place in several places throughout the UK and The Soper Hall Group has been awarded consultancy mentoring by Tandridge District Council through the Development Association. Trust The group's new mentor, Dave Newton is CEO of the West Itchen Community Trust and was present at the Open Evening to share his ideas and suggestions with those present.

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Owner of 'The Village Inn' responds to damaging allegations

Steve Kirk, the owner of The Village Inn pub in Caterham-on-the-Hill was shocked and dismayed last month to read reports in the local press suggesting that residents close to the pub had suffered criminal damage to their property and threats by some of its patrons.

Steve said: "This is the first I have heard of anyone threatening my neighbours or damaging their property. If I knew about it I would be the first to make reparation for any damage.

"After the World Cup this year I had people from the police and the council coming in to congratulate me on how well things went here during the screening of the games. I have been told that at the last residents' meeting everyone was saying what a great improve-

ment they have seen. When I first had the pub we were the number one pub for complaints in the area, now we are close to the bottom of the list."

Commenting on the reports, Tandridge Neighbourhold Inspector, Elaine Burtenshaw, said: "Complaints regarding anti-social behaviour near The Village Inn, Coulsdon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill, were first raised at a neighbourhood panel meeting. Since then the local Safer Neighbourhood Team have been working with the landlord to tackle the issue. The landlord has introduced a number of changes to the outside of the pub in order to minimise disturbance to local residents. Reports of residents being 'terrorised' by pub-goers at The Village Inn is not a picture we recognise. Local officers have been made aware of some reports of anti-social behaviour but that does not extend to threats of violence, numerous criminal damages or residents feeling intimidated."



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This month we feature local resident Beverley Connolly, Tandridge District Councillor for Caterham Harestone ward, and Chairman of the East Surrey Museum Management Committee. Beverley is also Chairman of the Tandridge Youth North Group and a founder member of The Soper Hall Group.

Birthplace:

Gravesend, Kent.

Marital Status: Married to Tim.

Children: Four – Laura, 14; melon, pomposity, flat Alex, 12; Ben, 10 and shoes, country and western Becca, 9. (I had four in music, spiders. under five years!)

Cars: One very battered blue Chrysler Voyager full of junk and sports equipment.

Two dogs and three cats.

Favourite Food and Drink: Pink wine and my lovely Sunday roasts.



Childhood hero: Freddie Mercury.

Pastimes: Walking the dogs, tennis, reading, yoga, dance, visiting Tandridge's splendid pubs.

Likes: Intelligent debate, challenges, winning elections, opera, fashion.

Dislikes: Cucumber,

Favourite TV show:

Question Time/X Factor.

Favourite books:

'Birdsong' by Sebastian

Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at? Gordon Brown because of the appalling mess he has

left this country in and his complete neglect of the armed services.

Favourite song of all time: I will survive - Gloria Gavnor.

Favourite holiday destination: Bali

Biggest influence on your life: My nan - I miss her every day.

Proudest moment:

As mum of four, I am proud every day but, professionally, as agent in 2008, winning the Caterham Valley seat for Jane Ingham, winning Harestone for Michael Cooper - together with five Parish Council seats - making seven out of seven!

Where would you most like to live?

I think that Tandridge is a most beautiful area and I would not want to live anvwhere else.

Who would you most like to meet? Richard Branson.

If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it? Wisely.

Strictly Finance

by Jerry Connor Kenley Financial Ltd.

Well Autumn is upon us and the mornings are a wee bit crisper. Christmas is drawing inexorably nearer and of course our minds are turning to the more important things in many of our lives - namely X Factor and Strictly Come Dancing! These programmes are light hearted, family entertainment that offer fun and escapism. But what is it like in the real world, the world where we are beset with talk of double dip, spending cuts, benefit changes and rising unemployment? Whilst admittedly it is tough to get decent returns on cash deposits, other people have 'never had it so good'. We have had interest rates at 0.5% now for 18 months and this has provided a fantastic opportunity for many to pay off debt and continue to enjoy a quality lifestyle. For many now seems the time to get a great price on a car, TV or improve the home. We seem to have changed to a mindset of holidaying at home and looking for deals on a lot of things we previously just went out and bought. I think this search and newfound pursuit of value is a good thing for us and for



the future. The so-called 'easy' life of fast credit is over and we need to be more disciplined with what we do - this I think makes us appreciate it more. But perhaps one of the biggest uncertainties remains the future direction of house prices. The problem I see, is that some people have become accustomed to low interest rates and they will of course rise. This may impact upon family budgets and cause issues - possibly damaging the fragile house market. When rates rise I would urge people to act quickly and seek advice from their lender to see if their deal is as competitive as it should be. Ideally all of our finances should have the X factor and deliver what we want and help achieve our goals. This is not always easy but it would help if we 'keep dancing' and be nimble, light footed and change to meet future challenges. For more financial advice

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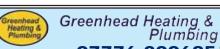


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'Little Treasures' celebrates ten years

On Saturday 11th September, Little Treasures Preschool and Day Nursery celebrated its 10th anniversary with a Fun Day for past, present and future families.

Little Treasures opened in part of the army NAAFI in September 2000. It was one of the first businesses on the newly developed Caterham barracks site. After a year, the nursery premises were completely renovated and developed into the bright, colourful facility that it is today. Since then it has grown in size and popularity and now has a separate

room for the pre-school with its own garden set on the 'Village' green.

The Fun Day was a great success, offering lots of activities. Indoors there was a bouncy castle, face painting, mask making (in conjunction with The Arc), cake sale and much more, while a barbeque, sand and water play, craft activities and ride on toys were available in the two newly developed nursery gardens.

Little Treasures is a family run facility and is recognised by its families as offering a homely environment which is welcoming and friendly. At



One of the tots gets stuck in with some paints. Photo by www.localeventphotos.co.uk

the Fun Day, thanks were given to the experienced staff team who work tirelessly to make Little Treasures such a successful nursery and are totally dedicated to the children and their families. Flowers were presented to three members of staff; Wendy Quigley, Agnes Dalgleish and Sheila Page who started work at the nursery when it opened.

The nursery offers day care for children from birth to school age from 7.30am to 6pm. If you would like a visit or have any questions you are welcome to call , 01883 343678.

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A baby massage session.

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Round Table member, Clive Wilson said: "The aim is the winning group will have to come up with something quite special, for example a

10' tall Guy!"

Entrants will need to take their Guys to the Dene Field next to the Caterham Dene Hospital in Caterham-onthe-Hill by midday on Saturday 6th November, the day of the firework display where an impartial judge will choose the winners. The prizes for the winning individual entries are first prize £50; second prize £25 and third prize £10. The prizes for the winning youth group entries are first prize £250; second prize £50 and third prize £25. All entrants will receive free tickets to the display.

Hillcroft Primary School appoints new head

Hillcroft Primary School appoints a new Headteacher and Deputy Head to lead the Hillcroft team and announce their ambitious plans for the new school term. Mrs Stephanie Scutter, who has been Deputy Head at Hillcroft Primary School in Caterham-on-the-Hill since 2002, has started her new role as Headteacher this term. Boasting a diverse background in marketing, buying, and business Stephanie became inter-

ested in a teaching career through being a parent helper at her children's school. After gaining her Post-Graduate Certificate in Education, Stephanie took up her first senior role as Maths leader at Lingfield Primary School before joining the Hillcroft team in 2002. Stephanie and the newly appointed Deputy Head, Esther Brook, have big plans to improve the school for the pupils at Hillcroft through fundraising

and educational initiatives. October is already proving a busy month with a fashion show taking place at the school, witnessing their very own Headteacher taking to the Catwalk! In addition, the Young Shakespeare Company has been organised to bring their interactive performance of Macbeth to Years 4, 5 and 6 as well as a bedtime story session, linked with 'Book Week' for pupils to enjoy a bedtime story dressed in their pyjamas. Commenting on her new role, Stephanie said: "After spending eight happy years at Hillcroft, my latest role as Headteacher is an extension of how I can continue improving the learning environment for the pupils. With Esther on board as Deputy Head, I feel confident that we can make a real impact and raise vital funds for the school to help us improve the facilities and encourage more engagement with our parents. I am really looking forward to playing more of a part in bringing parents and local residents together in the community and putting Hillcroft firmly on the map".



New Hillcroft headteacher, Mrs Stephanie Scutter with some of the pupils.



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Becoming a parent for the first time can present huge challenges for younger parents who may lack the confidence to cope with the demands of a young child. Help is at hand though, because Kestrels Children's Centre in Croydon Road, Caterham, is running a free ten week course from next January entitled 'It's Not all Child's Play', which covers many of the aspects of caring for young chilldren including how to manage their behaviour and cope with children's sleeping problems. Kestrels offers free creche facilities for those taking part in the course.

22 year-old Katherine Wort went on the course last October, and is full of praise for how the course helped her to cope with her two young daughters, Sophie, who is now three and a half years old, and two year-old Lily. Katherine said: "The course covers all aspects of childcare and I now have more confidence in what I am



Katherine Wort with her daughter Lily at Kestrels Children's Centre.

doing. Before the course I was having problems with Lily crying at night. I kept on getting up for her which I now know was making the problem worse, and the course helped me with that. I also learned that you are not the only one going through these things and I would definitely recommend it to other mums."

Katherine now works at Kestrels two mornings a week as part of her NVQ Level 3 childcare course.

For more information see the advertisement below.

Caterham Carnival **Committee presents** cheques at its AGM

On Thursday 16th September the Annual General Meeting of the Caterham Carnival Committee took place when cheques for £2,250 were presented to each of this year's carnival beneficiaries by Chairman, Martin Vaux.

The cheque presented to Tim Evans from Chaldon Scouts will go towards the scout group's new toilets and kitchen. Sheila Wallace and Andrea Frost collected a

cheque for Caterham Sea Cadets who will put the money towards their new minibus. Steve Williams, Samuel Varley and Ryan Sandiford collected a cheque for Queens Park FC. Their money will be used for renewing floodlights, purchasing mini soccer nets and new kits. Lee Parmenter representing the Old Caterhamians Youth RFC Under 14's received a cheque that will go towards the squad's tour of Italy next year.

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To apply to be a beneficiary of next year's Caterham Carnival, telephone Martin Vaux on 01883 345678.



Martin Vaux, left, presents a cheque to Tim Evans of Chaldon Scouts.





Caterham Carnival Chairman, Martin Vaux, with the Old Caterhamians Youth RFC Under 14's, one of this year's Carnival heneficiaries - www.localeventnhotos.co.uk

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On Saturday 4th September, local award-winning women's barbershop chorus, Surrey Harmony, threw a party to celebrate their 20th anniversary. The chorus was founded in 1990 by Director Jenny Lawson and has steadily grown in numbers to the 87-strong vocal powerhouse it is today. Over the course of its history, Surrey Harmony has won five gold medals, six silver medals and represented the UK on the international stage a record seven times. They are currently ranked 15th in the world.

At the party, Jenny Lawson was presented with a handpainted plate detailing the chorus's achievements and 20 Chinese lanterns were released into the Surrey

Surrey Harmony will be showcasing their considerable talents in 'The Whole Shebang' at Caterham School on Saturday 23rd October. This one-off show will include Broadway showstoppers, band classics and



A delighted Jenny Lawson with her 20th anniversary plate.

a further selection of popular numbers as you have never heard them sung before. For tickets contact the box office on 01883 371971.

Next year Surrey Harmony will be travelling to Houston, Texas, to represent the UK again at the International Contest, where they hope to further improve their world ranking. Anyone who thinks they might like to be part of this vibrant and successful chorus can visit the website: www.surreyharmony.com where details of how to join can be found.

de Stafford sports hall floor test results

In August we reported that Tandridge Leisure were helping de Stafford School find a resolution to the problem of the damaged sports hall floor in the leisure centre in Burntwood Lane, Caterham. The maintenance of the centre is the school's responsibility but Tandridge Leisure have assisted the school by arranging for tests of the materials used in the original construction of the floor to be undertaken. The Director of Tandridge Leisure, Mark Symons, recently sent us the following statement:

"The results of the testing and a structural engineer's report have been passed to County Council Solicitors acting on behalf of the school. The tests showed that the floor was not up to the original specification and so the matter is being taken up with the original contractor, R Durtnell & Son Ltd." A spokesperson for Durtnells said: "This is a complex situation that is being researched and we have no comment to make until the research is complete."

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A Sunday treat at The Arc Craft and Beauty Fair

The Arc in Weston Drive, Caterham-on-the-Hill was buzzing with excitement and creativity on Sunday 12th September at the Craft and Beauty Fair 2010. 25 businesses filled the spacious atrium of the arts and recreation centre, selling and promoting their products that ranged from jewellery and beauty products to food, paintings and ornaments. The fair was particularly popular with ladies who came to browse and be pampered whilst enjoying the community atmosphere that The Arc has to offer.

The event was organized by Denise and Michael Riley who run the website ukcraftfairs.com. Michael said: "This is the first time we have organised a craft fair and it has been a huge success. We have booked three fairs here for next year and we plan to keep the same format as there is a huge range of stalls to provide something everyone."



One of the many stalls selling beautiful crafts at The Arc.

Photo by Emma Berry

Businesses were provided with a chance to promote themselves as Jackie Berry who runs 'Beauty At Home' found. Jackie said: "I've had lots of interest in the business so far and it's easier to explain what the company does by demonstrating and showing my products. It's a lovely venue and the staff are so helpful."

A video of the event produced by UK Craft Fairs can he viewed at www.caterham-independent.co.uk and clicking on the 'Videos' link. For more information about activities at The Arc, call 01883 330380.



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Burtenshaw's Beat

by Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector Elaine Burtenshaw

Over the last few months I have written about the changes happening at Surrey Police and this month I am asking for your help to find new locations to meet your local neighbourhood teams. Due to current financial constraints, the force is conducting a major review of all its police buildings and intends to close many underused stations. Retaining these buildings costs £2.4 million a year and some receive just one or two visitors a day. Police forces across the UK must make savings and Surrey is no exception but although we are closing buildings, we want to re-invest some of this money in more frontline police officers.

In Tandridge we are reviewing stations in Oxted, Caterham and Lingfield but want to keep your local neighbourhood team based in those areas. No station will close until a suitable alternative for the team has been found. From October 18th I am asking for your ideas about where your local team in Oxted could be based and the most convenient places to meet them. In Lingfield the local

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team are looking at moving into Lingfield Community Hall but we would still like to know where is best for you to meet them when they are out and about.

Caterham is a relatively new building and potentially could remain as it is but he shared with other authorities or services. No final decisions have been made and we will continue to keep you informed.

Please rest assured that any changes will not affect emergency response times or custody provision which are separate from neighbourhood teams and continue to operate as they have done over the years. We will also keep a front counter service in Tandridge but the location and opening times are yet to be decided.

To give us your views on where you think officers should be based within Tandridge District come to one of our consultation events, panel meetings or surgeries over the next month which will be advertised locally and listed on the Surrey Police website. Alternatively speak to an officer or complete a survey online at www.surrey.police.uk November 16th.

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Now Open -'The Comodor'!

Review by Julia Church

After years in the planning and having overcome numerous obstacles, The Co-Mediterranean had Chorizo. restaurant finally opened for Keith said: restaurant in Croydon Road, this starter!" Caterham is owned by Majid, Bambino and his business partner Adel and thanks to the support of Majid's cushas got off to a flying start. with my partner Keith we for a great evening out. Simply but tastefully decorated, The Comodor is thoroughly unpretentious whilst Penne at the same time serving excellent, freshly prepared food at very reasonable prices.

The menu predominantly offers a selection of pizza and Other pasta dishes, all under £7, choose from are Risotto Cowith the pizza bases pre-

pared in-house each day. The starters include a range of tapas dishes ranging in price from £1.95-£3.50, which can be upgraded to main courses for an extra £2. chose the Avocado with Prawns for starter and Keith

business last month. The Chorizo then you will love

You can also select any of the the owner of nearby Cafe main pasta dishes for a starter at £2 less than the main course price.

tomers at Cafe Bambino, it one of the Specials of the the meal there is a choice of Chicken Parmijano When I visited the restaurant (£10.50) which was chicken desserts and I would recomwith melted Parmesan and mend the creamy Pancotta! could see why. The restau- Mozarella cheese on top with The wines and beers come rant has all the ingredients a tomato sauce, that comes from all over Europe and our with a choice of vegetables friendly waiter, Manuel, recor pasta. Superb!

Keith chose a pasta dish, the £13.95, which went very Penne Siciliana (with well with our meal. aubergines) which he described simply as: "Beautiful Lunch for £5.95 and week-- that is the first word that day lunchtimes you can have comes into my head!"

main courses modor, Paella and Lasagne.



Diners at The Comodor

For steak lovers, one of the Specials of the Day was Sir-For my main course I chose loin Steak at £11.50. To end wonderful home-made ommended the Rioja,

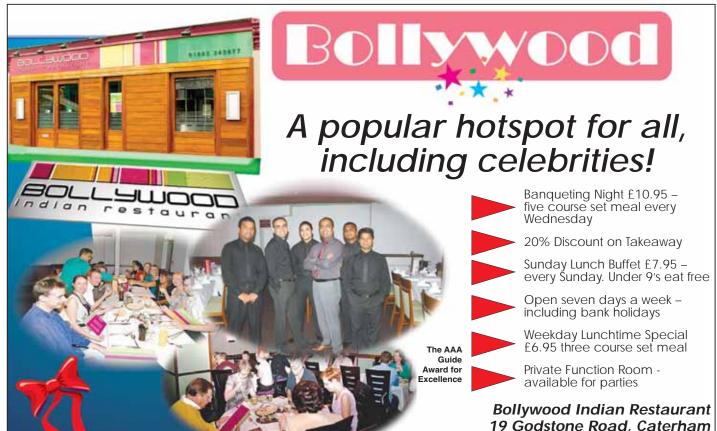
The Comodor serves Sunday any pizza, pasta or burger to with a beer, wine or soft Co- drink for just £6.95. Enjoy!



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Get along to 'Meet Caterham Business 2010'

Meet Caterham Business is taking place on Friday 22nd October from 10am to 6pm at the Surrey National Golf Club in Chaldon. The event is a 'business to business' exhibition designed to allow local businesses to network with each other and market their services.

The exhibition is being supported by Tandridge District Council, Caterham Valley Parish Council, 'Shop Smart Shop Local' and Surrey Chambers of Commerce. It has been organised by local

businessman Graham Tapley and his wife, Helen, of CR6 Publishing Ltd, Glen O'Dwyer of Computer Solutions and Clive Wilson of Paramount Website Design, to help local businesses promote their services to each other. It is also open to the public to make residents more aware of their local businesses.

There will be over 50 businesses exhibiting their services including many exhibitors from previous years' exhibitions.

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Visitors browse the stands at last year's event.

A spokesman said: "As in previous years this is an excellent opportunity for local businesses to market themselves to each other and the public. Previous exhibitions have been very successful, with extremely positive feedback, and I expect this year's to build on that and create a valuable networking opportunity."

exhibition will be opened by Vice Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Brian Perkins and Sam Gyimah MP will be visiting the exhibition in the afternoon. A Better Caterham are responsible for the recent improvements to Caterham Valley and Caterham Hill, under the banner of their Shabby to Smart initiative, which has transformed The Square. They are also promoters of the Shop Smart - Shop Local scheme which has introduced a Loyalty Card for the benefit of Caterham residents.

For more details call Graham Tapley on 07768 294200, or 01883 347284, or visit www.meetcaterhambusiness.co.uk.





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On Wednesday, 22nd September The Whyteleafe Tavern hosted the finals of the 'Whyteleafe's Got Talent' singing competition in front three independent judges. The eleven singers were the winners of the heats leading up to the finals, that had provided lively entertainment for the regulars at the pub.

The judges were very impressed by all the finalists, with each singer performing two numbers to a packed audience. The winner, Katherine Henry, moved the judges with her renditions of 'I will always love you' and 'Show me heaven', winning a cash prize of £200 donated by the landlord, Tom Dempsey and his partner Becky.

After congratulating Katherine, Tom said: "Everyone has had a good time this evening. We have heard some great singers tonight."



Winner Katherine Henry, (front of picture in blue top) with other finalists outside The Whyteleafe Tavern. Photograph by Keith Crilly.



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Preparations are fully under way for next year's Rotary Bunny Fun Run which will take place in Queen's Park, Caterham-on-the-Hill on the Sunday before Easter, 17th April 2011.

Last year's event raised over £2,500, with £1,500 going to St. Catherine's Hospice and £1,000 to various other charities. Four hundred Easter eggs were given away at Queen's Park, one to every finisher in the 1k Fun Run and the 5k race.

One of the organisers. Richard York of Caterham Rotary Club, said: "We had runners and walkers of all shapes and sizes, with special congratulations going to the 'Best Dressed Bunnies'. It was a great spectacle on a lovely day and we would like to thank everyone who entered, especially those who entered into the fun of dressing up for the occasion."

On receiving the donation for St. Catherine's Hospice from President of Caterham Rotary, Mike Smith, Victoria

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Lawrence said: "It was a privilege to be part of the Bunny Fun Run last year. This wonderful donation will make a huge difference to local people and their families, friends and carers. Thank you very much."

Last year Caterham Rotary were pleased to have the support of The Caterham and District Independent, Catax Ltd., Ross Cycles, BCL Systems, Indulgence Confectionery, Waitrose and Tandridge District Council. If you would like to sponsor next year's event please call Richard York on 01883 342001.

Full details of how to enter next year's Fun Run will be published in the January 2011 edition of The Caterham and District Independent.







Local shops bag some help as retail gurus visit Caterham

Retail and business members of the 'Shop Smart, Shop Local' scheme heard about new plans recently to help independent shops and businesses, particularly from a customer's point of view. Andrew Browne, chairman of the Caterham Business Partnership said: "We are delighted to offer our business members an opportunity to work Metamorphosis, who offer business advice to many independent retailers. It is part of our programme for . Caterham.'

Initial shops who lost no time in signing up for the retail programme are JJ Browne Jewellers, Peter Groom Jewellery and Vivace Pianos. It is expected that up to 15 Caterham businesses will be able to benefit from this new grant

-assisted programme. Chris Windridge, Chairman of the 'ABC' town healthcheck and an originator of Shop Smart commented: "We are delighted to partner with Metamorphosis and Skills South East to bring extra help to our high street businesses. It goes with the other improvements throughout Caterham to shopping areas, which the ABC initiative has brought to the town to make it a more attractive place to shop, work or live."

Shop Smart will also be at Meet Caterham Business on 22nd October at Surrey National Golf club with representatives Metamorphosis.

If you are an individual Shop Smart member make sure you have your membership cards available for exciting offers throughout the town and watch out for details in the local press, leaflets and a newsletter covering the year-end.

Plans are being made for a grand draw or lottery, more artificial snow, special Christmas attractions and new offers for Shop Smart members. Shop Smart's website www.shopsmartcaterham.co.uk has further details. Shop Smart cards are available at any of the above shops, or Touche, Caterham Pine, La Fiaba, or Swift Windows or by applying online via the website.

Street says "thank you" to the community

On Thursday 23rd September, members of Street youth centre in Caterham Valley held a presentation ceremony to thank everyone who had helped them in the setting up and opening of the new facility. MP Sam Gyimah was amongst the guests who filled the youth centre in Godstone Road Caterham Valley to listen to a speech made by members of the management committee. Each of the guests were then presented with a



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www.whyteleafebusiness--ssociation.co.uk or e-mail: info@whyteleafebusiness

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The guests with their awards at Street Youth Centre in Caterham last month. Photograph by Emma Berry.

commemorative coin, kindly donated by Caterham and Caterham Harestone Rotary Clubs.

Following the presentations, refreshments were served to the guests who had the opportunity to mingle with members of Street and learn more about the service the centre provides. The evening was organized by the management committee that is formed of 12 young people.

One of the committee members, Hannah "We are Wingrave, said: really grateful to everyone who has helped us to get Street running. It's a fantastic facility as it provides opportunities, such courses in music and food and careers advice, for

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young people in a safe and well equipped environment." Jane Wilson, the Youth and Development Officer Tandridge said: "I am extremely pleased with how the event has gone as it gave the young people a chance to show members of the community the opportunities they have been given and how valuable the youth centre is to the community. I am very proud of the Management Committee for having the courage to speak publicly to everyone - they are an inspiration to us all."

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Comedy Night

The next Comedy Night at The Whyteleafe Tavern is being held on Friday 8th October Entrance is £5. For more information call Dave Sellman on 07845 757610.

Munch with Music

A lunchtime performance by versatile pianist Derek Paravicini, a brilliant musical sawhose fascinating vant musical life has been featured in a TV documentary is being held in St John's Church, Clareville Road, Caterham Valley on Wednesday 6th October. Coffee is provided at 12.15pm and the performance is from 12.45pm-1.30pm. Admission is free. Bring your own 'munch'

Scare Week at The Arc

There will be scary goings on during half term week at The Arc in Weston Drive, The Village, Caterham-on-the-Hill with Soft Play open until 7pm every night all week from Monday, 25th October. For more information on this and other activities at The Arc call 01883 330380 or visit www.the-arc-caterham.co.uk **The Purley Crooners**

A monthly sing-along for people with dementia accompanied by their carers, families and friends is being held on Wednesday 6th October from 2.15pm-3.45pm at the United Reformed Church, 906 Brighton Road, Purley. For more information call Margeret on 01737 557132.

Caterham Festival AGM The Caterham Festival AGM is being held at 7.00pm on Monday, 18th October at the Douglas Brunton Centre, Chaldon Road, Caterham. Members of the public are invited for a glass of wine and to hear a report on this year's event, and plans for the Caterham Festival 2011. Please get along to the AGM if you would like to volunteer to help or share your ideas for next year's Festival.

Fascinating new exhibition opens at East Surrey Museum

exhibition has new opened at East Surrey Museum in Stafford Road, Caterham, entitled: 'John and Edward Hassell - East Surrey 200 years ago and

Before the days of photography John and Edward travelled all over East Surrey painting significant buildings inside and out as they went, particularly churches. The new exhibition shows a selection of their paintings alongside a modern photograph of the same scene. Some scenes are exactly the same as they were two hundred years ago, but others are completely different, so do get along to see this fascinating exhibition for yourself.

The exhibition is running November. until early Opening hours at the muare 10am-5pm seum Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Admission is free but donations are welcome.

Bowlers help boost funds for the League of Friends

On Sunday, 26th September Peter and Jean Baker and Eric Allen from the League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital were special quests at Caterham Bowling Club to receive a cheque for £1,000, as the club's Charity of the Year for 2010.

John Nicholls, President of Caterham Bowling Club presented the cheque to a delighted Eric Allen who "Thank you very said: much to everyone for raising this money for the League of Friends. The money will go towards buying a new bladder scanner for the Outpatients Department at the Dene Hospital, which will help many local people. This indicates how we are getting a lot of support from the local community, and we are very arateful."

Caterham Bowling Club will be celebrating its Centenary year in 2011. For more information about the club call Derek Sharpe on 01737 552930. For more information about the League of Friends, call Roger Wright on 01883 382350.



President of Caterham Bowling Club, John Nicholls, centre right, with President of the League of Friends, Eric Allen at Caterham Bowling Club last Sunday.



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The Guards return to Caterham

by Old Caterhamians RFC Chairman, Steve Dalgleish

Caterhamians hosted a successful Forces Charity Day on Saturday 4th September as guards from the regiments stationed at Caterham Barracks came back to Caterham for the day. They brought with them their recruitment stand and inflatable assault course which was enjoyed by young and not so young alike.

With fair weather the public mingled between the Help for Heroes stand, Pimms Tent, Beauty Treatments, Kids Bouncy Castle, Face Painting and Raffle stands, BBO and refreshments in the club bar. Sports entertainment was provided with a demonstration from the Caterham School Ladies Lacrosse team then the main game of rugby between the Old Cats and the Guards. The match was preceded by a minute's silence and some poignant words from Peter McNeil, a local guardsman who was stationed at Caterham

Barracks. The game that followed was played in great spirit and despite the Old Cats winning 41-7 the guards never dropped their heads and said they enjoyed every minute of the game. In the evening a dinner was held in the clubhouse where traditional rugby banter was enjoyed and various items were auctioned. Income from this added to the fundraising during the day and other donations totalled approximately £3,500 to be shared between the Guards Charity, Help for Heroes and the British Legion.

Thank you to all who contributed to the day.



A patriotic tot enters the spirit of the day.

Quick Quiz

by Alec Herbert

Children's Favourites:

- 1. In which book and film is the "Tin Man" searching for a heart?
- 2. Who wrote the children's book "Budgie the Helicopter"?
- 3. What type of creature is Beatrix Potter's Mrs Tigavwinkle?
- 4. The brothers in Peter Pan were John and Michael, who was their sister?
- 5. Who was the first presenter of Children's Choice, the children's request programme originally on the Light programme (only much older children will remember that!) and subsequently on Radio 2?

Answers:

- 5. Ed Stewart
 - t. Wendy;
- y Hedgehog; .ε Sarah Ferguson; ٦.
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After hours of lifesaving training in freezing open water, members of Aquarius swimming club have achieved their 'Open Water Award' Bronze and Silver crosses this summer. The awards involve individuals rescuing one or two casualties from close to land and further from land while fully clothed, resuscitation techniques and how to to treat hypothermia, shock and drowning. The swimmers also have to take a theory

test on hazards, water safety and environmental factors.

Aquarius coach, Cathy Atkins, said: The Open Water Award is a really good achievement because being in cold open water, fully clothed, makes a real difference. It is far more realistic and closer to the situation you would encounter in an emergency." See the advert below for contact details for Aquarius Swimming Club.



Some of the Bronze and Silver Cross award winners ready for live-saving training at Woldingham School pool. From left, Aquarius coach Cathy Atkins, Charlotte Steward, Sarah Little, Ellie Adams, Alex Philips and Edmund Mortennson.

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by Andy Runacres

The season is now well underway and the start has been a mixed one so far. The season opener saw an entertaining 1-1 draw with local rivals Merstham who count themselves may unlucky not to have taken all three points after a string of fine saves by Leafe stopper, O'Hara, kept them at bay. Unfortunately, next game up we succumbed to a heavy defeat at Godalming and it was obvious that some work needed to be done before Saturday's FA



Cup game at Chipstead. For the fans the cup game ended up being an enic although the

encounter, managers of both sides were probably despairing at the quality of defending from their teams. Chipstead took an early lead and held onto it until 25 minutes in, when Leafe scored two quick goals to turn things around. Shortly before half time Chipstead scored to take the teams in level at the break. Shortly after the re-start however Leafe scored a third and looked in control of the game.

Chipstead pushed forward Leafe created two clear-cut chances to put the tie beyond reach but missed them both. They were made to pay as Chipstead scored two quick goals to take a 4-3 lead, which they held, sending Leafe out at the first hurdle for the second year running. Leafe returned to league action two days later and put the cup defeat behind them by beating Corinthian-Casuals This was followed up by a creditable 1-1 draw away to Leatherhead and a home win against Faversham. With confidence high the team travelled to Ramsgate who had had a slow start, but ended up being thumped 5-0 in a bad tempered encounter which saw Coleman sent

October sees home games against Chatham (26th) and Whitstable (30th). See you there.



Whyteleafe FC -v- Leatherhead FC, 4th September 2010. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

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by Karen Green, Volunteer Fundraiser

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Marie Curie Cancer Care's Surrey Fundraising Office would like to say a big thank you to all those who took part in the annual Happy Valley Walk

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Ros Hooper, Surrey Fundraising Manager said "Many people have commented that it was a perfect day and they were delighted to raise funds for such a worthy cause. We are pleased to announce that the event so far has raised in excess of £5,000 with more money still coming in. Well done to all the participants and thank you for making such a fantastic effort. Don't forget to sign up for next year!!!! All funds raised will make a real difference to the lives of terminally ill patients in the area". For more information about our fundraising activities, contact Ros Hooper on please 832648 01883 email or



Blooming lovely! Ann Blume and Janet Chapman dress in Marie Curie daffodil-yellow for the Happy Valley sponsored walk last month. Photograph by Ian Stratton.

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Rub shoulders with celebrities at the Malaika Kids **Celebrity Pro-Am** Golf Tournament

If you would like to play golf alongside a celebrity, tickets are selling fast for the 'Malaika Kids Celebrity Pro-Am Golf Tournament' at Foxhills Golf and Country Club at Ottershaw near Chertsey on Tuesday 5th October. Amongst the celebrities attending will be David Haye, Tim Henman, Nasty Nick Batemen, Les Ferdinand, Jimmy White, John Virgo and John Salako plus some PGA tour professionals. Caterham resident, Tracey Ampaw, is organising the event to help the Malaika Kids charity achieve its goal of creating and sustaining a Children's Village in Tanzania. The inspiration for this event came from the dedication to Malaika Kids UK shown by Haris Ahmed, a Woldingham medical student who died tragically in March aged 21. Haris was in the middle of an intensive fundraising campaign to support the building of the Children's Village and last year he raised £1,700 by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

Tracey said: "I know Haris's father, Dr

Ahmed, and he asked me if I would help to organise something that would raise a lot of money for Malaika Kids in memory of Haris. I have helpd to organise events before for the Golf Roots Foundation, and Foxhills has



Tracey Ampaw with WBA Heavyweight champion, David Haye.

been very supportive."

Alongside golf taking place at Foxhills, there will be an evening event, with a sit down meal, raffle and a charity auction with some fabulous lots on offer including a helicopter trip with Les Ferdinand and a chauffeur driven trip in a Rolls Royce to see The Lion King and meet the cast afterwards. Anyone who can is encouraged to participate. Individuals that are interested may enjoy the whole day including the golf and the evening function for £140. Those wishing to attend the meal and the charity auction in the evening are welcome with tickets at £50. Tickets can be purchased up to 3pm on 4th October by calling Tracey on 07958 668318. For more information about the event visit www.eventelephant.com/harisgolfday More information about the Malaika Kids charity can be found at www.malaika-kids.org.uk/

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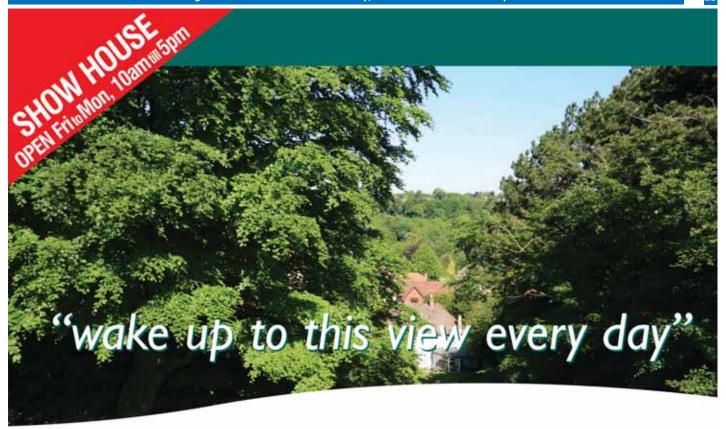


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