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# 100s of new dwellings planned for Caterham

### but policy will protect the Green Belt says Council

A Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment ('SHLAA') carried out by Tandridge District Council, has identified sites for 1,800 new dwellings in Tandridge over the next ten years, including 655 in Caterham. The figure, that includes properties already under construction, exceeds the quota set out in

the Council's Core Strategy of 2008. This means that assessment of Green Belt sites does not need to be carried out.

Caterham's quota is the largest, due to its transport links and proximity to amenities, followed by 384 dwellings for Caterham's neighbouring village of

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Whyteleafe, 62 for Hurst Green, 60 for Lingfield and 54 in Warlingham. Sites for 46 dwellings have been identified in Oxted.

One of the sites identified in Caterham as 'developable and deliverable' is for 70 dwellings on what used to be Green Belt land in Whyteleafe Road. In 1992 the land was taken out of Green Belt by the government inspector because additional land was needed for housing.



Harestone Valley Road, Caterham.

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An alternative development site became available when the soldiers moved out of Caterham Barracks so the Whyteleafe Road site remained undeveloped. In 2001 the Inspector said that although the land was not required for development at that time it should remain on the housing reserve list. A number of similar sites in other parts of Tandridge will be safe from the developers because they have retained their Green Belt status.

Bob Evans, Head of Planning at Tandridge District Council said: "We are 94% Green Belt in Tandridge and our towns and villages have limited capacity to take new development. On this basis we have secured a very low



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at about 125 a year on average. This is a lower rate than for previous years and the lowest in Surrey. Our strategy in providing land for this modest target is to protect the Green Belt and to manage such new development in our towns and villages in the best way possible under national planning law and policy. Places such as Caterham-on-the-Hill where the biggest sites have been and are available will inevitably take the most development." (Taken from a statement that can be read in full at www.cater*ham-independent.co.uk.*) Chris Windridge of the Caterham Community Partnership said: "Many of the sites identified in Caterham are currently commercial sites and I think it is very short-sighted of the Council to earmark them for housing. Although some of the sites may be unoccupied at present due to the recession we need to look to the future when the economy picks up and we want to attract new business to Cater-

ham. We will not be able to

do that if commercial sites

aet turned into housing.

housing target for our area



The ex-Green Belt land in Whyteleafe Road, Caterham, allocated 70 dwellings in the SHI AA.

Ideally I would like to see land set aside for a science and technology park in the future that will attract investment and create more jobs for local people instead of them having to leave town every day to go to work."

The assessment was carried out by members of the planning policy team, chaired by Tandridge District Councillor for Oxted North, David Weightman, and representatives from other key stakeholders. These included representatives from the Nutfield Conservation Society,



Caterham Cars in Station Avenue has the potential to provide 30 dwellings in the . next ten years.

Whyteleafe Parish Council, White & Sons commercial agents and Oxted and Limpsfield Residents Group. Cont. on page 3.



Amonast the commercial sites is the Texaco Garage in the High Street, Caterhamon-the-Hill, allocated eight dwellinas.





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Surrey County Councillor for Caterham-on-the-Hill, John Orrick, said: "After the Oaklands site and the site in Whyteleafe Road we have run out of large sites for housing and most of the other prospective dwellings will come about through degradation of our environment. It is time that some of the pain was shared elsewhere. Caterham may be odd, quirky and eccentric but it is ours and worth preservina.

Jeremy Webster, Tandridge Councillor District for Oueen's Park ward added: "It makes me sick to my stomach because the infrastructure isn't coping now and it certainly won't in the future. We certainly seem to be taking the brunt of the development in Tandridge." Figures provided by Tandridge District Council show that there has been a 29.9% increase in the number of dwellings in Caterham in the last 19 years compared with a 14.3% increase in Oxted over the same period.

Local historian, Jean Tooke,

## Book your tickets for the official launch of Ridge Radio!

The countdown to the launch of Ridge Radio is under way with the final preparations being made for when the station goes live on Saturday, 2nd April.

Last week saw the erection of the stunning new Ridge Radio sign at its premises opposite The Arc in Weston Drive, Caterham-on-the-Hill. resident, Mark Local Jones, launched the idea of a community radio station for Tandridge at a meeting at The Arc last September and received huge support from members of the public keen to be involved in the exciting new project. The station now has a team of 35 DJs and 25 behind-the-scenes people but still needs five more DJs and more technical assistants.

Mark said: "The help we have received has been brilliant. Last week I needed ladders to put up the sign so I posted the request on Facebook and by 5pm a team from The Heat Company in Warlingham, who I have no connection with, came and put up our sign! As each day gets nearer the idea becomes reality. It's so fantastic how the community has come toaether. Everyone keeps saying to me what a good job I have done but it's not me .... it is the community that has



Jeremy Webster and Jean Tooke by a plaque marking Caterham Court, demolished for redevelopment of Stanstead Road in 1926.

The Ridge Radio premises opposite

The Arc in Weston Drive, Caterham.

Listeners will be able to tune in to

hear the station online by visiting

www.ridgeradio.co.uk but Ridge

Radio can be heard on FM radio

during DeFest weekend on the 18th

The station is holding an official

launch event on Friday, 1st April

from 7pm at The Arc, Weston Drive

Caterham. Plenty of entertainment

is on offer with a free family disco

plus soft play area for the whole

family and licensed bar for the

adults. There will be an opportu-

nity to meet all the Ridge Radio

staff and DJs, plus take a live tour

of the studio. For more information

and to confirm spaces email

info@ridgeradio.co.uk or call Mark

In the meantime, you can visit the

www.ridgeradio.co.uk or visit the

website

at

Jones on 07841 065845.

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Ridge Radio Facebook page.

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author of 'Bygone Caterham' expressed concern at the effect redevelopment will have on the town's heritage, saying: "It seems such a shame to have to take down the lovely Victorian houses and replace them with modern properties.'

The SHLAA documents can be viewed by searching for SHLAA at www.tandridge. gov.uk/. However, Planning Officers said that the SHLAA is not binding and will be reviewed in the future and any concerns can be expressed to your local councillor.

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#### Popular neighbourhood Inspector retires

Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector Elaine Burtenshaw retired at the end of March after working for Surrey Police for more than 30 years. Elaine says she is proud to have served the Force for so long and although sad to say goodbye, is looking forward to what the future will bring. She said: "I am extremely proud to have been an officer with Surrey Police for almost 32 years and I value the opportunities it has given me. It has been, beyond doubt, thoroughly enjoyable and an immense pleasure, and I leave with a tear in my eye, but also looking forward to new beginnings, opportunities and challenges.

Elaine took over leadership of the neighbourhood team at the beginning of 2007, and has now handed over to Inspector Angie Austin.

When Angie joined Surrey Police in 1994 she was based at Caterham, so she will be treading familiar ground and eagle-eyed residents may recognise her as a past winner of the Caterham half marathon.

Angie began her career with Surrey Police as a beat officer



Elaine prepares for her ne role at Ridge Radio.

then spent two years with the domestic abuse team. After spending three years with the Metropolitan Police as a sergeant in the busy borough of Lewisham she transferred back to Surrey to join the response team at Reigate before in 2006 becoming a staff officer to the then Deputy Chief Constable. Shortly after this she was promoted to Inspector and worked in the Force's control room before returning to the response team at Reigate.

Her career path has now led her back to her roots in Caterham. She said: "I am keen to continue the close working relationship between the neighbourhood team, our partner agencies and the community, as I believe this goes a long way to reducing crime."

She added: "I want to give people the confidence to report anti-social behaviour to us and for them to feel assured they will receive an effective response. Additionally I want to reassure our most vulnerable victims that we will listen to their concerns and take the necessary action. Tandridge is a great place to live and work and I look forward to becoming a part of the community once



Inspector Angie Austin

again and working with you all to ensure crime remains

low and people feel safe." Elaine will still be involved with the local community when she teams up with her partner Jane to host a show on Ridge Radio.



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28 May CATERHAM ARTS FESTIVAL LAUNCH 10am - 4pm Displays of paintings for sale by local artists. Free all day parking in Morrisons

20 August MEDIEVAL DAY 10am-4pm Meet Jesters and Maids, Medieval Fancy Dress Competition in the afternoon, free face painting, free all day parking in Morrisons and community stalls.

#### 24 September PIRATES DAY 10am-4pm

Meet Captain Jack Sparrow, Caterham Sea Cadets, Pirate Fancy Dress. Competition in the afternoon, free face painting, free all day parking in Morrisons and community stalls.

#### 29 October GUYS & GHOULS DAY 10am-4pm

DI Gravedigger, Barron Blood. Halloween Fancy Dress Competition in the afternoon, free face painting, free all day parking in Morrisons and community stalls.

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Saturday, 5th November Autumn Craft and Vintage Fair



Saturday, 3rd December Christmas Craft and Jewellery Fair



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IT course students

On Tuesday, 8th March sen-

ior citizens aged from 66

to 92 received IT training

certificates from the Vice

Chairman of Tandridge

District Council, Brian Perkins. The 14 mature

students had completed

the course run by Steve

Collis of 'Get Digital'

at Uplands sheltered hous-

ing in Eden Way, Warling-

ham. The course covered

the basic aspects of com-

puter and internet use and

was funded by a grant

obtained from the govern-

ment by Tandridge District

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very good."

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After receiving his certifi-

cate, Uplands resident, 92-

year-old Frank Burchell

said: "I was afraid of the

computer at first but I can

now use the internet to

check the bus times and

find out all the news and

sport. I especially like to

follow the cricket. I have

learned how to play games

would be using computers

and the internet at my age

but I picked it up straight

away, Steve our trainer was

For more information about

the IT training sessions tak-

ing place in April contact

Steve Baker on 01883

I never thought I

### Please show your support for the Caterham Dene Hospital

cottage hospitals Manv across the UK have closed, forcing patients to travel further and wait longer for medical care that used to be available locally. However, the Caterham Dene Hospital in Church Road, Caterhamon-the-Hill remains open, and looks set to continue providing many essential services such as physiotherapy, X-ray and consultantlevel diagnosis without the need to travel to a large NHS hospital.

The League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital has a small band of volunteers that has raised thousands of

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pounds over the years to provide items of costly medical equipment to increase the range of services the hospital is able to offer its patients. Funding from the League of Friends has also paid for new furniture and improvements to the Dene's Geriatric ward.

The League of Friends needs more volunteers to continue the excellent work being done by some of the older members who will be stepping down after many years of supporting the hospital. For £5 a year you can become a 'Friend' of the Caterham Dene Hospital or they need more helpers at their big annual fundraising event, the Dene Fete, this July. To show your support please call Roger Wright on 01883 382350 or e-mail Roger at

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Children from St. Francis RC Primary School in Caterham on a recent visit to Papa John's to learn the art of pizza making.



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This month we feature Ernesto Gomez-Alzate, manager of Boots Opticians (incorporating Dollond & Aitchison) in Station Avenue, Caterham Valley.

Birthplace: Medellin in Colombia, South America.

**Marital Status:** Married to Deborah, а Welsh native!

Children: Sebastian aged 4 and Lucas 8 months.

Cars: A Nissan Primera (a Maclaren in my dreams).

Pets: In the future if the kids want the challenge.

**Childhood hero:** The Lone Ranger (still is my hero!).

**Favourite Food & Drink:** A medium beef steak and red wine.

**Favourite TV show:** Programmes on the Yester-



day channel and when I am with my children: Mr Tumble!

Pastimes: Trying to be with my wife and children as much as possible.

Likes: Relaxing by the pool in a hot country.

Dislikes: Focussing too much on the problem rather than on the solution.

Favourite books: Any that capture my attention. Currently I am reading 'Tycoon' by Peter Jones.

Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at? Those involved with illicit drugs.

**Biggest** influence on your life: My Auntie Angela and my parents.

Favourite song of all time: 'Be Happy'.

Favourite holidav destination:

Rome and Cartagena on the Caribbean coast of Colombia.

Proudest moment:

Has to be the birth of our two children.

Most embarrassing moment: When my mother-inlaw asked me the translation of the word for the 'seal' animal in Spanish. It doesn't sound very polite in English. (Look it up!)

#### Where would you most like to live?

I love living in Britain as the people are polite and helpful.

Who would you most like to meet? My ancestors.

#### If you won the Lottery iackpot, how would you spend it?

would help those that have always supported me and be a 'secret millionaire' to people that haven't given up hope.

## TVs, HiFi, and plenty of 'knowhow' at ZL AVE Solutions!

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Turning a hobby into a business may sound daunting to some but that is exactly what Malcolm Ackroyd did when he opened the doors to ZL AVE Solutions in Caterham-onthe-Hill last November.

'TV and HiFi has been a huge interest of mine for many years, and as I became more knowledgeable I decided to put my expertise to good use and open a shop," said Malcolm.

The store specialises in mid to high-end TV and HiFi equipment and top-quality cables such as Malcolm's personal favourite. Black Rhodium which he says is probably the best one on the market.

With the rising cost of petrol there is a distinct advantage in being able to purchase goods locally, and Malcolm offers the added benefits of free local delivery and installation, in-store demonstrations, expert advice and Sunday opening.

"My customers have discovered that our prices are com-



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Malcolm Ackroyd, proprietor of ZL AVE Solutions.

more high-end products simply do not seem to be available from the larger chain stores," he said.

"Although Caterham-on-the-Hill is quite built-up it is verv villagey and friendly and other traders along the High Street have been popping in to say 'hello'."

Malcolm has now expanded his range of products to include washing machines, tumble dryers, dishwashers, fridges, fridgefreezers and freezers

For more information about the products on sale in ZL AVE Solutions, call Malcolm on 01883 342227 or pop in to the store at 46 High Street, Caterham-on-the

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## Sponsored run and concert helps boost funds for new Pumas clubhouse

The building of the new clubhouse for Caterham Pumas Youth Football Club is progressing nicely but they have a shortage of money to finish some of the internal works. Pumas under 8s manager Stuart Jacob decided to do something about this and so on Saturday 19th February he organised a two mile sponsored fun run for the youngsters in the club and their parents. On a soggy day a good turnout

set off over the course struggling at times to keep their footing and not always succeeding but all managed to finish with smiles on their faces. The under 8s expect to raise £700-800 from their fun run. The fundraising efforts continued in the evening with a performance by Chicory Tip at the Village Inn in Caterham which raised a further £1,218. Well done to all who took part!

The Caterham Pumas outside their new clubhouse. Photo by Jon Harrison, www.localeventphotos.co.uk

### Tandridge Community Fund awards its first community grants

Two local community groups, 'Godstone at Play' and 'Stepping Stones' in Oxted are the delighted first beneficiaries of grants from the Tandridge Community Fund (TCF). TCF was started in 2008 by a small panel of committed Tandridge residents. It is managed by the Community Foundation for Surrey, a charitable trust which aims to inspire more giving in Surrey. TCF is creating a permanent source of funding to support voluntary, community and charitable groups in the local area by awarding grants from the interest and last year local resident David Gold, became TCF's patron.

TCF Chairman, Mike Moss, who was recently awarded an MBE for his services to the community, said: "I am delighted that we can make these first grant awards to such worthwhile local groups. It is getting increasingly difficult for local groups to find funding and we hope that over time, as more local people contribute to the Fund, we will be able to award more



Tandridge Community Fund Chairman, Mike Moss (left) with Paul, Phoebe and Joseph Marks of the Godstone at Play group on the play equipment due to be replaced this summer.

#### of these vital grants." Stepping Stones provides an essential support network for people who are living with mental health problems.

Organiser Sue Kennedy, said: "I can't express how important it is to have money like this coming in to the group. It keeps us going. Outings are essential for the benefit of the group and this grant will go towards the transport costs so is much appreciated."

Godstone at Play was also awarded  $\pounds$ 400 towards the costs of a new play space planned for Godstone Green. John Quincey from the Parish Council said: "The new play space will be the first major development on Godstone Green for many years. We're very grateful for this contribution which will help us buy a new bench for the area. The group hope that construction of the play space will start in April when it gets the go-ahead from the Planning Inspectorate with completion in time for the school summer holidays in July. For more information about the Tandridae Community Fund visit www.community-

Fund visit www.communityfoundationsurrey.org.uk/tandridge or call Chairman Mike Moss on 01883 713322.



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## de Stafford students 'go green' for St. Patrick's Day

by Emma Berry

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On 17th March some of the students of de Stafford School in Caterham celebrated St. Patrick's Day by going to school wearing green and taking part in celebrations.

The celebrations included performances of Irish poetry, songs and dancing by the students in St. Patrick's House. The event also raised money for TAG, a charity which helps Patrick House student, Megan Downs, and other young people who suffer from Arthrogryposis.

Arthrogryposis is a disability which affects the joints, causing them to stiffen, therefore restricting movement. TAG supports young people and holds activity weekends, camps, Christmas parties and social events, giving people with the disability the opportunity to talk and share their experiences.

Megan said: "I love going to TAG- it gives me confidence as I'm able to do activities



de Stafford student, Megan Downs.

that I can't normally do. I'm able to make new friends and do new things and it gives my family information so they are able to support me.'

The day was a huge success, with the total amount raised totalling £114.

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The daffodils are in bloom which means there is not long to go to this year's Rotary Bunny Fun Run, taking place on Sunday 17th April in Queen's Park, Caterhamon-the-Hill. Runners can take part in either the 1k Fun Run or the 5k Race and all registered runners who take part will receive a free Easter Egg at the end.

The 1k Fun Run takes place mostly in Queen's Park, with a slight detour into Birch Avenue and Wood The 5k Race takes Lane. runners out of the park onto a scenic course through Chaldon and Caterham-onthe-Hill ending at the finishing line in Queen's Park.

Richard York of Caterham Rotary Club, who is the main organiser of the event, said: "This is the fourth year of the Bunny Fun Run and it gets better every year - we had nearly 400 runners last year! We are raising money for a very good cause, St. Catherine's Hospice, as well as other Rotary Charities, so we want to encourage as many people as possible to join in the fun.'

The Rotary Bunny Fun Run is being generously spon-sored by Catax Taxis, Ross



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Registration costs £5 for the 5k Race and £2.50 for the 1k Fun Run. Forms can be downloaded from www.rotaryruns.co.uk, picked up from It's a Pet's Life pet shop in Chaldon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill or by 01883 346641. calling Please register by Thursday, 7th April.

There will be prizes in each run for the fastest runner as well as for the 'Best Dressed Bunnies'.

For more information about the event or to request a registration form, call The Caterham and District Inde-



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## **Caterham Harestone Rotary Club Appeal**

earthquake The and tsunami in Japan has killed more than 10,000 people and made at least 500,000 people homeless. Rotary Club charity ShelterBox are providing relief in Japan in the shape of green boxes that contain a tent, sleeping bags, multifuel stove, pots and pans and other essen-

tial equipment. Caterham Harestone Rotary Club are appealing for donations to ShelterBox and you

can donate by visiting www.justgiving.com/caterhamshelterbox. All money goes directly to ShelterBox. The Club has already donated the funds for a ShelterBox directly to the charity and have donated additional funds for a Water-Survival Box to another Rotary charity, 'World Waterworks'. Mark Pearson, ShelterBox's

Field Operations Specialist,

has extensive experience operating in disaster zones around the world. He likened the scene to the aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, saying:

"What we are seeing is the same as I saw in Banda Aceh six years ago. Huge swathes of Sendai have been reduced to rubble and further north whole towns have been completely flattened.

"We travelled to Minamisanriku, north of Sendai, and there is complete devastation, miles of debris and homes turned to matchsticks. There are food, fuel and water shortages where we are and we are in an emergency situation.

"The support we've received so far from Japan's Rotary network has been invaluable and we wouldn't have been able to operate as effectively and safely as we have without them. To keep up to date with the work of the ShelterBox charity visit www.shelter-

For more inforbox.ora. about mation Waterworks http://www.worldwaterworks.org/

Mods Rule OK at Carpet Cave!

Emmit Bradstock, the owner of Carpet Cave in Westway, Caterham-on-the-Hill, has recently pur-Caterham-onchased a 1966 LI 175 Lambretta scooter. The bike is being used by his branch manager, Killian Cherry, for going out on carpet measures and visiting customers. Emmit has had the bike overhauled and sign-written. "The bike is just a fantastic logo for the shop," said Emmit. "It draws attention and hopefully will bring a bit of busi-

ness in! People are amazed at the condition of the bike and we aim to keep the bike in its original state. We can't wait for the weather to improve so we can get out and about on it." In their Westway showroom, Carpet Cave has a vast array of carpet, wood, vinyl and Karndean flooring. The team is proud of its excellent track record for customer

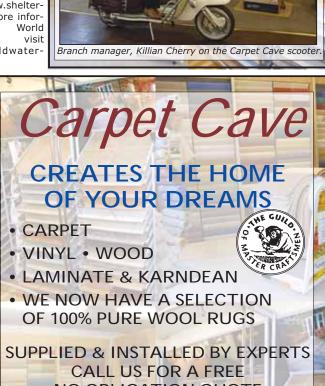
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### **Readers' Letters**

#### **Caterham Cemetery**

reference With to last month's article about Caterham Cemetery being full, I seem to recall that a year or two ago the local press reported that Tandridge District Council was planning to acauire additional ground alongside the existing burial ground, but it appears that this idea has now been abandoned, as the council claims it is under no obligation to provide burial sites.

I am sure that many older residents will be dismayed by this situation and I don't think the council position, that sites are available at Greenlawns Memorial Park, is at all acceptable, indeed it seems to me rather callous, as many Caterham residents have no connection with the Warlingham area.

It seems to me that the council has a ready solution to hand, namely the Oaklands site. My understanding is that until the building of St. Lawrence's Hospital in 1870, which is now the Oaklands site, the land was common land. Therefore, to set aside a substantial part of the site for community use and to include a burial ground, would Development of the Oaklands site will have a major impact Caterham-on-the-Hill on which has already seen substantial residential development in recent years. Local residents have had little input into any of these developments, and I note that the council has declined to produce a proper planning brief for Oaklands, instead producing only a summary of the existing pre-planning policy. This allows Langham Homes the freedom to operate as they wish within that brief, rather than taking local residents' views into consideration. I believe the Langham `consultation' meetings were no more than a PR exercise and views expressed at the meetings will not be binding. Despite all the development on the Hill, services have not kept pace with the increased population; there has been no provision of additional doctors, dentists, leisure facilities/open spaces nor any consideration for school places, which will become a critical issue within the next 10-15 years, but where will new schools be built? The

Hill risks becoming an over-

crowded urban sprawl. The

Oaklands site should have

land set aside for open space,

be entirely appropriate.

leisure and school provision, and a burial ground. I hope many other readers will share my concerns and take these up with their councillors. John Watts, Caterham.

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#### Affordable housing debate

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Councillor John Orrick is right to say that we need a grown debate on affordable housing. No-one wants to lose green belt but isn't it odd to think the problem can be solved by 'adding 4-5 homes per hamlet'? As these houses will be populated by people new to careers, perhaps with young families, people like our own children, why is it acceptable to banish them to hamlets? What about proximity to schools, shops, public transport and jobs?

John mentions Stanstead Road as an example of where things have apparently gone wrong. 'Big old houses being knocked down and replaced with five or six new ones which spoil the character of the road.' Maybe the clue is in the words 'big' and 'old', but also add 'ugly' and 'wasteful' and 'unmaintained' and 'impractical'. What is wrong with replacing such ageing housing stock, some now archaic nursing homes, whose owners clearly don't want them?



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Or transforming overlarge gardens into attractive, new, environmentally friendly units where young people can live close to transport and amenities, paying council taxes to help improve local services for all, safeguarding local building jobs and stimulating the local economy? Perhaps the debate should be extended to ask why the counwhich has cil. such a debatable record with progressing brown sites itself, as

the Rose and Young saga suggests, seems to be so focused on limiting private developments. Surely not for the benefit of vocal residents of a certain age and comfortable social status? Perhaps we should also ask where there have been developments, like at Kenley Aerodrome, why hasn't the immediate area benefited from the enormous influx of council tax? Mark Lewis, Caterham.



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## What's On

#### Open Garden at 'The Chalet'

National Garden Scheme Open Garden events are taking place at 'The Chalet' in Tupwood Lane, Caterham on Sunday 27th March and Sunday 3rd April. `The Chalet' is the home of businessman and co-owner of West Ham United football club, David Gold. The beautiful gardens will be open from 11am to 4.30pm on both days and refreshments will be on sale. Entry costs £3 and the proceeds will be going to char-Ample parking is ity. available and there is some access for the disabled.

#### Acoustic Lounge at The Arc

The Arc will be showcasing six performers from across London and Surrey at its next Acoustic Lounge event. The event will showcase undiscovered musical talent and is taking place at The Arc in Weston Drive, Caterham-on-the-Hill on cost £5 in advance or £8 on the door. Call The Arc on 01883 330380 for more information and to book tickets.

Saturday 9th April. Tickets

#### Art Exhibition

The Caterham Monday Art Club will be holding an exhibition of paintings in the Miller Centre, Croydon Road, Caterham from !st April till 10th June. The Miller Centre is open from 10am-4pm on weekdays and from 10am-12noon on Saturdays.

#### Beechwood Women's Club

On Tuesday, 5th April, Beechwood Women's Club are presenting 'A Diplomatic Life in India', a talk with slides by Joy Miles starting at 8pm. The club meets in St. Mary's Church Hall, Church Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill.

#### Munch with Music

The next Munch with Music will be on Wednesday, April 6th at St. John's Church Caterham Valley at 12.15pm. A performance of English song by Bariton, Darwell Charlton accompanied by Michael Barlow on the piano will take place from 12.45-1.20pm. Admission is free. Please bring your own 'munch'.

#### **Horticultural Show**

Caterham and District Horticultural Society are holding their Spring Show on Saturday 9th April at Hillcroft School, Chaldon Road, Caterham. The doors open at 2.30pm with the presentation of the cups and awards at 4.30pm and an auction of produce donated by the exhibitors.

#### RSPB Talk

The East Surrey RSBP are meeting on Wednesday 13th April, at 8pm at the White Hart Barn in Godstone. A very short AGM will be followed by a talk entitled 'A Celebration of Birds' by Peter Holden MBE with recollections and film clips of his 40 years' work for the RSPB. Entrance is £3 for adults and £1 for children.

#### Flower Arrangement Demonstration

On Tuesday, 19th April Chaldon and Caterham Floral Club are hosting a demonstration by Angela Merryfield entitled 'Flowers and Music' at the meeting room in the United Reformed Church Hall in Harestone Hill, Caterham Valley at 2pm. For more information call Jennifer Newland on 01883 344317.

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#### **Bunny Fun Run**

This year's annual 1k Rotary Bunny Fun Run and 5k race is taking place in Queen's Park, Caterham on Sunday 17th April. For more information see page 9. **Go to www.caterhamindependent.co.uk for more 'What's On'.** 





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## Eatin Good food and

great value at 'The **Caterham Café'** 

Review by Julia Church

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The Caterham Café in Godstone Road, Caterham Valley, is a very popular venue for catching up with friends over lunch or 'brunch'.

The light and spacious café close to St. John's Church offers child-friendly facilities with high-chairs for tots and a Children's Menu for £2.50. The café opens at 8am on weekdays and Saturdays, so early birds can start their day with a great British cooked breakfast (served all day). The price starts at just £4.20 for egg, bacon, sausage, fried slice, beans or tomatoes, two slices of bread and butter and a tea or coffee. Alternatively you can choose your own combination breakfast from a selection that includes black pudding, sausage, mushroom and even bubble and squeak! When I popped in for lunch

and a catch-up with my mother recently, we were both impressed with the choice of homewide cooked meals to choose from and the reasonable prices. Alongside the regular menu is a selection of lunchtime 'specials' starting with Soup of the Day with a Our waitress, Claire, buttered roll for £2.95 and a selection of mains including beef casserole with a tional favourites including bowl of rice for £4.95, a full Apple Pie and Custard, roast dinner (with beef, Spotted Dick and Custard, lamb or pork) for £5.95 and Sponge Treacle Roly-Poly Chicken and Bacon Salad and Chocolate Fudge Cake for £5.20, which is the with prices from £2.00-choice Mum opted for. I £2.50. The café also serves went for Spaghetti Bolog- omelettes, jacket potatoes nese from the regular and a range of sandwiches, menu, priced at £4.50. There are plenty of drinks would prefer a lighter lunch to choose from, including and also caters for those

of wines and beers. My spaghetti had a lovely weekdays and 6pm Saturmeaty bolognese sauce, days and is open on Sunwhile the salad had plenty days from 9am-4pm. There and was, Mum said: "Very filling!" When it comes to dessert,

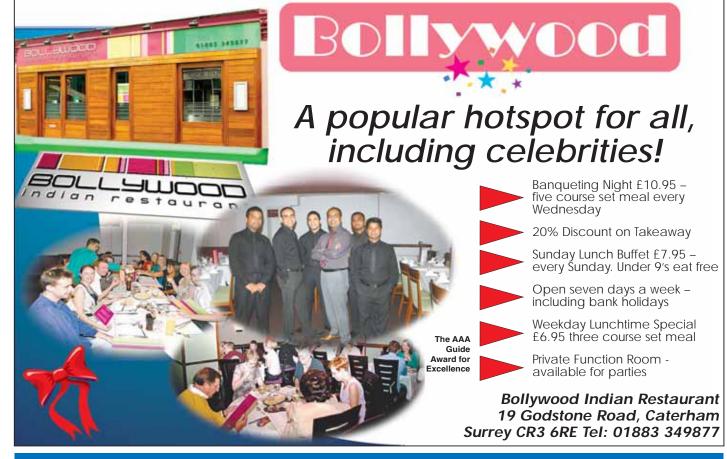


the café serves all the tradirolls and baquettes if you tea, coffee and a selection who want a take-away.

The café closes at 5pm of warm chicken and bacon are parking spaces in bays directly outside or in the Morrisons car park just yards away. Perfect!









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So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Chris a call for a free quotation on 0800 61 21 118 and he'll be happy to help!

## Whyteleafe FC by Andy Runacres

The last month has been another good one for Whyteleafe with three wins from six games and a positive move away from the relegation spots. Added to that Leafe manager, Nicky English won the Divisional Manager of the Month award for February and the team won the Divisional Performance of the Month award for their 5-4 win away at Met Police, the win that set them on their good run, which continued with back to back wins against Dulwich Hamlet (2-1) and Merstham (3-0). It seemed as if Leafe could do no wrong. However the curse of the Manager of the month award then struck. and Leafe stumbled to three consecutive defeats. Firstly a thumping 5-0 loss, away at Whitehawk, then a 4-3 defeat at home to Fleet after having lead 3-1. Finally a somewhat controversial 2-1 defeat to Met Police. The Met Police winner came in the very last minute and was scored after the referee had blown



his whistle for an infringement. Bizarrely he then turned and indicated that the goal stood. Everyone in the ground seemed aware of the law that play stops as soon as the referee's whistle is blown. Everyone, apart from the referee that Heads could have is! dropped after that little run but the new improved Leafe are made of sterner stuff. The following Tuesday they travelled to Whitstable, a side also languishing at the wrong end of the table, and came away with the three points after a 4-3 win, although again they made it hard work having been 4-1 up at one stage.

April is the last month of the season. You can be entertained on the 2nd v Burgess Hill, 22nd v Leatherhead and at the season finale on the 30th v Horsham YMCA.









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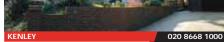
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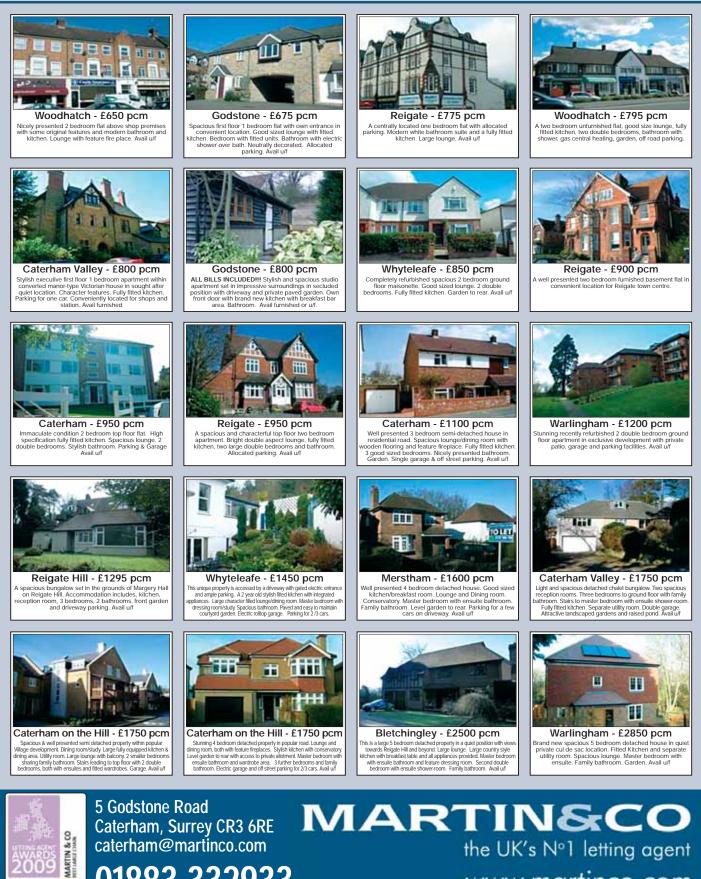


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