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Anguish as cemetery runs out of plots

Families wishing to bury their loved ones in Caterham Cemetery are being told that there is no more space available and they will have to make arrangements for a burial elsewhere. Most bereaved families are not aware of the situation until funeral plans are being made after losing a loved one. Local resident, Peter Jenner, wanted the situation highlighted in the local press following the traumatic

experience of his friend, Peter Wyer, when he lost his wife Susan in December. Mr Jenner said: "Tandridge District Council has known for some years that burial plots at Caterham Cemetery were running short but no alternative arrangements were made. This was despite the fact that an adjacent plot next to St. Mary's Church remained undeveloped for years." Speaking of his personal ex-

perience, Peter Wyer said: "Susan grew up in Caterham and so did her parents so I was horrified to find there were no spaces in Caterham Cemetery to bury her. It was harrowing having to try and find somewhere for her to be buried. You would not believe the anguish it caused, it was exhausting. In the end Susan was buried at All Saints cemetery in Warlingham." In most cases burials are now taking place at Green Lawns Cemetery in Chelsham, managed by Croydon Council. **Continued on page 2**



Caterham Cemetery

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Cemetery runs out of plots

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Mr Jenner added: "A burial at Green Lawns Cemetery costs considerably more than a burial at Caterham Cemetery. An elderly person living in Caterham who loses a family member or friend will not only find this additional cost prohibitive, the distance they will need to travel to visit the grave of a loved one will prove extremely difficult mindful of imminent cuts to local bus services between Caterham and Chelsham." A statement from Tandridge District Council said: "We agree local residents should be able to be buried alongside other members of their families, or at their local graveyard. Unfortunately, there is no more space left for burials at the Caterham Burial Ground. This is a common problem across the country and was addressed on national radio recently.

There is no statutory duty on the Council to provide a burial ground, which means it is not a priority at a time when we are trying to maintain our key services, while having to make savings. The cost of buying land and turning it into a burial ground would be considerable and the Council does not have the resources to do this, even if it was agreed. There are also planning matters to be taken into consideration.

Until about 20 years ago, cemeteries were identified in national Green Belt policy as being an acceptable item in a Green Belt. Following national Planning Policy Guidance in 1992 about Green Belts (PPG2) that presumption was removed. It is unlikely a new cemetery would now be identified as 'appropriate development' and 'very special circumstances' would need to be demonstrated to justify a grant of permission. Accordingly, planning permission has always been a major issue in terms of burial provision. Some proposals have been made, but have been withdrawn prior to a likely refusal being issued."

For more on what the Council has to say, go to www.caterham-independent.co.uk

Views differ on meeting affordable housing needs

Tandridge District Council's public consultation on planning policy, which ends on 11th March, includes an assessment as to which villages and settlements within the district should continue as Green Belt Settlements. The subject of the Green Belt raises differing opinions on Green Belt development policy within the Tandridge district.

The Council's Core Strategy adopted in 2008 requires the Council to deliver 2,500 homes between 2006 and 2026 and indicates that this will happen by the use of land within the built up areas of the district. Green Belt land will only be released if insufficient land can be found in built up areas. An assessment of what land might be available over the next 15 years is due to be considered by the Council's Planning Policy Committee on 3rd March. A spokesperson for the Council said that they anticipate there will be more than enough homes delivered to meet the requirement of 2,500 without the need to release Green Belt land. The

Council, however, is not so optimistic about meeting targets for affordable homes.

The Council has 1,661 households on the waiting list but predict they cannot deliver more than 300 units over the next 15 years. The Core Strategy noted that: "...in common with most other councils in the South East, this requirement cannot be met in full." The Core Strategy does not provide for the release of green field Green Belt land to meet this aim.

Commenting on the situation, John Orrick, Surrey County Councillor for Caterham-on-the-Hill, said: "I think it is time to have a sensible, grown up debate about it. I personally think that it is the areas of Green Belt within the built up areas that are the most important to preserve in order to protect the character of the area that we have. I think you can certainly look at expanding some of the hamlets without harming anything. You could have three or four new properties added to a hamlet without it spoiling the countryside. What we don't want is more new housing developments like in Stanstead Road in Caterham. Big old houses are being knocked down and replaced with five

or six new ones which spoils the whole character of the road."

Local property developer, Nigel Greenhalgh of Village Developments believes that releasing a tiny proportion of Green Belt green field land is the only solution. He said: "Tandridge is 94% Green Belt and we are running out of brown belt land. We only need to release 1% of Green Belt land in Tandridge to solve the housing problem. The principle function of the Green Belt policy was to prevent coalescence - the merging together of towns.

"Adding a few new houses to existing hamlets and building on sites within built-up areas will go nowhere near meeting housing requirements. We are in the middle of a national housing crisis. People's perceptions need to change because the way we are heading things will be like Victorian times again, with thousands of young people living with their parents with no chance of getting married and having a family in a home of their own. The problem is that if you mention the Green Belt there is a phobia about it. The councillors have to be proactive about dealing with housing needs."

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Housing in Tandridge (Cont. from P2)

In conclusion, John Orrick said: "The situation requires huge sensitivity on the part of developers and the planners and society has to compromise."

Residents have until 11th March to make their views known to Tandridge District Council on planning policies, including the future of villages that are currently designated Green Belt Settlements. The consultation documents can be viewed at

www.tandridge.gov.uk/Planning/PlanningPolicy/planningpolicyconsultations.htm. Copies of the documents are also available for inspection at the Council Offices in Oxted as well as at Caterham Valley and Oxted Libraries.

Do you have an opinion on how to meet affordable housing needs in Tandridge? Please send your views to The Caterham and District Independent, 33 High Street, Caterham, Surrey CR3 5UE, e-mail: editor@caterham-independent.co.uk.

Parish council plants new cedar trees in Caterham-on-the-Hill



Parish Councillors Sarah Burningham (left) and Mary Mountain preparing for the tree planting on Salmon's Lane Green.

On Tuesday, 8th February, members of Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council helped to plant a new cedar tree on Salmons Lane Green, one of two new cedar trees being planted on the Hill to compliment the famous landmark in the High Street.

The green was bathed in glorious sunshine while Parish Councillors Mary

Mountain and Sarah Burningham helped dig the hole for the new tree.

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matters can be dealt with away from the public area. Commenting on this proposal, Surrey County Councillor and Parish Councillor John Orrick said, "I am delighted that District and Parish councillors, irrespective of political party, are co-operating in this experiment. It is a good opportunity for the public to let us know what they think on any local matter".

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Caterham Carnival 2011

The Caterham Carnival Committee have announced the beneficiaries of this year's event, which last year raised £9,000 for local good causes. The 2011 beneficiaries will be the 8th Caterham Scout Group, The Arc arts and recreation centre and the Whyteleafe FC Youth Team. The 8th Caterham Scout group is based in the pavilion in The Village, Caterham-on-the-Hill and is Caterham's newest Scout

group having opened in September 2009. The group needs to boost its funds to acquire more tentage and other camping equipment. The Arc is raising money to renovate the old gymnasium and turn it into a community theatre and cinema. The boost to Whyteleafe FC's funds will go towards meeting the FA Charter Standards, enabling the club to run training courses in areas that include coaching, first aid and child welfare. For more information about the Caterham Carnival, call Martin Vaux on 01883 345678.



Caterham Carnival Committee members Martin Vaux (far left) and Andy Parr (far right) with representatives of this year's carnival beneficiaries at Whyteleafe FC.

Burtenshaw's Beat

by Tandridge
Neighbourhood Inspector
Elaine Burtenshaw



Since the start of the year I have been chronicling my first twenty years as a police officer and now the final decade. I sat the promotion exams leading to my final posting in Tandridge and on April Fool's Day 2001 I was promoted to Sergeant working in custody at Epsom. It was a challenge after ten years in child protection and also not having worn a uniform for that length of time. In 2002 I moved to the Targeted Patrol Team, who provide a 24-hour response. I also became a negotiator, a challenging role assisting people in times of need. In 2002 I was lucky enough to be part of the police contingent to march before the Queen on her Golden Jubilee; what a day! I was a Community Safety Sergeant in Staines before being promoted to Inspec-

tor in 2005 and moving back to Reigate. The TPT response team I looked after covered Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead and Tandridge. Finally in 2007 I became Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector. It is difficult to express in words how I have felt writing this last column. Why? Because it means I am now in my last month of service as a Police Officer in Surrey. I would like to thank all the people I have worked with; the many police officers and staff, statutory and voluntary partners and last but not least the public. It has been an immense pleasure. I retire with so many memories happy, sad and demanding but I wouldn't

change or alter one of them as without a doubt they have developed me as a person. Professionally thank you to Tandridge community for the support you have shown me. Thanks also to my neighbourhood team who have been great supporting and responding to what often were short notice operations to keep crime low and catch the baddies in Tandridge. I will miss you. Personally, thank you to my son Dean for his love and support to his mum being a cop and to my partner again for love and support and I cannot wait until the day in May for our partnership. My best wishes to you all for the future.....goodbye.

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Boots store manager, Ian Fleming and Franchise Development Manager for Boots, Jenny Robinson were amongst the guests who joined Ernesto, Debbie and Kim for the celebrations to mark the new merger.

Ernesto Gomez, manager of Boots Opticians, said: "The merger is really exciting and good news for Caterham. We have had a lot of compliments about our 'new look' and the changes we have made inside the store. One important thing has stayed the same though - my wife, Debbie the optometrist and our assistant Kim and myself are still here to serve our customers, as we have since we first opened in February 2009."



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Rachel Strutton has been



Face2Face befrienders, from left, Lesley Tinker, Chris Braidwood and Sarah Barwick.

attending the Face2Face coffee mornings for just over a year. She said: "If a child with special needs goes to school on transport, parents do not get the chance to meet and chat at the school gates like at other schools. The coffee mornings are a really good opportunity for parents to get together and have an informal chat."

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Let's celebrate World Book Night

by Sam Gyimah MP



Sam Gyimah MP

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Children:

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Pets: Nil.

Childhood hero:

Any Celtic footballer.

Favourite Food & Drink:

Fine fish and wine.

Favourite song of all time:

'We are the Champions' by Queen.

Pastimes:

My Family, gardening, exercise and reading theology.

Likes: Dinner parties.

Dislikes: Injustice.

Favourite TV show:

'Doctor Who' and 'Lark Rise to Candleford'.

Favourite books:

The Bible.

Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at?

Arthur Scargill and Margaret Thatcher whose egos ruined the mining industry.

Favourite holiday destination:

Isle of Arran.

Biggest influence on your life: Jesus.

Proudest moment: Ordination.

Most embarrassing moment:

Forgetting a previous girlfriend's name.

Where would you most like to live?

Where ever God wants me to live.

Who would you most like to meet?

Maximillian Kolbe martyr to the Nazis.

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

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Rotarians visit Church Walk to promote 'End Polio Now' project



The Rotary 'End Polio Now' stall in Church Walk, Caterham.

Members of the Caterham Rotary clubs have been out in force promoting their 'Focus on the Crocus' project in Church Walk, Caterham, lately. On Saturday 19th and Saturday 26th February the Rotarians, along with a giant white rabbit, have been telling shoppers about their goal of eradicating polio worldwide in the next five years. Crocus bulbs planted last October are now bursting into

bloom, their purple colour symbolic of the dye used to mark a little child's finger once they have been vaccinated against polio. Mike Smith, Chairman of Caterham Rotary said: "'End Polio Now' really does save lives. It's wonderful to think that we are giving tiny children in countries thousands of miles away a chance at avoiding this crippling disease which can sometimes claim lives."

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church grounds, Morrisons car park, or on Harestone Hill. The club still offers a wonderful array of demonstrators, cups of tea, trips to great gardens and friendly faces.

On 15th March Sue Aston will explain and demonstrate her 'Barking Mad' arrangement. Visitors are very welcome. For more information please ring Jennifer Newland on 01883 344317.

de Stafford disco delights students!

by de Stafford student, Emma Berry.

Love was in the air when de Stafford School Council held a Valentine's disco on the 17th February to raise money for the school. Over 100 students attended the evening celebrations, which included performances from the school dance group, music from a live DJ and a heart-shaped net of pink balloons which were released over the dance floor. The celebrations ended with a performance from Elesha Moses, who was one of Louis Walsh's boot camp contestants in last year's X Factor. Elesha sang a variety of songs to a delighted audience, before she was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Year seven de Stafford student, Sam McCarthy-King said: "Elesha



X Factor star, Elesha Moses, takes centre stage at the de Stafford Valentine's disco.

was amazing and everyone loved her performance. It's been a really enjoyable evening with a fun atmosphere. I hope they do this again next year, everyone's had a great time!"

Valentine's Competition Winner

Congratulations to Sandra Jones from Caterham who answered correctly that there were 40 heart shapes on page 15 of the February edition of The Caterham and District Independent. Sandra won a Valentine's dinner for two at The Comodor restaurant in Caterham.

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Pupils record CD for National Sing-Up Day

On Wednesday 9th February, choirs from four local primary schools recorded a CD for the National Sing-Up Day Singing Festival. The recording took place at St. Francis RC Primary School in Caterham-on-the-Hill, the current Sing Up Gold Award holders. The choirs from Hillcroft, Audley, Marden Lodge and St. Francis RC Primary Schools, were accompanied by professional musician David Palmer who composed one of the pieces, 'The Lord is My Shepherd' from Holy Boy. The children had been prac-

tising the specially-selected songs in their own schools, culminating in the production of the CD. The collaborative project captured the essence of the 'Sing Up' programme, that is to encourage schools to use singing as a tool to improve learning and confidence and to bring communities together.

Music teacher, Karen Hardy, said afterwards: "It was a fantastic afternoon, really exciting. For me it has been a real privilege going into each school to work with the children.

To order a copy of the CD contact St. Francis School on 01883 342005.



Karen Hardy conducts the St. Francis School choir during the National Sing-Up Day Singing Festival.

Youth groups set to benefit from Youth Opportunity Fund

by Emma Berry

Local youth organisations were invited to put in a bid for cash from the Youth Opportunity Fund at interviews held at Street Youth Centre recently. The youngsters gave presentations to the centre's 'Funds 4 Youngz' committee, explaining how the money would benefit the young people in Caterham.

Funds 4 Youngz was formed in December, by a group of young people from Street and CR3 Soldiers youth group following an approach by Youth Opportunity Funds, who had over £20,000 to allocate to voluntary groups for young people in Caterham. The committee was then given the task of deciding which local groups would receive funding and how much they would get.

The eight groups that included Caterham Pumas football club, Ridge Radio and Caterham Scouts, were given five minutes to present their bid, before the



The Funds 4 Youngz committee interview an applicant at Street Youth Centre.

committee asked questions. Rees Asiedu from the committee said: "The presentations were really good and it's going to be difficult to decide on who gets the funding. This is a great way of deciding how the money is spent as it empowers

young people and we understand what other young people want."

See the April edition of The Caterham and District Independent to find out how the Funds 4 Youngz committee has decided to allocate the money.

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What's On

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Barn Dance

The Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions are holding their very popular annual Barn Dance on Saturday 5th March at St Catherine's School, Bletchingley. Tickets cost £10 and include a buffet supper. There will also be a licensed bar. Tickets are available from Lesley Day on 01883 346329 or John Quincey on 01883 742680.

Bedrock Concert

Caterham Overseas Aid Trust is presenting a rock event with 'Bedrock' on Friday 1st April at the Sacred

Heart Church Hall, EsSENDENE Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill. The event starts at 8pm and tickets cost £12 from Phil on 01883 341063 or Margaret on 01883 380104.

Jumble Sale

The 3rd Caterham (St. John's) Scout Group are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 19th March from 2pm-4pm at the Scout hut at 105 Godstone Road, Caterham Valley. Entrance is 20p. For more information or to give donations please call 07948 979594.

Art Exhibition

Caterham Art Group are holding an exhibition in the Miller Centre in Croydon Road, Caterham Valley until Friday 1st April. The Miller Centre is open from 10am-4pm on weekdays and from 10am-12noon on Saturdays.

For more local events go to 'What's On' at www.caterham-independent.co.uk

Let's all swim together for Marie Curie Cancer Care



Swimmers in Caterham and Oxted will be making a splash for charity on Saturday 9th April and Sunday 10th April as they complete the Swimathon 2011 challenge at Tandridge Leisure Centre or de Stafford Sports Centre, helping to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. The pools are two of over 580 pools taking part nationwide in Swimathon 2011, with swimmers aiming to raise more than the £2 million raised by Swimathon 2010. The world's biggest fundraising swim is the perfect way to get ready for summer on a healthy note. Swimming is proven to be a great form of exercise whatever your ability, relaxing for mind and body, and

helps to build endurance, muscle strength and cardiovascular fitness. Swimmers will have longer to train for their 1.5k, 2.5k or 5k challenge and they will also enjoy half price entry. Tandridge Leisure's Lisa O'Donnell said: "Swimathon is fantastic as it brings our community together as they raise money for charity, and provides them with a great challenge." Individual and team entries to Swimathon 2011 are open until 6th April 2011. To enter go online to www.swimathon.org or call 0845 36 700 36. For more information, contact Lisa O'Donnell at lodonnell@tandridgeleisure.co.uk or telephone her on 01883 716717.

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New mediation service launched in Warlingham

On Monday, 31st January, the Solicitor General, Edward Garnier QC and Jonathan Djanogly, the Legal Aid Minister, paid a visit to the Elizabeth House Medical Practice (EHMP) in Limpsfield Road, Warlingham to observe the new Free Advice and Mediation Surgery.

Local solicitor, June Venters QC and Dr Hinkes and Dr Cohen from EHMP founded the surgery after they decided there was scope for looking at how their different vocations could work together for the good of the local community. They explained to the visitors that referrals between the legal and medical professions can enhance the services provided and reduce the burden often placed on the medical profession from treating the physical symptoms caused by family and relationship breakdowns. They added that it is often the GPs who first hear about the problems divorce causes which is why the link up with mediators is important.

June Venters QC, who is also a qualified Family and Child Consultant Mediator explained: "We need to help the public understand what mediation is about.



Discussing the new Mediation Service around the table, from left, seated, Euan Davidson (Mediator), Edward Garnier QC, Solicitor General, Jonathan Djanogly (Legal Aid Minister), Susan Nathan; Standing, from left, June Venters QC, Dr Derek Hinkes and Dr Howard Cohen.

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Review by Julia Church

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I tried out the new menu recently with my sister Helen and she straight away commented on the ambience of the restaurant, saying that it has a "nice Mediterranean feel", and she particularly liked the colour scheme!

After a warm welcome we settled down and browsed the menu. The starters were mainly seafood choices, such as squid, mussels and whitebait but also included 'Antipasto di carne', Italian cured meats and 'Torellini in brodo', clear

consomme soup with tortellini pasta. We, however, were tempted by two Specials - Crayfish Tails in cocktail sauce with salad for Helen and King Prawns with garlic butter, white wine and lemon for me.

The starters looked very appetising when they arrived and "Gorgeous" was Helen's first reaction on tasting the Crayfish Tails!

The King Prawns were a real treat and whetted my appetite beautifully for the main course to come.

We had arrived early, but by the time we had finished our starters the restaurant was filling up with other diners who were warmly greeted by the new owner, Francesco. The friendly and attentive service added further to our enjoyment and the food was served promptly.

I continued the fishy theme with my main course, 'Rospo alla mostarda' - beautifully succulent Monk medallions fried with mushrooms, English mustard,



Our delicious starters of Crayfish Tails (top) and King Prawns.

herbs, wine and cream. Helen chose the 'Vitello Alla Romana', Veal escalope cooked with Parma ham, sage and a white wine sauce, which she said was "Rich and very tasty".

The selection of vegetables that accompanied our meal were cooked to perfection.

Our desserts of strawberry cheesecake for me and the cheeseboard for Helen finished our dining experience at La Fiaba beautifully.

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Readers' letters

Local 'eyesores'

With regard to your lead article last month regarding the Rose & Young site, this seems to be going in the right direction regarding the awful eyesore which has blighted Croydon Road for about 18 years. However like most people who have lived in Caterham for years, "We'll believe it when we see it happen".

It is a shame though that the site cannot be developed to entertain the public, i.e. a cinema etc., as

opposed to yet more desres or retirement homes.

The next eyesore to sort out is that mess on the fork of Chaldon Road and Westway common in Caterham-on-the-Hill. I believe it was the old Pinewood Rover garage. The whole building was ripped down leaving just a long wall with broken windows and lumps of metal girders sticking up through the ground. It is an absolute eyesore. Can anyone tell me what is happening with that site?

**Paul Duncanson,
Caterham.**

Rose & Young

Having read the article about the Rose & Young site and being a regular visitor to the Valley I have to say I am a little surprised at Sally Marks' remark of 'almost anything'...

I also understand the rates have not been collected by the council for this site for numerous years. If that is the case I am not surprised that the owners were not interested in helping the community by letting them utilise the car parking area. This would also have some bearing on the fact they are not in any hurry to sell.

I do hope that it will not be just another block of retirement flats? It would be nice to try and encourage some business back to that end of the Valley, have shop units and parking, in fact even car parking space that could double up as a market place one day a week or month. The parking at this end of the Valley is dire at the best of times.

I will watch in anticipation and hope that someone with a little imagination will rescue this site.

**Mrs L Barnett,
Warlingham.
540 bus service**

I was horrified to read of the proposal to withdraw the 540 bus service to East Surrey Hospital.

Although at present this is only a restricted service it is vital, being the only direct one through Chaldon to the hospital. To cut it completely would cause a lot of real hardship to so many residents who do not drive or own a car and therefore rely on it. I do sincerely trust this will be reconsidered.

**Mrs N Keats,
Caterham.**

Christmas tree collection

The Rotary clubs of Caterham and Caterham Round Table raised £1,634.51 at their Christmas tree collection in Caterham and district. This amount was down on the 2009 collection due to snow forcing the cancellation of the collection on several nights. We are sorry for any disappointment this may have caused, but Santa and his sleigh will be back next Christmas!

All monies raised will go towards Rotary charitable causes.

Caterham Rotary Club

Quick Quiz

by Alec Herbert
Five for fun on March

1. According to a traditional saying March comes in like a? and goes out like a?
2. Which historical figure is credited with the quote "An army marches on its stomach"?
3. The month of March is named after the Roman god of what?
4. The market town of March is in which English county?
5. What name is given to the English quarter day which falls on 25th March?

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Whyteleafe FC

by Andy Runacres

Football matches are often described by commentators as a game of two halves. Well for Whyteleafe it has just been a month of two halves. The period started with a very difficult run of matches against teams in the top echelon of the division, which resulted in three straight losses; 5-1 to Bognor Regis, 2-1 to Whitehawk and 4-0 to Burgess Hill. These results saw Leafe drop into the relegation places and to compound matters we lost striker Agyei who returned to Leatherhead. Faced with a striking crisis Leafe manager Nicky English took the step of promoting youth team player Ryan Thomas to the starting line up, a move that signalled a remarkable upturn in form, with Leafe going on to win three of the next four games and Thomas scoring five goals in the process. First up was a remarkable 5-4 roller coaster of a victory over second placed Met Police, who had only lost two games all season.



Goal scorer Ryan Thomas making his debut in a match against the Metropolitan Police last month. **Photo by Steve Ball.**

Thomas marked his starting debut with a brace of goals. There was a dip in the next fixture when Leafe lost at 5-2 at home to Walton and Hersham though there were clear signs of improvement, and the scoreline definitely flattered the visitors. Back to back 2-1 wins followed, firstly at home to Godalming and then at Chatham, which pulled Leafe out of, but not clear of the relegation zone.

With two months to go a big effort is needed to pick up the points that will secure our divisional status.

It promises to be a rocky ride and you can catch a part of the action at Church Road during March: on 8th v Fleet, 12th v Met Police and 26th v Walton Casuals. More action photos taken by Steve Ball can be viewed at <http://sbphotography.fo-liopic.com>.

Keep up to date with all the action from Whyteleafe FC via www.theleafe.co.uk, twitter @WhyteleafeFC or on Facebook.

The importance of setting goals

by Steve Robertson
Master Personal Trainer



Steve Robertson

It's that time of year when we are trying to keep our New Year promises; I wonder how many of you are still on the right track?

A lot of people fail at exercise regimes or programmes, not for lack of focus or motivation but because they have no firm direction. It's not enough to want to exercise or to get a bit fitter, or to diet and lose some weight, although these approaches may be effective in the short term and will have positive health benefits. Before you embark on a health routine or fitness programme, it's imperative that you set yourself clear and realistic goals.

How to set goals

Be tough on yourself. Only you can take the decision to improve, neglect or disregard your health totally. It may help to think back to any previous health regimes and consider why they failed. Perhaps they were impractical and you couldn't fit them into your life. What

was the stumbling block? Examine your performance when considering how well you have managed to stick with fitness programmes in the past. Use the word 'performance' because the aim is to evaluate your previous attempts in just the same way that you might evaluate a work project. Ask yourself why should your own health plan be any different in terms of importance, effort and commitment from something related to work? You might manage to go to work every day without problems, yet fitting in a workout or resisting chocolate is a huge effort that seems impossible to make. Is your work really more important than your health? Sometimes it's hard to see how you can incorporate fitness into your life, but it's important to strive towards a balance, because being fit and healthy has benefits for every aspect of your life. Treat your commitment to your own health and fitness like an important work project, and devote to them the time they deserve.

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The team have just launched their brand new website www.woodhousefinancial.co.uk. It features news, property investment opportunities and mortgage best buy tables. You can log on and



Errol Woodhouse (left) and Leion Dillon.

find up to the minute deals from all lenders on the market. You can also use the website to email the team for more information or to arrange a meeting.

Errol said, "Although some customers are happy to use our powerful comparison tools online to help them find the right mortgage for their needs, we know that many customers require further help from experts who can guide them through the decision-making process. Times are hard, so the advice has to be tailored to the individual's need".

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First Kenley 10k Race is a soaring success!

On Sunday, 30th January, 250 runners of all abilities took part in the first ever Kenley 10k Race held at Kenley Aerodrome. The runners braved the crisp weather and chilling cross-wind to complete just over three circuits of the perimeter track. The race, sponsored by Caterham business Ross Cycles, attracted runners from across the South East as well as local athletes and recreational runners.

For many it was their first visit to Kenley Aerodrome and the sight of the gliders taking off and landing in the middle of the field was an unusual distraction! The event was in aid of Help for Heroes, making the venue with its wartime heritage especially meaningful for all those who took part.

Ross Mutrie, owner of Ross Cycles and his friend Cedric Crooks were amongst the first wave of runners to cross the finishing line.

Ross said: "The race has



And they're off! Runners set off on the first Kenley 10K Race.



The winner, Paul Navesey from Crawley AC (right) and runner-up, David Ogden from the South London Harriers.



Sponsor of the event, Ross Mutrie (right) and Cedric Crooks after crossing the finishing line.

proved to be really popular and was fully-subscribed. There has been a great atmosphere and I'm delighted that this is to be a new annual event."

You can view all the race results at www.southernrunningguide.com. More photos can be viewed at www.caterham-independent.co.uk.

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Who wants to be a Volunteer?

by Marion Piggott



Reduced funding – budget cuts – spending reviews – whatever it is called matters little – the outcome is the same. Someone, somewhere, will be trying to achieve as much or more with limited resources. Such short term measures are now commonplace and will probably be remembered as a mark of our times.

Tandridge, by contrast, is home to a long term initiative - the Tandridge Community Fund. It is forward looking, optimistic and aims to support and encourage local community and voluntary groups. This charitable trust inspires giving in Tandridge through donations and legacies, creating a permanent source of funding. It'll make a real difference to the well-being of local families, our friends and neighbours. As interest accumulates it will be awarded in grants to support projects in our area. One project soon to benefit is a small playgroup. One founding member recently explained: "It would really help if there were a

few other people out there who could join our small panel and use their skills and expertise to help build the fund. We meet monthly on a Wednesday evening." If you have experience of administration, marketing, publicity, possess business know-how or simply have a genuine interest in supporting the community please consider giving your time to an optimistic project focused on the future.

For more information about all volunteering issues please ring me, Marion Piggott, at the Volunteer Centre, 01883 344444, email: caterhamvc@owen29.wanadoo.co.uk, or visit our website: www.surreycommunity.info/tvsc/. Alternatively, meet us every first Friday of the month in Warlingham library 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

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 A purpose built retirement flat situated within quarter mile of Caterham town centre. The flat was originally designed with two bedrooms but now features an open plan lounge with dining area. There is also a separate fitted kitchen and bathroom with walk in shower as well as storage cupboards.

CATERHAM £250,000



CATERHAM 01883 349114
 A substantially refurbished, three bedroom detached bungalow with open plan living space and gardens that have been landscaped for ease of maintenance. Featuring a refitted kitchen/diner, refitted bathroom, gas heating and double glazing the property is within half a mile of local shops and Coulsdon Common.

CATERHAM £175,000



CATERHAM 01883 349114
 A two bedroom, first floor, purpose built maisonette with the benefit of its own garage and private garden as well as share of freehold. The property is situated close to local shops and transport links as well as being with half a mile of Coulsdon Common.

CATERHAM £425,000



CATERHAM 01883 349114
 A four bedroom, detached house situated in a popular, cul-de-sac location. The property has been significantly improved by the current owners including a refitted kitchen/dining room, bathroom and conservatory. There is driveway and garage parking as well as level gardens with decked area.

KENLEY £180,000



KENLEY 020 8668 1000
 Two double bedroom terrace, two receptions including large kitchen, gas central heating, and rear garden. Access to three stations, bus routes, and school catchments. No onward chain.

WHYTELEAFE £145,000



KENLEY 020 8668 1000
 One bedroom purpose built, middle floor apartment in modern development in Whyteleafe. Own and communal parking, GCH, double glazing, own balcony with rear views.

WHYTELEAFE £158,000



KENLEY 020 8668 1000
 An extremely spacious two double bedroom, two reception, maisonette with updated kitchen and bathroom, GCH, double glazing and no onward chain.

WHYTELEAFE £101,250



KENLEY 020 8668 1000
 High quality shared ownership apartment. Integrated kitchen with breakfast area, open plan lounge, gated and allocated parking, road and rail links to London and the South East.

SALMONS LANE GUIDE PRICE £200,000



KENLEY 020 8668 1000
 Two bedroom first floor conversion flat, rural views, requiring modernization, approx quarter mile to station. Ample parking, garage en-bloc, and no onward chain.

WARLINGHAM £235,000



KENLEY 020 8668 1000
 Two double bedroom apartment with spectacular views across the valley. Contemporary style to show flat standard, includes tandem garage and communal grounds. No onward chain.

**Whyteleafe - £850pcm**

Completely refurbished spacious 2 bedroom ground floor maisonette conveniently located for 2 mainline train stations. Good sized lounge. Fully fitted kitchen. Garden to rear.

**Caterham On The Hill - £925pcm**

Recently refurbished 2 double bedroom semi-detached house. Lounge with feature fireplace and open tread staircase leading to bedrooms. Modern galley kitchen. Bathroom. Garden. Avail u/f.

**Caterham - £950pcm**

This is a charming character two bedroom cottage within minutes walk of Caterham town centre and offers easy access to the train station. Two reception rooms. Modern fitted kitchen. Attractive bathroom. Garden. Avail u/f

**Caterham On The Hill - £1100pcm**

Well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached house in residential road. Spacious lounge/dining room. Fully fitted kitchen. Nicely presented bathroom. Garden. Single garage & off street parking. Avail u/f

**Warringham - £1200pcm**

Stunning recently refurbished 2 double bedroom ground floor apartment in exclusive development with private patio, garage and parking facilities.

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**Caterham On The Hill - £1450pcm**

Stunning character end of terrace town house. Open plan kitchen and breakfast room. Lounge. Master bedroom with fitted wardrobes and ensuite shower room. Family bathroom. Garden and double garage.

**Whyteleafe - £1450pcm**

This unique property is accessed by a driveway with gated electric entrance and ample parking. A 2 year old stylish fitted kitchen with integrated appliances. Large character filled lounge/dining room. Master bedroom with dressing room/study. Spacious bathroom. Courtyard garden. Parking for 2/3

**Merstham - £1600pcm**

Well presented 4 bedroom detached house. Good sized kitchen/breakfast room. Lounge and Dining room. Conservatory. Upstairs is the master bedroom with ensuite bathroom. 3 further bedrooms with family bathroom. Level garden to rear and parking for a few cars on driveway.

**Warringham - £1750pcm**

A newly built executive 3 bedroom detached house in a small crescent. Top spec kitchen. Spacious lounge/dining room. Master bedroom with ensuite shower room. Family bathroom. Good sized front and rear gardens. Garage and parking for 2 cars

**Caterham - £1750pcm**

Light and spacious detached chalet bungalow. Two spacious reception rooms. Family bathroom. Master bedroom with ensuite shower-room. Fully fitted kitchen. Double garage. Attractive landscaped gardens and raised pond.

**Banstead - £1750pcm**

Well presented 4 bedroom detached house conveniently located for Banstead and Coulsdon town centres. Spacious fitted kitchen/breakfast room. Separate utility area. Lounge. Dining room. 4 bedrooms. Family bathroom. Integral garage. Driveway parking. Patio and garden to rear

**Caterham On The Hill - £1800pcm**

Spacious & well presented semi detached property. Large fully equipped kitchen & dining area. Conservatory. Large lounge. Family bathroom. Stairs leading to top floor with 2 double bedrooms, both with ensuites and fitted wardrobes. GFCH. D/G.

**Bletchingley - £2500pcm**

This is a large 5 double bedrooms detached property in a quiet position with views towards Reigate Hill and beyond. Large lounge. Large country style kitchen. Master bedroom with ensuite bathroom and feature dressing room. Family bathroom. Garden with patio area and a separate wooded play area. Avail u/f



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A well presented first floor 2 bedrooms maisonette offering ensuite basin and W.C, modern fitted kitchen and shower room, gas central heating and double glazing throughout. Outside offers parking for residents and private garage en bloc.
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A detached 2 bedroom bungalow on a corner plot benefiting from 2 receptions, garage, off street parking (multiple vehicles), double glazing and gas central heating
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£750,000**CATERHAM**

A four bedroom detached family home with carriage driveway, level rear garden and boarded loft space with skylight window situated in a popular cul-de-sac location and offered with no onward chain **UPC0665**

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