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become a household name for millions of F1 fans across the globe, Andy Noble, Sales and Marketing Director at Caterham Cars, said: "The new Caterham F1 car is being launched at the end of January and the plan is to be fighting for points next year, which is something we couldn't hope for this year. We are investing in the team, the personnel and the

facilities and I am really excited about our involvement with F1. We will be selling F1 merchandise in the showroom so it will be nice to see fans of Formula 1 in here." Caterham Cars will be re-branding in 2012 so there will be a common brand of green, yellow and white colours across the Caterham Group. Owned by Tony Fernandez, the Caterham Group consists of a range of automotive, motor racing technology and innovation companies (see www.team-lotus.co.uk/news/2011/caterham-group). **Cont. on P2.**



One of the 'Team Lotus' F1 cars from last season, that has been renamed the 'Caterham F1 Team' ready for 2012.

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Andy has been in discussions with the organisers of the Caterham Festival with regard to a possible Soap Box Race down Church Hill in Caterham as part of the Festival activities next summer with teams from local organisations invited to take part.

"It is just the gem of an idea at the moment," said Andy. "It would be a great way to showcase the design and technology departments of local schools as well as other F1 teams that may want to join in. Other towns have quirky events like the Gloucester Cheese Rolling, why not Caterham? "Church Hill would be a fantastic track to do it on, nice and steep, but we would need the co-operation of the council and local people."

Andy would like to know what members of the community think about the idea of a Soap Box Race and also their thoughts generally on Caterham Cars being in town. The company's future in Caterham is uncertain as

the lease on their premises in Station Avenue is due to expire soon which means they may be forced to look for a new location for their showroom.

Andy said: "We would really like to know if people in Caterham like us being here and want us to stay. Personally, I like Caterham Cars being in this location, especially because of the name and it suits our customers too."

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To enter the competition simply answer the question below and the winning entry will be drawn at random by an independent adjudicator from the correct entries. Entrants must have a full driving license. To be entered into the draw, please also tell us briefly if you would like to see Caterham Cars stay in Caterham and your reasons why.



This is for research purposes only and entries will not be judged on the comments given. The name of the winner will be published in next month's edition of The Caterham and District Independent. For more information about the Caterham Driving Experiences go to <http://experience.caterham.co.uk/>

**Question: When is the new Caterham F1  
Team car being launched in 2012?**

A) January; B) March; C) July.

Please post your answer, A, B or C to: 'Caterham Slalom Experience Competition, the Caterham and District Independent, 33 High Street, Caterham CR3 5UE or e-mail your answer to [info@caterham-independent.co.uk](mailto:info@caterham-independent.co.uk) by Wednesday 18th January. Please remember to tell us in a couple of sentences if you would like to see Caterham Cars stay in Caterham and your reasons why. One entry per person.

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## Action group fights development proposals for former hospice site

Residents bordering on the site of the former Marie Curie Hospice in Harestone Valley Road, Caterham Valley have formed an action group to oppose the proposals by Independence Homes Limited for the site. The group has commissioned advice from London-based planning consultancy firm, Quod Planning, who have written a letter to Tandridge District Council ('TDC') expressing the group's concerns. This follows the release by TDC of the details of the pre-contract discussions between CBP Architects for Independence Homes and the planning officers at TDC. The purpose of the group is to ask for the proposals in Planning Application TA/2011/1316 to be refused and then provide a body for further, proper consultations on the site's redevelopment.



The former Marie Curie Hospice building.

The proposals in the planning application are for the erection of an apartment building consisting of 15 two-bed and ten one-bed apartments, a 20-bed care home, three terraced houses, a pair of five-bedroom semi-detached houses and a two storey office building with parking. In a detailed letter sent to TDC dated 7th December, Quod Planning sets out the group's concerns and why the application should be refused. One of the main areas of concern is the density of the proposed devel-

opment which the group believes should be reduced to preserve the character and distinctiveness of the area. Residents in properties that overlook the site are invited to join the action group and can contact Mike Smith at [masmasonbrook@msn.com](mailto:masmasonbrook@msn.com) for more information. TDC is still considering comments with a view to making a decision in the New Year. To make a comment visit [www.tandridge.gov.uk](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk), go to 'Planning and Building Control' and search for Planning Application No. TA/2011/1316.

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## Thieves steal memorial plaques from cemetery

Detectives are appealing for information from the community which will help them ensure justice is done after thieves stole more than 90 memorial plaques from St. Luke's Church in Whyteleafe Hill. The theft happened some time between 4am on Wednesday, 23rd November and 10am on Friday, 25th November.

Detective Constable Errol Chetty said: "At any time of year this offence could only be described as extremely distasteful, but as we approach Christmas, stealing memorial plaques from a church cemetery is truly heartless. I would urge everyone to work with us to identify and provide evidence so we can ensure those responsible are brought to justice. The price of metal is high at the moment which makes it an attractive commodity to thieves. This offence is disgraceful and we need your help."

Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector Angie Austin said:

"It is very rare I am shocked but the theft of more than 90 memorial plaques from St Luke's Church rendered me speechless. Anyone capable of committing such an evil act needs to be identified, arrested and brought before the courts."

"The local Safer Neighbourhood Team is working with colleagues in CID and together we will do all we can to remove those responsible from the streets. I urge members of the community

to work with us so we can ensure grieving families are not further distressed."

Norma Haimes, who has memorials to five members of her family at the cemetery, said: "You just don't expect this sort of thing to happen. What kind of people do this sort of thing in the dead of night? These people are horrible."

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Norma Haimes by the memorials to her family members whose plaques were amongst those stolen in November.

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Registration has now opened for the Caterham Rotary Bunny Fun Run 2012, taking place on Sunday, 1st April in Queen's Park, Caterham.

Over 300 people took part in last year's event in glorious sunshine, with each runner receiving an Easter Egg to take home with them. The organisers of this year's event hope that even more people will join in the fun.

Runners can participate in either the 1k 'Fun Run' around the park or the 5k race over an undulating course through neighbouring Chaldon and back again. All registered runners will receive an egg again this year, and are encouraged to wear bunny-themed outfits for the occasion. As well as prizes for the winners of each race, there will be special prizes for the Best Dressed Bunnies!

Proceeds from the event will

be donated to the charity 'Disability Challengers' which offers support to 34 local families. The charity offers play and activity schemes for disabled youngsters aged 4-25, giving them a place to mix and have fun with others in a safe environment. Their Caterham scheme operates from de Stafford Sports Centre in Burntwood Lane.

One of the organisers of the Bunny Fun Run, Richard York, said: "Disability Challengers is a fantastic charity but runners can also get sponsorship for whatever charity they choose. We would like to encourage charities to put together their own teams to take part in the race and raise funds."

"We are very grateful to the local businesses that are sponsoring the event to help keep our costs down to a minimum." The Chairman of Tandridge



The Harestone Lops team crossing the finishing line in 2011.



Runners set off on last year's 5k race. Photo by Jon Harrison

District Council, councillor Brian Perkins and his wife Sonia will be attending to start the race and present the prizes.

To register, simply cut out and complete the form below and send it to the address shown with the registration fee.

To learn more about the charity Disability Challengers go to [www.disability-challengers.org](http://www.disability-challengers.org)

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A Registration fee and signed form is required for each runner. Please make cheques payable to "Rotary Club of Caterham" and send to 'Rotary Runs', 11a Queens Park Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 5RB.

Registration fee (non-refundable) is £5 for 5k race and £2.50 for the 1k Fun Run.

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Extra forms via [www.rotaryruns.co.uk](http://www.rotaryruns.co.uk), email to [rotaryruns@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryruns@gmail.com) or 01883 346641.

I will not compete in a run unless I am fit enough to complete it. I am taking part at my own risk, and the promoters or any person involved with the organisation of the event are not responsible for my well-being.

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Visitors spent the evening exploring the interesting parade of shops that has to a large extent retained its Victorian facade and character, with some of the buildings dating back to much earlier times.

The small, independent shops range from the long-established Potters Music Shop to the charming Antiquités period furniture emporium. There is even an art gallery called 'RT Gallery' where you are likely to find the owner Julie hard at work on her latest commission!

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## Lord Adonis declares Oasis Academy new building 'Open'

At the Grand Opening of the new building of Oasis Academy Coulsdon on Wednesday 23rd November, Lord Adonis said the Academy had all the makings to be a 'fantastic

school' for students and the community as he unveiled a plaque and officially declared the new building 'open'. He spent over two hours touring the building, meeting students

and staff and enjoyed showcase performances in gymnastics, dance and music.

In his whole school address, Lord Adonis told students that amazing things had happened in the five years since his last visit to the predecessor school. He said the building was inspirational but what happens inside matters the most. He praised the 'great leadership' of David Millar and led students in a round of applause for their Principal. Lord Adonis told students that there was nothing holding them back from making great achievements, they had everything they needed to succeed: people had invested money in the building, staff were investing their time and skills and they had great facilities in which to learn. He urged students to try hard in their subjects but reminded them that they should also put something back into their Academy and local community.

## Caterham Round Table says 'Thank you'

The members of Caterham Round Table would like to thank the public for their generosity at two recent street collections. On Saturday, 5th November the members collected £816.59 at the Firework Display in Caterham-on-the-Hill and on Friday 18th November they collected £249.50 for Children in Need in Caterham High

Street. The total raised from the Caterham Firework Display is expected to be about £9,000 with a further £11,000 from the display at Royal Russell School in Croydon that they also organise.

For more information about the activities of Caterham Round Table visit: [www.caterhamtable.com](http://www.caterhamtable.com)



(From left) Rev. Steve Chalke MBE, founder of Oasis, Lord Adonis and Principal, David Millar.

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THURSDAY	9.30 – 11.30 Stay and Learn For home based child carers	
FRIDAY	10.00 – 11.30 Kickers and Crawlers £1.00 per session.	

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WEDNESDAY	Drop In 8.45 – 9.15 Advice & Information	Childminders Stay & Play 9.15 – 11.15 Come along and meet other registered childminders
THURSDAY	Drop In 8.45 – 9.15 Advice & Information	Baby Club 10.00 – 11.30 Parents & Carers with babies who are not yet walking
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## Tots' Village Nursery Nativity 2011

On Monday, 19th December the children at Tots' Village Nursery performed their Nativity Play to a hall full of parents and friends at de Stafford School in Caterham. These photos were taken just before the show, as the children perfected their lines before the arrival of the audience.

On Saturday 14th January the Nursery is holding an Open Day - for more details see the advertisement below.



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The shepherds taking some time out from watching their flocks.



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## Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

Erratum : Last month should have read: 'Keep on sweeping!' as this autumn's double dip has meant many leaves were still on the trees until the end of November. Also, 'Keep on mowing', as the grass has continued to grow quite strongly. A visit from the badgers at the beginning of November meant worrying about the grass condition was pointless - most of it was strewn all over the place, like a ploughed field! A visit usually occurs after a period of drought. Luckily, I am good at jigsaws, so a massive fitting together of pieces of lawn ensued. I have to say it's now a bit lumpy, but knitted together pretty well.

My seed catalogues have been sitting in a drawer, waiting for the weather to change. I like to get my order in early, as there is always more choice. New favourites are: Browallia, a half-hardy



annual, with mid-blue Plumbago-like flowers. It was the first to start flowering and the last to finish, gorgeous. I was also pretty impressed by Alonsoa, both the scarlet, and the pink. Their dainty flowers resemble Diascia, but are a little taller. These will over-winter if kept frost-free.

My Datura (Brugmansia) has had to go into the conservatory. It had 32 flowers on it at the end of October. It is too big really, so I took eight-inch-long cuttings and put them into a tall jam jar containing water only. This has been left in a propagator, but a warm windowsill would work just as well. Masses of roots are now showing.

Happy New Year to everyone!

## QUICK QUIZ

by Alec Herbert

### Five questions on Christmas music:

1. On which saint's day did Good King Wenceslas look out?
2. Who composed the world's best selling Christmas song "White Christmas"?
3. Which popular Christmas carol was composed by Felix Mendelssohn?
4. In the Twelve Days of Christmas, how many 'swans a swimming'?
5. Different recordings of which song title provided the Christmas Number One in 1984, 1989 and 2004?

### Answers:

1. St. Stephen; 2. Irving Berlin; 3. Hark the Herald Angels Sing; 4. Seven; 5. Do they know it's Christmas? (Band Aid); 6. Band Aid II and Band Aid 20.

## Christmas Memorial Service at All Saints Church, Warlingham.

Pinks Independent Funeral Directors, with the support of the Hamsey Green Bereavement Group, held their annual Christmas Memorial Service on Thursday 8th December at the All Saints Church in Warlingham. The service was taken by The Reverend Michelle Edmonds and readings were read by The Reverend Janice Stevens and Mr Allan Sinclair, MBE.

The church was full of families that had all been bereaved, who paid tributes to their loved ones by writing a personal message on a star and placing it onto the Christmas memorial tree. The tree takes pride of place along with the remembrance pages that are at the Pinks offices in Hamsey Green and Caterham throughout Christmas and the New Year. Refreshments were served after the service in the church hall. Pinks laid



The Memorial Service at All Saints Church in Warlingham.

on transport for the elderly guests that could not travel alone, who were chauffeur driven in limousines. Jenny Gibbs of Pinks said: "This annual service is very important to us. It gives everyone the chance to join together and remember their loved ones. We would like to thank the Hamsey Green Bereavement Group for all their ongoing support this year. We would also like to thank all those who attended our service and wish them a peaceful 2012."

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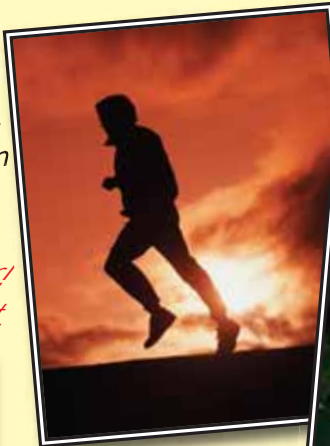
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## New Year, New Minibus for Netherne-on-the-Hill residents

The residents of Netherne-on-the-Hill in Coulsdon will be able to get out and about in their own community bus soon, thanks to the efforts of their Residents' Association.

The village has a population of around 2,000 but is located one mile from the nearest bus stop. Coulsdon South Station is over 2.5 miles away. As a result, many residents rely on cars to get to the local towns or to commute to work. Although some school bus services are provided to Netherne, many parents do school runs, and some residents have to use local taxi services, or walk to the bus stop.

Rajen Shah of the Netherne Residents' Association said: "We have been working with Netherne Management Limited to study options for meeting our transport need. We concluded some time ago that the best solu-



tion for the village was to provide a community minibus, but it has taken time to initiate this. We are pleased to report significant progress – we have seen a bus we are interested in and we now have the funds to purchase the bus and the required license to operate it."

The plan is for a weekday service, mornings and evenings, from Netherne Drive to Coulsdon South Station and Coulsdon High Street and back again. It would operate on a pre-pay ticket system.

Rajen said: "All we need now is drivers and with a fair wind, we hope that the service will become operational in early 2012."

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Permitted Development Rights may provide the solution where planning permission could otherwise be refused, especially if you live in the countryside or Metropolitan Green Belt. As well as being difficult to interpret without specialist advice,

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## In the spotlight

This month we feature Mark Coote, owner of Formark Scaffolding in Whyteleafe, Chairman of Whyteleafe Football Club, Whyteleafe Village councillor and Vice Chairman of the Whyteleafe Business Association.



Mark Coote

**Birthplace:** Croydon.

**Marital Status:** Live with my beautiful partner Suzette.

**Children:** Three grown up sons and 12 year-old step son.

**Cars:** Bentley GT Continental.

**Pets:** Boston Terrier named Buddy - he is *ugly* (they don't all take after their owners!)

**Favourite books:** Richard Branson's, Bobby Robson's and George Best's Autobiographies.

**Childhood hero:** My Dad and George Best.

**Favourite Food & Drink:** Seafood and Chinese/cup of tea or a lager.

**Pastimes:** Football, golf and cycling.

**Likes:** Working, winning at football.

**Dislikes:** Time wasting, squatters and benefit cheats.

**Favourite holiday destination:** Jumeriah Beach, Dubai/Lara Beach Turkey.

**Favourite TV show:** Sky Sports/Dragons' Den.

**Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at?** Ken Livingstone.

**Favourite song of all time:** 'The Impossible Dream' and 'My Way'.

**Biggest influence on your life:** My parents.

**Proudest moment:** The birth of my sons.

**Most embarrassing moment:** Asking a lady when her baby was due, to be told it was four months old! Oh dear!

**Where would you most like to live?** Happy where I am in England.

**Who would you most like to meet?** Donald Trump or Muhammad Ali.

**If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it?** Pay off mine and my family's mortgages and spend the rest quickly.

## WHOOOPS!

Well done to all those eagle-eyed readers who spotted the mistake in last month's 'In the Spotlight'! Francis Rossi is indeed in Status Quo, not Deep Purple.

We would like to point out that it was our editorial decision to include the name of the band for the benefit of our younger readers so it was our mistake, not a mistake by Glen O'Dwyer, the subject of In the Spotlight last month. We would like to apologise to Glen for making the mistake.

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# Eating Out

## Great food, and cocktails too at The Comodor!

Review by Julia Church

Amongst the great diversity of places to dine at in Caterham Valley is a little gem of a restaurant called The Comodor at 66 Croydon Road. The menu features a great choice of Mediterranean food, specialising in numerous pasta and pizza dishes ranging in price from just £4.95 to £6.75 (with £2 off the pasta prices for a starter portion).

The are no less than 16 starters to choose from, and they can all be upgraded to a main course portion for an extra £2. The restaurant also serves Specialities including Grilled Fillet Steak with a creamy mushroom sauce with fries for £12.50 and Pan Fried Salmon fillet with a white wine and lemon sauce and rice for £11.50. When my daughter Jenny and I went there for a meal just before Christmas, Jenny chose the Dough Balls with ham, pepperoni and

Mozzarella cheese for her starter while I had the Chorizo in a spicy tomato sauce.

Jenny said the generous portion of Dough Balls was: "So good!" and my Chorizo was deliciously spicy and warming, perfect for a cold winter's night. As the restaurant specialises in pasta and pizza, Jenny chose the 'All the Meats' pizza with tomato, Mozzarella, chicken, bacon, spicy beef and pepperoni, that had so much meat she struggled to finish it, but

she did! I had the Penne Funghie Proscuitto - pasta with strips of steak, mushroom and onion in a cream sauce, which was also lovely and filling. The Comodor sells takeaway pizza and pasta for just £5 each so we will soon be back for more!

In addition to a good selection of wines and beers, the restaurant also features a list of interesting-sounding cocktails at £4.50 each - the perfect finishing touch for a celebration.

The Comodor is well-known locally for its popular Traditional Sunday Roasts at just £5.95 - but be sure to book to avoid disappointment.



A group of ladies enjoy a Christmas night out at The Comodor.

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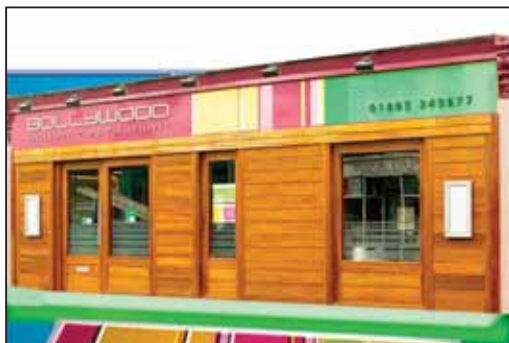
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## Local film producer meets Prince Charles at film premiere

On Monday 21st November, Caterham Valley resident, David Larsen, was introduced to the Prince of Wales at a premiere of the World War II film 'Resistance' held in Abergavenny, South Wales.

The film, directed by Amit Gupta, stars Andrea Riseborough, Tom Wlaschiha and Michael Sheen and is about the lives of a small farming community in Wales that is occupied by the Nazis during World War II. Part fact, part fiction, the story, based on a novel by Owen Sheers, is a haunting depiction of how things may have been for communities across the land if D-Day had failed and the Germans succeeded in invading Britain.

'Resistance' is the first film that David Larsen has been involved in producing. He was originally asked to invest in the project and was then invited to join the board of the production company, Resistance Films Ltd as an independent, non-executive director.

"The story first appealed to me because it is set in South Wales where I come from," said David.

"We were thrilled when Prince Charles came to the premiere. We heard that he especially wanted to attend because he had read and



David Larsen, far right, meeting HRH the Prince of Wales.

enjoyed the book."

The film was shot in just five weeks in Abergavenny with David on the team to make sure things progressed properly.

"It was quite exciting for the local people," said David. "A number of them offered bed and breakfast to members of the cast and film crew, and they also appeared as extras in a fête scene that appears in the film. It was amazing to see it all come together with such a diverse bunch of people and it was hard not to get emotionally involved. To my mind, producers like Richard Holmes and Amanda Faber are our unsung heroes who probably don't get the recognition they deserve for their contribution to the economy." 'Resistance' has been screened at a limited number of cinemas including the Odeon in Panton Street, Leicester Square. Further screenings will be scheduled in accordance with public demand.

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For more information about East Surrey RSPB visit [www.eastsurreyspb.co.uk](http://www.eastsurreyspb.co.uk)

### Downland Chorale Concert

The Downland Chorale invite you to come and sing 'The Armed Man - a Mass for Peace' by Karl Jenkins on Saturday 4th February 2012 from 11am- 6pm (registration at 10.30am). No previous singing experience required. The venue is de Stafford School in Burntwood Lane, Caterham CR3 5YX. To book tickets call 020 8668 7794.

### St. Mary's pantomime

On 26th-28th January, St Mary's Church in Caterham-on-the-Hill is presenting the pantomime Rumpelstiltskin. All proceeds will be going towards the £80,000

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### Quiz Night

St John Ambulance are holding their Annual Quiz on Saturday 28th January 2012 at the Centenary Hall, Essendene Road, Caterham at 7pm for 7.30pm.

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### Munch with Music

On Wednesday, February 1st, 'Munch with Music' at St. John's Church in Caterham Valley will feature 'The Beorg Duo'. Anna Tam (cello) and Jonathan Musgrave (piano) will perform the Sonata for Cello and Piano by John Ireland followed by Benjamin Britten's Sonata in C Op. 65. Admission is free. Coffee and biscuits are provided from 12.15pm. Visitors are invited to bring their own 'Munch' and can arrive or leave at any convenient time.

## Book in memory of Amy Longhurst raises money for St. Mary's Church

Denise Longhurst, née Stock, from Caterham-on-the-Hill, has found a special way to say "thank you" to St. Mary's Church for their support following a heart-breaking bereavement in the summer of 2010. On 12th June, just three days before their first baby was due to be delivered by Caesarian section, Denise and her husband Warren learned during a routine hospital check-up that the baby's heartbeat had stopped.

'Amy, Our Little Bit of Heaven', is Denise's moving account of the experience, from the happiness of Denise, Warren and their families during the pregnancy, to the ordeal of the Caesarian delivery and the grieving process afterwards. Denise said: "What happened to us is actually more common than you realise, but at least it means there is a lot of support out there."

'Father Duncan Swan at St. Mary's Church conducted Amy's funeral and he has been massively supportive. "Writing the book helped me



Denise with four month-old daughter Sophie.

to deal with my feelings and was a way to put something back into the church." Happily, the couple now have a healthy four-month old baby girl called Sophie (pictured above).

'Amy, Our Little Bit of Heaven' by Denise Longhurst costs £8.99 and £3 from each sale is going to St. Mary's Church. To order a copy e-mail Denise at [denise.a.longhurst@googlemail.com](mailto:denise.a.longhurst@googlemail.com) or go to [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) and type in 'Amy, Our Little Bit of Heaven'.

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## Village Council funds new Christmas lights for Whyteleafe

Whyteleafe Village Council has installed festive lights along the Godstone Road, through the centre of the village this year for the first time. The new lights follow on from the Village Council's donation to Whyteleafe Business Association in 2010 to purchase a generator to power the Christmas tree lights in the centre of Whyteleafe roundabout.

A simple blue and white shooting stars theme has been chosen and the stars will shine from 5.00pm to 11.30pm every day until Friday 6th January.

Special thanks are due to Skanska Construction UK Ltd for a speedy response on adapting the street lights to power the decorations. Chairman of the Village Council, Cllr Celia Rudland,



The colourful Christmas lights.

said: "The decorations will brighten up the centre of Whyteleafe during the darkest winter evenings and help to get people in the festive mood as they use Whyteleafe's shops, restaurants, transport links and other facilities.

"We are very keen for residents and businesses in Whyteleafe to say what they think about the lights and the Council's other activities. The new website at [www.whyteleafecouncil.org.uk](http://www.whyteleafecouncil.org.uk) offers local residents an easy way to comment on specific articles, sign up for the monthly newsletter, and email councillors and the clerk."

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straight losses. Firstly 2-0 at home to another local rival Chipstead, who have been making great strides this season under the leadership of former Leafe favourite Mark Tompkins. They then had consecutive away trips to the Kent coast and lost 2-1 to Whitstable in a game that they really should have got something out of, and then 4-0 away to Hythe who are in their first season at this standard of football having come out of the Kent league last season. Everyone hoped for a bit of a lift in the next game when another newly promoted team, Crawley Down arrived at Church Road.



However the new boys, who had themselves been struggling this season, earned a 1-0 win leaving the Leafe hovering just one place above the relegation spots. We must hope that the new year brings a turnaround in form otherwise relegation for the first time in the club's history is a possibility. You can catch the Leafe in home action during January on the 2nd v Godalming, 7th v Worthing, 17th v Carshalton Athletic (SSC) and 21st v Ramsgate.



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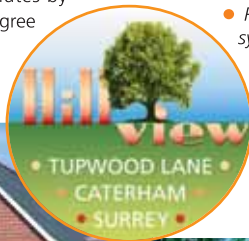
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