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Warlingham celebrates 21 years of Blanchman's Farm

On Saturday September 29th a celebration took place to mark 21 years as a nature reserve for Blanchman's Farm, Warlingham. Back in 1991 the area was under threat from a potential housing development but was rescued and made into a community wildlife area for all to enjoy. Around 300 people including many children attended the birthday celebration. They enjoyed pond dipping, bug hunts, guided tours around the site as well as children's craft activities. There were displays

showing how the site has been developed over the 21 years including 'then' and 'now' pictures. Many were visiting for the first time and were amazed at how large the area is. Cllr. David Hodge, Leader of Surrey County Council, and Cllr. Sakina Bradbury, Chairman of Tandridge District Council, both attended and spoke in support of the work done by everyone on the Nature Reserve, committee and volunteers, and the importance of having such facilities in the area. Alex Baxter-Brown,

chairman of the Blanchman's Farm Nature Reserve management committee and project manager at Downlands Countryside Management Project, also spoke, describing how the Downlands Project provides the essential expertise for the maintenance and management of the area. They then cut the 21st birthday cake and free refreshments were available all afternoon.

A work party to do practical conservation work is held on the second Saturday morning of each month. All are welcome. See www.blanchmansfarm.org for more information.



Leader of Surrey County Council, Cllr. David Hodge, Alex Baxter-Brown and Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Cllr. Sakina Bradbury cutting the 21st birthday cake at Blanchman's Farm.

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Salt stocks have swelled to 16,000 tonnes as Surrey County Council prepares to tackle ice and snow this winter.

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John Furey, Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, said: "We have more than enough salt to see us through an average winter, with enough spare to deal with bouts of very severe weather. On top of this, our

stocks will be replenished as we use them, which all adds up to Surrey being better prepared than ever to tackle ice and snow this winter.

"We'll be working around the clock to keep Surrey moving, but the reality is we can't treat every road in Surrey. This is why we're working with farmers, district and borough councils and asking

residents to play their part in helping to tackle ice and snow."

Last winter the county council treated an extra 107 miles of road and this will continue this winter. A review of gritting routes has led to improvements which means the council's 39 gritting lorries can spend more time treating roads and less time travelling to and from depots to pick up salt.

An army of 51 farmers will support the winter operation by clearing roads in more rural areas.



Surrey County Council's winter operation in action.

Candidates for the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner election

The candidates standing for the first ever election for a Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) on Thursday 15 November are:

- * Robert Evans - Labour Party Candidate;
- * Kevin Hurley - Zero Tolerance Policing ex Chief;
- * Julie Iles - The Conservative Party Candidate;
- * Nick O'Shea - Liberal Democrat;
- * Robert Shatwell - UKIP;
- * Peter Williams - Independent;

All Surrey voters will choose their first and second preference from this one list of candidates.

The full statement of persons nominated can be found at www.guildford.gov.uk/pcc-election

Further candidate information can be found at the national website www.choosempcc.org.uk or by calling 0800 1 070708.

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Chief Constable and police force to account on the public's behalf. The PCC will oversee how crime is tackled in their area and aim to make sure the police are providing a good service.

Polling stations across Surrey will be open from 7am to 10pm on Thursday 15th November. Counting in each borough or district will take place on Friday 16th November.

The Police Area Returning Officer will announce the final result and the winning candidate in Guildford on Friday 16th November.

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Tandridge residents send more to be recycled than to landfill

In the second week of the new recycling and waste service Tandridge residents sent more to be recycled than to landfill for the first time, increasing recycling rates to more than 50%. The figures for the second week were:

- Almost 58 tonnes of food waste were collected, diverted from landfill and will be recycled into fertiliser and used to create electricity for people's homes;
- Almost 165 tonnes of mixed recycling were collected, diverted from landfill and sent to be recycled into new and useful products including new tins and cans, new paper and cardboard products and new plastic containers;
- Just under 191 tonnes of general waste were collected and sent to landfill. Councillor Tony Elias, Chairman of the Community Services Committee, which is responsible for the new recycling and waste service, said: "A big thank you to

our residents for using the new service - we are expecting these recycling rates to increase and landfill rates to go down."

The Recycling Team is reminding residents to:

- Put all their food waste, recycling or general waste out for collection by 6am on their collection day;
- Put their food waste and recycling at the edge of their property, general waste is collected from between the back door and the edge of property;
- Only use compostable bags in the food caddies - a list of local suppliers is available on www.tandridge.gov.uk/bags. Local shops supplying compostable food caddy bags can be added to this list by contacting the Council.

Anyone not sure about their collection days or dates can look them up on www.tandridge.gov.uk/collection-dates.

Work is continuing to help residents who live in flats to arrange recycling facilities suitable for their particular circumstances. For more information visit www.tandridge.gov.uk/recyclingand-waste or call 01883 722000.

Congratulations to Sam and Nicky



On Saturday 29th September, East Surrey MP, Sam Gyimah married Nicky Black at St. Mary's Chapel Undercroft in the Houses of Parliament.

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Warlingham Furniture have a restocking sale on at the moment offering up to 40% off because in the New Year a whole new look will come to their shop.

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their ranges of 'off the peg' modern oak furniture, but also an in-depth knowledge of cabinet making (because the owner and his son are both cabinet makers), which is a perfect combination for advising on and building bespoke cabinets and fittings for customers. This knowledge also comes in handy when choosing suppliers, since Terry and Tom can ascertain quality in furniture by experience. If you would like more information before visiting their shop, it would be worth looking at their website, www.warlinghamfurniture.co.uk. You can read more about their bespoke projects at www.bespokefurnituresturey.co.uk.

Plans revealed for extension to Upper Warlingham Station car park

On Monday 8th October, Andrew Latimer, the Implementation Project Manager for Southern Railway, gave a presentation to Whyteleaf Village Council about the forthcoming extension to Upper Warlingham Station car park.

The car park currently has 155 spaces and this number will increase to 245 in the New Year, thanks to the addition of 90 new spaces. An upper level to the existing car park will be constructed accessed by a single ramp. Andy explained how the traffic going up and down the ramp will be controlled by traffic lights that will be phased to meet the access and exit requirements at different times of the day. The groundworks are scheduled for commencement in December and will last for approximately two weeks. The installation of the tubular steel modules and Glass Reinforced Plastic panels that will make up the new car park level will



A computer-generated image of how Upper Warlingham Station car park will look with the new upper level.

begin in January 2013 and will also last for approximately two weeks. The car park will remain open during the groundworks and construction phases.

After the presentation, Whyteleaf Village Councillor and Tandridge District Councillor Tom Dempsey said: "I think we all appreciate the fact that parking is an issue in

Whyteleaf and the additional spaces in the car park are welcome. However, my concern is for how the local residents will be affected by the increase in traffic. The situation is not idyllic as it is, especially at peak times and I hope the traffic consultation by Surrey County Council takes place as soon as possible."

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In the spotlight

This month we feature Chaldon resident, Alec Herbert. Alec is a professional gardener and, as a well-known expert on the local quiz circuit, writes the Quick Quiz for The Caterham Independent and District Independent every month.

Birthplace: Cheltenham.

Marital Status: Married.

Children: One daughter - Lorraine (Lorie).

Cars: Mercedes A Class 1700.

Pets: Dumbledore (a Scottie) part-time (he belongs to our eldest Grandson).

Childhood hero: Peter May, Cricketer.

Favourite Food & Drink: Roast lamb, coffee at home, lager in the pub.

Pastimes: Gardening, quizzes and pool.



Alec Herbert

Likes: Cricket, having played senior cricket from the 1950's through to 2001 and horse racing - National Hunt obviously as someone coming from Cheltenham.

Dislikes: Discourteous driving and excessive bad language.

Favourite TV show: Only Fools and Horses.

Favourite books: The A-Z of Almost Everything published by the Daily Telegraph.

Where would you most like to live? We are happy where we are in Chaldon.

Favourite song of all time: Baker Street by Gerry Rafferty.

Favourite holiday destination: Barbados.

Biggest influence on your life: My father and my wife Ann.

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

Proudest moment: There have been a few but most recently a Church Marriage Blessing after fifty years of marriage.

Most embarrassing moment: Again, there have been a few but not for publication in a family newspaper.

Who would you most like to meet? Lester Piggott or Alec Stewart.

If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it? I have never thought about it but little doubt we would find plenty to spend it on!

Chaldon Beavers join in the fun at 'Bazzaz'



On Saturday 29th September ten Beavers from Chaldon were amongst 1,900 Beavers from across Surrey who descended on Cranleigh Showground to enjoy Bazzaz 2012, a fun-filled day based on an Olympics theme.

The youngsters had the opportunity to try out archery, climbing, crazy football, lazer quest and many other activities and skills. Paralympian handcyclist medal winner Rachel Morris also went along to show the youngsters her medal and answer their questions. For more information and photos go to www.bazzaz.org.uk



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Warlingham residents explore Surrey's past

On Sunday, 21st October, Warlingham Church Hall was packed with visitors for the first ever Warlingham Heritage Showcase event. Hundreds of visitors went along to find out all about Warlingham and Surrey's past and meet experts in archeology, family history, historical buildings and other related subjects. The hall featured stalls from Surrey Heritage and other partner organisations including the East Surrey Family History Society, East Surrey Museum, the Bourne Society and the Surrey Archaeological Society. One of the organisers, Surrey Museums Learning and Support Officer, Haidee Thomas, said: "We are delighted that this event has been so well attended. Everyone is so excited that this is going on in Warlingham. Surrey Heritage has events going on all year but this is the first time we have come together with other organisations in East Surrey."

The leader of Surrey County Council, David Hodge, came up with the idea for the event in Warlingham. He said: "As leader I want to get the county's services out into the community so people can learn about what is going on. It has



The visitors packed Warlingham Church Hall for the popular, free event.

been an excellent afternoon. The feedback is that everyone has found it really interesting." For more information about local history visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistorycentre and www.exploringsurreyspast.org.uk

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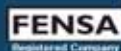


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Chaldon Parish Councillor, Roger Davies, stands down

by Julia Thomas

Councillor Roger Davies has decided to leave the Council after spending over a decade poring over planning applications, helping to keep Chaldon's footpaths in good shape, leading on two village plans and guiding the Village Council to Quality Council status in 2007. He chaired the Council with great distinction between 2004 and 2011.

Recently he has fought doggedly to improve safety for children attending St Peter and St Paul School by championing the pavement extension in Rook Lane. The project is due to start later this month.

His wife, Linda, recalls that when discussions were taking place in 2000 about the Chaldon Association taking a new shape as the Chaldon Parish Council, Roger had been the only member to oppose the move but had said "I had better just join it to see what's going on".

From then on he has spent a large part of his life in local government and community affairs, always with the interests of Chaldon at the heart of his activities.

Looking back Roger said: "The highlights for me were being one of the first three councillors in a brand new council, the pride of being given the Quality Council award by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey and the recognition it gave Chaldon. Also high on the list are our first Village Plan 2007-2011 and the progress made to enact it and the Burial Ground Project when we restored the resting place of former patients of St Lawrence's Hospital and ultimately took it over from the NHS in 2011. Throughout my time as a councillor I have always been aware of our special position as a non-party-political council focused solely on the needs and concerns of Chaldon and I hope that will continue. I would encourage local people to get involved in the Village Council as though we have limited powers, the Council is re-



Roger Davies.

spected by both the District and County Councils and can influence the actions of its more powerful partners." Roger has been a very active 'hands-on' councillor in the old tradition who has led from the front and has been a dependable colleague. We will miss him greatly and hope that he will enjoy his retirement tending his garden, cycling and walking with Linda and having fun with his grand children.

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Oasis Academy students ask Minister to help 'Stop the Traffik'



Edward Timpson MP with students from the Oasis Academy Coulsdon.

On Thursday 18th October, Edward Timpson MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families visited sixth form students at the Oasis Academy Coulsdon. The visit was part of the Anti-Slavery Day/Stop The Traffik campaign to raise awareness of human trafficking. Prior to Edward Timpson's arrival, students heard the real-life experience from a victim of trafficking and how she had managed to escape her tormentors. Students also took part in a workshop run by Stop the Traffik and were shocked to learn how many young people were victims and in particular, the fact that Croydon has one of the highest rates of incidences of this nature in the UK. Year 12 student, Ryan Bridge said: "I didn't realise it happened so much on our very own doorstep." Academy Head Girl, Sophie Hack, suggested that Stop the Traffik and the government could make more use

of social media to raise awareness amongst young people and this media could also be used to help fundraise to support victims. Students at Oasis Academy Coulsdon have raised more than £3,000 over a three year period for Stop the Traffik and Jenny Butcher, Assistant Head of Sixth Form who coordinates STT fundraising told Mr Timpson that the money raised by the Academy has helped provide an education for two young trafficking victims in Zimbabwe. Mr Timpson praised the Academy students for their

creative fundraising ideas and said that Academy staff had been 'fantastic' in embedding support. He said: "This is something that we would encourage all schools to take a direct interest in. Everyone should work together so that if someone is a victim immediate action is taken and support given. In the government, we now have a proper strategy and we regularly review our progress to make sure we are fulfilling our aims." For more information about Stop the Traffik visit www.stophetraffik.org

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Open Day at Diana Francis House

On Tuesday 9th October, an Open Day was held at Diana Francis House in Caterham-on-the-Hill, with a very special guest in attendance, Diana Francis herself. The house, opened in April 2003, is designed to equip people between the ages of 18 and 45 who have a physical and/or a mild learning disability, with the skills to enable them to move on to the future accommodation and lifestyle of their choice. Diana, who

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Diana Francis with Caterham Town Crier, Sonia Hunt.

New canteen for de Stafford School

After an eight-year battle to try and secure funding, de Stafford School in Burnwood Lane, Caterham is pleased to announce that Surrey County Council has now confirmed funds of £1.57 million to redevelop the school's old canteen. Students and staff have been involved with architects to design the building which will include an indoor and outdoor seating area and a hard play area where the original building stands. The facility will open up onto the fields on the school ground and will be available for the local community to use. David Hodge, leader of Surrey County Council, has been instrumental in supporting the build which will begin in March 2013 and is due to complete in November 2013. Head teacher, Caroline Longhurst, said: "We are thrilled to get the canteen build finalised and look forward to hosting our grand opening when the new canteen is complete next year."



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Many residents of Caterham and district have attended various events in the area to raise money for the children in the schools and hospital and this is a chance for the Headteachers to say thank you and to meet everyone.

They have expressed a wish to visit as many schools, churches, groups and individuals as possible in order to tell them about how effective their help has been to the young people of Kimilili. If anyone would like the Headteachers to pay them a visit, please let Geraint Jenkins know at geraint-jenkins01@tiscali.co.uk or 01959 564772. They would be delighted to meet as many people as possible. Meanwhile, CHECK is organising several events in



Kimilili children.

Caterham to raise money for the education and health of children in Kimilili. A concert by the local group 'The Stonebeats' is planned for next April and a Welsh Male Voice Choir Concert is taking place next July. CHECK is selling African Christmas presents including calendars at de Stafford's boot sales at the school on November 3rd and December 1st.

Founder of CHECK, Geraint Jenkins MBE, said: "We are very excited about the Headteachers' visit next summer and want to introduce them to as many of our supporters as possible. The people of Caterham and district have been ex-



Geraint Jenkins hands over books to St. Luke's Boys High School librarian, Amos Wanyama.

tremely supportive of the Kimilili community in the past, so please come and listen to the Kimilili Headteachers when they come to town next year!

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Stephen organised the sponsored bike ride to raise funds for Phase 2 of The Arc project, to renovate the second barracks gymnasium into a performing arts space. After the ride Stephen said: "We had a couple of mishaps on the way and the other two guys ended up having to take it in turns to ride the same bike, but I stayed on my bike the whole way, spending 11 hours in the saddle!"

So far the ride has raised approximately £2,000 in sponsorship.

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Stephen Coles and his bike outside The Arc before the sponsored bike ride.

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The theme for this year's exhibition was 'Celebration', which attracted an exciting range of interpretations. This year's award winners were:

Best Theme Award: Venetian Celebration by Paolo Francis; Best Oil Award: Misty Morning by Mary Griffiths; Best Water Colour: Lymington Harbour by Anne Bailey; Best Pastel: Pink Balloon by Jackie Flaherty; Best Other Media: Amaryllis 2 by Sue Newman; Best Newcomer: Winter Scene by John O'Connell; People's Choice Award: Hamish by Jackie Flaherty (voted for by visitors to the exhibition).

One of the exhibition organisers, John Ward of Caterham Art Group said: "This



'Pink Balloon' by Jackie Flaherty.



Paintings on the theme of 'Celebration'.

year's exhibition has been very successful. Our visitors have enjoyed the great variety of pictures and they like being able to have a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake while looking at the pictures. There has been a

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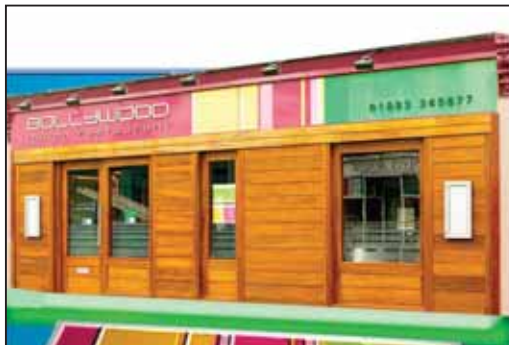
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Tandridge Sports Award winners 2012

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Sports Awards were: 'Sports Club of the Year' - Whyteleafe Football Club. Chairman of Whyteleafe FC, Mark Coote and Lisa Pacey were present to collect the award for the club's achievements in developing youth football over the last ten years. 'Disability Sport Award' - Theresa Barnett for her enthusiasm and progress in playing Boccia, despite having a disability which limits her capacity to undertake everyday activity. 'Volunteer of the Year' - Dave Exall of the Tandridge Kayak and Canoe Club. A great motivator, Dave has volunteered for over 20 years with the club as a coach helping others to build their skills and confidence. 'Young Volunteer of the Year' - Gabriella Parr who assists with a number of different age groups at Limsfield Badminton Club. She regularly helps out with the beginners' junior group as well as helping to organise the multi-sports holiday courses at the club. 'Sports Personality of the Year' - Lucy Donovan of South Nutfield Cricket Club. As the parent of a promising eight year-old ten years ago, Lucy took charge of the newly formed colts section and has since transformed a small village club into a thriving hub of



Young Sports Person of the Year, Oliver Newport with the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Sakina Bradbury.

the community. 'Young Sports Person of the Year' - Oliver Newport of Oxted School and Crawley Athletic Club and Blackheath and Bromley Harriers. Oliver is ranked number one in the UK at long jump in the U20 age group in 2012 and has a realistic chance of competing at Rio 2016! Winners of the Tandridge Sports Awards will be put forward for the Surrey Sports Awards 2012 to be held this December.

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Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

With frost warnings echoing in my ear, I am trying to be very single-minded in my tasks this month. I can't really relax until all tender plants are in the (just) frost-free greenhouse. I've also made a start on putting the best dahlias into the garage. They have been cut back, soil removed, wrapped in newspaper, and placed upside down in my bargain shoe hangers. It worked brilliantly last year, so fingers crossed! I also placed bags of un-opened horse manure on some very large dahlias that I left in the garden. These acted as a duvet, and were in just the right place in early summer to bulk up the soil so that it was nice and rich - just what dahlias love! True, the bags do not look good. So having a large garden, the ones out of sight are more likely to get treated this way. The garden is still ablaze with colour, these are some of my favourites:-



Cyclamen Hederifolium. They are smaller than the persicum which are everywhere at this time of year but are not hardy. Aster (Michaelmas Daisy), my favourite is Aster Frikartii Monch which starts flowering in July and is still beautiful. Schizostylis Coccinea, like a small gladioli, that glows through October and November. Liriope Muscari - they have evergreen grassy leaves, and produce lilac grape hyacinth type flowers, a tidy, easy plant that should be used more often. The poisonous Monkshood, their rich blue flowers are stunning amongst the tall grasses, which are interspersed with the self-seeding Verbena Bonariensis. All we need now is some late sunshine!

QUICK QUIZ

by Alec Herbert

On the fiftieth anniversary of the release of the first James Bond movie, which film featured the following Bond girls (actress in brackets)?

1. Solitaire (Jane Seymour) 1973?
2. Elektra King (Sophie Marceau) 1999?
3. Anya Amasova (Barbara Bach) 1977?
4. Pussy Galore (Honor Blackman) 1964?
5. Strawberry Fields (Gemma Arterton) 2008?

All of them followed the incomparable Honey Ryder played by Ursula Andress in Dr No, fifty years ago.

Answers:

5. Quantum of Solace
4. Goldfinger
3. The Spy Who Loved Me
2. The World is Not Enough
1. Live and Let Die

A lively debate at 'Table Talks'

On Thursday 4th October, the motion: 'A woman's place is in the home' prompted a lively debate at The Grasshopper Inn, in Moorhouse, near West-erham. 'Table Talks' hosted by Emma B of Smooth Radio is being held at The Grasshopper once a month and there is no entry fee. Members of the public can simply turn up and take part in the debate after listening to a panel of guest speakers give their personal views on the motion. October's guest speakers were James Whale, the outspoken commentator from LBC radio; children's TV presenter, Kirsten O'Brien; 'Loaded' magazine editor from 2003-2010, Martin Daubney; musician, Jon Allen; local stay-at-home mum, Kate Devito and anonymous Twitter

blogger, 'Fleet Street Fox'. After introducing the guest speakers Emma B said: "The reason why we are doing this is because pubs like The Grasshopper Inn have been here for a long time and have always been a central part of the community, but these days they are not full of the lively discussions about topical issues like they used to be. We all know that when we go to pubs, we actually say very little to each other these days, what with TVs on the wall etc. We want to bring talk back to British pubs and put the world to rights!"

The next debate at The Grasshopper is being held at 8.30pm on Thursday 1st November when a panel of guest speakers will debate the motion: "This house believes if you wanna keep your soul, don't play the chords of fame".



(From left) Martin Daubney; Jon Allen; Kirsten O'Brien; James Whale; 'Fleet Street Fox'; Kate Devito and Emma B at The Grasshopper Inn last month.

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When I went to Chez Vous for Sunday lunch with my mother recently, we received a warm welcome and enjoyed delightful service throughout our meal.

Mum commented on the interesting selection of starters and mains on the menu, which the chef changes frequently. I chose the 'Salad de Pigeon aux Noisettes' (honey roasted pigeon, hazelnuts and French bean salad) and Mum chose the 'Fricassee de gambas au

gingembre' (stir fried tiger prawns, pea and coriander samosa, mango and yellow pepper sauce). Both starters looked like a work of art and Mum said that she thought hers was probably the nicest starter she had ever had! She was particularly impressed with how beautifully soft the prawns were.

My pigeon was also very tender with a lovely flavour.

For our main courses I chose the 'Estouffade de venaison aux champignons' (venison, wild mushrooms and red wine casserole served with fresh tagliatelle) and Mum chose the 'Duo de porc à la moutarde d'estragon' (pork filet and belly served with a tarragon mustard sauce with caramelised onion mash). We ordered an extra vegetable - cauliflower cheese - to share, which was incredibly creamy and went well with both our mains. Again the meat in both of our meals was beautifully tender and flavoursome.

With the soft music and lighting, the ambience was lovely and relaxing for a Sunday afternoon.

To finish we both had coffee with two miniature desserts, which was the perfect end to the meal. Chez Vous also does a lunchtime offer on Tuesdays to Saturdays - two lunch courses for £15. To book a table call 01883 620451.



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The Indian main courses include Tandoori, Balti and Biryani dishes as well as a mouth-watering range of House Specialities. There is also a good choice of popular traditional dishes such as the very hot Vindaloo curries or mild, creamy Korma dishes. Masala Grill are especially proud of their chicken doner kebabs made from mildly spiced, juicy chicken breasts. Customers can specify how spicy they would like their kebabs to be - just let them know beforehand and your kebab will be flavoured with spices according to your taste.



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Malcolm had booked a helicopter from Redhill Aerodrome to whisk the newly-weds to their reception at the Surrey National Golf Club in Chaldon on their wedding day on 31st August, but had nowhere for the helicopter to land to pick up the happy couple. Malcolm wrote to David Gold to ask if the helicopter could take off from Mr Gold's garden at The Chalet in Tupwood Lane. Mr Gold not only gave permission but he greeted Nicola and her new husband when they arrived at



Nicola and Adam Bailey on their wedding day with David Gold.

The Chalet on their wedding day and had photos taken with them before the helicopter whisked the grateful couple off to surprise their waiting guests at the Surrey National Golf Club in Chaldon.



Nicola and Adam by the helicopter at The Chalet.

What's On

Munch with Music

Munch With Music on Wednesday November 7th at St. John's Church Caterham Valley features Operatic Soprano Susan Parkes with Warren Mailley-Smith (piano) as accompanist and soloist. Coffee will be served at 12.15pm. The performance takes place at 12.45-1.30pm Admission free. Please bring your own 'munch'.

Christmas Market

Hillcroft Primary School in Chaldon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill is holding its Christmas Market on Friday 16th November at 7.30pm. There will be a range of stalls including local crafts and handmade gifts such as jewellery, toiletries and preserves. Refreshments available. All are welcome.

Autumn Fayre

The League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital is holding its Autumn Fayre on Saturday 10th November from 10am-2pm at the United Reformed Church in Harestone Valley Road, Caterham Valley. There is

ample parking nearby in the Morrison's car park. Stalls include handmade Christmas cards and decorations, crafts and cakes. The League of Friends will also be serving refreshments including their popular Ploughman's Lunches.

St. John's Christmas Fayre

St. John's Church in Caterham will be holding their Christmas Fair in the Church Hall, Clareville Road on Saturday 17th November between 10am and 2pm. There will be various stalls with gifts, handmade cards, and homemade cakes etc and things for children to do. Refreshments will be served.

Purley Speakers

Purley Speakers are holding an open evening upstairs at The Jolly Farmers pub (opposite Purley Tesco) on Wednesday 14th November at 7.15pm. Entry free. All are welcome. For more information about Purley Speakers visit www.purleyspeakers.com or call Tessa on 07946 119375.

de Stafford Boot Fair

A Boot Fair is being held at de Stafford School on Saturday 3rd November and

Saturday 1st December. Sellers from 7.30am. Pitch price £8. Buyers £1 before 8.30am, 50p after 8.30am.

Indoor pitches are available and refreshments will be on sale.

RSPB Talk

At 8pm on Wednesday 14th November, East Surrey RSPB is holding a talk at the White Hart Barn in Godstone entitled: 'Norway and Finland'. A digital presentation featuring five species of forest owls by Bill Coster. The fee is £3 for adults and £1 for children. All are welcome. For more information visit www.east-surreyrspsb.co.uk

Santa Run

This year's 'Santa Run' in aid of St. Catherine's Hospice is taking place on Sunday 18th November at Queen's Park, Caterham-on-the-Hill. Registration in advance costs £10 for adults and £5 for children under 16. Registration on the day from 9.30am to 10.20am costs £15 for adults and £8 for children. Everyone who takes part gets their own Santa outfit and children under six receive a hat. For more information call 01293 447364 or visit www.stch.org.uk/howyoucanhelp/joinanevent/santarun.asp

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'Cut Price Carpets' has been open for business in Chaldon Road, Caterham, since 27th April this year. Owner, Simon Brenner, recently decided to sponsor local youth football team, Queen's Park FC.

Simon said: "I like to help the local community as much as I can and football is close to my heart. Queen's Park is a friendly club, run entirely by volunteers, so Cut Price Carpets is sponsoring the Under 11s Nike football kit for the next two seasons."

Simon, from Foxon Lane in Caterham, has been in the carpet business for 13 years.

He said: "I was originally a carpet sales rep and then became an area sales manager. I was learning so much about the carpet trade that 13 years ago I decided to set up my own business."

Simon is delighted to have new premises in such a good position alongside other busy shops in Chaldon



Simon Brenner, top left, with players from Queen's Park FC outside his Chaldon Road shop.

Road, opposite Hillcroft School. The shop is overflowing with roll-ends and room-sized remnants of all types and sizes.

One of Simon's customers Linda, was very pleased with how quickly her new carpet was fitted after she visited the shop. She said: "I came into the shop in the afternoon, the room was measured up in the evening and my new carpet was fitted within 48 hours!"

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Whyteleafe FC

by Adam Wilmott

Hopes for a swift return back to the Ryman League following last season's relegation were dampened by a miserable start to the season. Leafe failed to register a victory in their opening three league fixtures and suffered a disappointing early exit in the FA Cup tie at Redhill. The re-signing of veteran striker and Leafe legend Paul Scott was the catalyst for a turn in fortunes and much improved performances. Paul scored a hat trick at home to Holmesdale in a 3-1 victory, the first win of the season. This was followed by a 3-2 win away to Woodstock Sports, Jay Garrick scoring a late winner. In an amazing game at Church Road against Greenwich Borough, Leafe laid siege to the visitors' goal, but somehow managed to miss two penalties early in the second half after taking a deserved lead shortly before half time. Leafe were punished with a late Greenwich equaliser.

Leafe lost their next home fixture 2-0 to an impressive Cray Valley. In the next game away to early pacesetters Erith & Belvedere, Leafe fought hard to win 2-1 against the odds. However a deflating 3-1 reverse away to Rochester



Paul Scott jumps to win a header in the 2-1 win at Erith & Belvedere.

United was followed by a disappointing stalemate at home to Tunbridge Wells, with both sides being reduced to ten men.

A rousing cup tie at Church Road in the FA Vase first round against Channel Islanders Guernsey saw a spirited second half comeback, and Leafe almost took the game to extra time after being three goals down at the break, in front of a hearty crowd of almost 250. Leafe lie in 12th place in the table with 12 points from ten games, but the Leafe faithful remain optimistic that a new team can build momentum and get back into contention.



Ché Stadhart in action during the Guernsey cup tie. Photo by Chris Layton.

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