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A ding dong of a party for Town Crier Sonia

On Friday 8th November over 100 people packed the Caterham Community Centre in Caterham-on-the-Hill for a very special party. Sonia Hunt was celebrating ten years of being Caterham's official Town Crier along with her friends, family members and local dignatories.

Award-winning Town Crier for Biddulph, John Robinson and his wife Sue, travelled nearly 200 miles down to Caterham to attend the party.

Also in attendance was the Vice-Chairman for Surrey

County Council, Sally Marks, the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Beverley Connolly and Co-Chairman of West Ham FC and local resident David Gold and his fiancée Lesley Manning.

Amongst those paying tribute to Sonia at the party was Cllr. Beverley Connolly who said: "Congratulations to Sonia for reaching this milestone of ten years of being Caterham's Town Crier. Sonia does a fantastic job and we are very lucky to have her in our town."

After the party Sonia said: "I would like to say 'thank you' to everyone for coming to my party. It was a brilliant evening and I was overwhelmed. I am now looking forward to the next ten years of Town Crying!

"I would like to say a special thank you to the two Andrews, Andy Parr and Andrew Browne, for all their work arranging the party and also to John Orrick for making my lovely cake. What a ding-dong it was!" A raffle held during the

course of the evening raised



Caterham Town Crier Sonia Hunt with the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Beverley Connolly and Biddulph Town Crier John Robinson and his wife Sue.



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Apology

We are very sorry to Sam Muncey and Sam Gyimah MP for the error on page 12 last month, where we accidentally inserted a photo of Sam Gyimah into an article about the Tandridge Sports Awards, instead of Sam Muncey. We have published the story again this month with the correct photo on page 16.

Murder investigation underway following discovery of body in Hamsey Green.

Officers are continuing to investigate the circumstances surrounding the murder of a male whose body was discovered by gardeners in a well in Hamsey Green.

Police were called after workmen discovered the body in a well outside an address in Audley Drive, at around 1.50pm on Friday 15th November. Specialist officers, including

Metropolitan Police divers, attended the scene and recovered the body.

A post mortem examination which took place on Sunday, 17th November did not provide a cause of death and further tests are being conducted. However, the examination did reveal that the body - confirmed to be of a white male - has sustained injuries consistent with an assault prior to being placed in the well.

It has also been established that the body was bound up before being placed in the well by a third party. Detectives now believe the body had been in the well for around two years.



Detective Chief Inspector Cliff

Lyons, who is leading the investigation, revealed: "Our enquiries continue to try and establish the identity of this male. These enquiries have included reviewing missing person reports but this process may take some time. "I would like to thank the public for their positive response to our appeals so far and specifically those in the local community who have been supportive throughout the disruption caused by police and media in their neighbourhood."

Officers arrested seven men, aged between 21 and 27, on suspicion of murder. They were interviewed and subsequently released on bail until a date in late December.

Any witnesses or anyone with any information is asked to call the incident room on 020 8721 4961 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Crowds pack Soper Hall for first ever Round Table Beer Festival

Over 1,000 real ale drinkers attended the first ever Caterham Round Table Beer Festival that took place on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th November. The event took place in the Soper Hall in Caterham Valley, where kegs of 42 different real ales and eight ciders and perrys had been installed for the visitors to enjoy.

Caterham Round Table members

Glen O'Dwyer and Barry Louvel came up with the idea for the Festival over a drink together one evening.

Speaking during the event Glen said: "We think it is fantastic that the local community have supported us both in sponsorship and attendance. We are quite certain that this will become an annual event but we could not have done it without the 80 volunteers who have helped. "We hope to raise about £5,000 or maybe more for local charities but we are also donating the cash from all the unclaimed beer vouchers to the Philippines typhoon appeal."



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Glen O'Dwyer and Barry Louvel behind the bar at the Caterham Round Table Beer Festival.



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Party Night for Sonia! (Continued from page 1)



Sonia with her great friend Wendy Cope of the Bletchingley Skills Centre.



Andrew Browne tries his hand at ringing Sonia's bell!



Cllr. Sally Marks paying tribute to Sonia.



Sonia cuts the special celebratory cake.



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Caterham Rotarians collect thousands of pounds for victims of Typhoon Haiyan

Following the devastation and catastrophic effects arising from one of the fiercest ever typhoons (Haiyan) that hit the Philippines recently, Rotarians from Rotary in Caterham swung into action. In a matter of four days they put together a plan of action to hold a collection in Caterham Valley and this included the securing of the necessary licences from Tandridge District Council and Church Walk Shopping Centre.

Graham Woodcock, President of Caterham Harestone Rotary said: "Early on Saturday 16th November our team braved the weather and after erecting a display they began collecting in teams of five throughout the day with their yellow buckets, in order to secure much needed funds to purchase four Shelterboxes.

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From left: Caterham Rotarians Bill Ridley, Mike Smith, Babs Collins and John Barber.

Each box contains a tent and supplies to keep an extended family alive for up to three months. Full details are available from www.shelterbox.org

A total amount of just over £2,870 was collected. This was the largest amount the Rotarians had ever collected in one single day and Peter Lvons, President of Caterham Rotary Club, said: "A big thank you goes to the people of Caterham who gave so generously to help

relieve the poor, suffering victims of this dreadful disaster. Nothing can compensate for the tremendous losses of life and property that they have endured but it will do much to alleviate their immediate needs."

Both Peter and Graham also praised the support that Rotary in Caterham received from Tandridge District Council and from Shelley Filippi the Church Walk Centre Manager in helping to set everything up on the day.

Kestrels Children's Centre

Alex makes headlines in Cubs Annual 2014

Under the heading 'Amazing Alex', the achievements of local youngster, Alex Edge from Caterham, are being featured in the latest edition of the Cub Annual, providing inspiration for thousands of other Cubs across the country.

At the age of just ten, Alex achieved all 33 badges, which is especially remarkable as Alex is autistic and finds it difficult to concentrate at times.

Alex, who is now a Scout at 1st Caterham (St. Mary's) Scout Group, is quoted in the article as saying: "The best thing was the camping and the canal boat trips and I am very pleased with what I have achieved."

For more information about 1st Caterham Scout Group call Neil Burtenshaw on 01883 348045.

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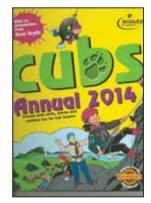
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Remembering the Fallen

On Sunday 10th November thousands of people turned out to commemorate Remembrance Sunday at services being held across the district.

Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Cllr. Beverley Connolly, attended the service at St. John's Church in Caterham accompanied by the Chief Executive of Tandridge District Council, Louise Round and Sam Gyimah, MP. Cllr. Connolly then travelled up to Kenley Airfield to lay a wreath at the Kenley Tribute along with the Mayor of Croydon, Cllr. Yvette Hopley and other representatives from civil and military organisations. Amongst the veterans laying wreaths at the Kenley Tribute was Mr Victor Milner who was a ground crew member of 615 squadron at Kenley Airfield during the war. Victor was at the airfield on 'the hardest day' of the Battle of Britain when the airfield suffered extensive damage on the ground from Luftwaffe bombers. That day three out of the



Victor Milner and his son at the Kenley Tribute.

four remaining hangers at Kenley took direct hits, five aircraft were destroyed and four were badly damaged. Nine service people lost their lives.

Looking back on the day, Victor said: "I was upset because my mate and I had just finished weeks of work repairing a Spitfire and were due to take it out for a test flight that afternoon. The hangar it was in took a direct hit from a German bomber and the plane was destroyed." For more information about

Kenley Airfield and the role it played during WWII visit www.historylearningsite.co. uk/raf_kenley.htm

Kenley Revival Project receives £56,000 lottery award

The City of London Corporation, which owns and manages Kenley Common in Croydon, Kenley Airfield Friends Group and English Heritage, have been awarded £56,000 by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to help fund their flagship 'Kenley Revival' Project. The Kenley Revival Project' aims to conserve the Airfield's physical heritage, promote its historical archive and increase community involvement and understanding.

The funding supports the development stages of the scheme that will last about a year, at which point the partners will submit a second stage application to HLF to fund the implementation of the project. The aim is to have started work on the around before the summer of 2015, to

coincide with the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Chris Baguley; Chairman of Kenley Airfield Friends' Group said: "The award from HLF is representative of many months of detailed work by the Kenley Revival Project team; it is a considerable achievement. The first stage pass enables us to develop the project through to a successful second stage when our ambi-Kenley's tions for infrastructure and community enlightenment will be realised



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Chaldon Village Council launches new website

The new Chaldon Village website is now live at www.chaldonvillagecouncil.org.uk

Whether it is an up-coming event, a planning application which may be of particular interest to residents, or the Village Council's activities, it is important that information gets across to the public quickly, accurately and cost-effectively, and that the public can respond. Keeping abreast of what's on is now much simpler with the new website. See upcoming events, a wealth of information about Chaldon, its organisations and societies, a link to the Neighbourhood Plan for CR3 and details of future public consultations, Council minutes and much more.

Lead Councillor for Communication, Jacqui Mitchell, said: "The need for fast and effective communication between Chaldon Village Council and the residents of Chaldon is always in the thoughts of Chaldon's coun-

Caterham Valley Parish Council



Cllr. Jacqui Mitchell.



The new website for Chaldon.

cillors. We are looking forward to feedback on the website and hope that residents will appreciate the modern, livelier format."

'Little Chris' makes surprise visit to de Stafford School

On Friday 8th November, de Stafford School in Caterham became a whirlwind of excitement when it received a surprise visit from 'The Only Way is Essex' star, Little Chris.

Ex-professional footballer, Kevin Cooper, had invited Chris to the school to reward the students for pledging their support for a charity football match taking place at Crystal Palace

FC the following day. Teacher at de Stafford School, Mrs Kate Harris, said: "Little Chris was a fantastic visitor and told the students about his school days and how he went to a bilingual school and speaks lots of different languages which definitely broke the stereotype for the students! He also praised the students for their charity work and told them about why he likes to get involved in raising money for good causes. It was a Fridav that won't be forgotten by the students!'

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Little Chris and Kevin Cooper with Mrs Kate Harris during their recent visit to de Stafford School.



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Santas run to give the gift of free hospice care

On Sunday 17th November around 200 Santa's helpers ran to raise money for St Catherine's Hospice to help local people with a terminal illness.

The St Catherine's Hospice Caterham Santa Run took place in Queen's Park, Caterham and was sponsored by the Gatwick Group. Seasoned runners and families with babies in tow all donned free Santa costumes to run the two and a half kilometre route. Over the 12 days of Christmas, it will cost St Catherine's around £130,000 to care for patients and families in Sussex and Surrey. Wickham, Events Jen Fundraiser at St Catherine's said: "We are very grateful to the Santa Runners who joined us at Queen's Park this year and to former world champion kickboxer Jody Blunt for conducting the warm up. I'd also like to



Santa's helpers running in Queen's Park, Caterham.

thank Councillor Beverley Connolly (Chairman of Tandridge District Council) and Councillor Sally Marks (Surrey County Councillor) for starting the run. Thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time to help, including members of Caterham Rotary who acted as marshals, and Gatwick Group, who kindly sponsored this year's run. The Santa Run is a great,

fun event and a fantastic way to get some exercise with family, friends, or even pets but it's also a vital source of income. St Catherine's must raise £15,000 every day to continue to provide care and comfort for terminally ill people, so taking part in these events really does make a difference." For more information about St Catherine's work, please ao to www.stch.ora.uk



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Great Ormond Street Hospital thanks local fundraising committee

On Thursday 24th October a local fundraising committee presented a 'donation with a difference' to the palliative care team at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Instead of handing over a cheque to the hospital charity, the fundraising committee, who held a charity ball earlier this year, took time to source much needed books for the department which staff generally find difficult to buy. The books are designed to help children on the unit come to terms with their feelings about being terminally ill which in turn helps staff and families in dealing with these difficult times.

A cheque was also presented for an amount to cover a replenishment of the stock of books for the department in the future.

The fundraising committee were then given a tour of

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From left: Karen Fuller (Great Ormond Street Hospital staff member), Sue Harris, Emma Harris, Keith Harris, Carly Hansen and Sally Hansen.

some of the units which would be able to use the new books. These included the palliative care ward, CT and MRI scanning units and the chapel in the basement of the hospital.

Fundraising committee member Emma Harris said: "All I can say is wow! The ball in February really was worth it for all the thanks we got today at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Such an eye opener and the money raised really has been put towards an excellent resource." For more information about the team's next charity ball email ballcommittee@yahoo.co.uk.

Have your say at the Crime Summit

Tandridge District Council is inviting residents to a Crime Summit meeting being held on Tuesday 17th December, from 7.30pm at the Council Offices, Oxted. It is being hosted by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The event will be introduced by the Council's Chief Executive, Louise Round, who will give an overview of local community safety issues, as well as outlining key partnership projects and initiatives.

Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner, Kevin Hurley, will discuss the People's Priorities for policing and crime, which form the basis of his Police and Crime Plan for Surrey.

In addition, Superintendent Matt Goodridge and District Inspector Angie Austin will give an overview of local policing.

Members of the public wishing to attend the event can register at www.tandridgesummit.eventbrite.co.uk. It is possible to just turn up, but by registering it will help with planning the event.

If you would like more information please contact Hilary New, Community Safety Manager on 01883 732703 or email community.safety@ tandridge.gov.uk.

Kevin Hurley, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey, said: "We all have an interest in the safety of our streets and the quality of life we enjoy in our communities. This Crime Summit is your chance to tell senior leaders from your public services what we can do to help make things better in your area for you and your family. The more we know about what you want, the better the job we can do for you. I look forward to welcoming Tandridge residents to the Summit and talking to you all at the event!'



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Netherne commuters support Children in Need

On Friday 15th November, commuters from Netherne-onthe-Hill dug deep into their pockets in support of Children in Need. All journeys to and from Coulsdon South station on the Netherne Community Bus that day were free, with passengers being asked to contribute whatever they could towards the Children in Need campaign.

Netherne resident and Community Bus user, Rajen Shah said: "It was great to see the generosity of all the regular commuters, as well as many other passengers who chose not to use their car that day and instead travelled on the Netherne Bus, in some cases for the first time. In total we raised £226!"

Another Netherne resident, local councillor Keith Foreman said: "I needed to go to London that day. What better way to travel than on our local Community Bus, and supporting Children in Need at the same time. It is a fantastic service, and it only took 45 minutes from leaving my front door to get to London Bridge. I will definitely be using the Bus again!"

For anyone wishing to start using the Netherne Bus, please see the timetable below:

Morning departures from Netherne Drive: 6.40am, 7.10am, 7.38am, 8.00am, 8.25am and 9.10am.

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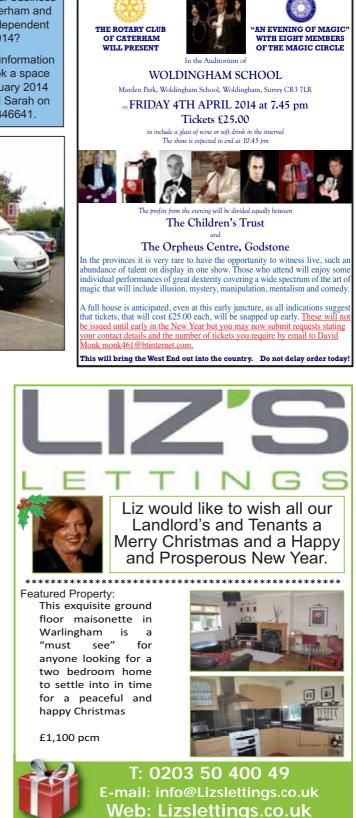
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In the spotlight

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This month we feature Peter McNeil, an ex Irish Guard who trained at Caterham Barracks in 1948.

Peter is the welfare officer at the Caterham branch of the Royal British Legion and has also been the standard bearer at the Caterham-on-the-Hill Remembrance Sunday parade for over 20 years.

Birthplace: Manchester.

Marital Status:

Widower. (I have been with my partner Barbara for 15 years).

Children: Six children plus 46 grand and great-grand children.

A40 Somerset and Cars: BMW Chevrolet.

Pets: Cats in the past.

Likes: Honest, up-front people.

Dislikes: Male fashionista.



Peter McNeil

Childhood hero: My mother. (She got us through the War).

Favourite TV show: 'Last of the Summer Wine' and 'Dad's Army'.

Favourite books: 'Wilt' books by Tom All Sharpe.

Pastimes: My allotment, reading and football.

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

Favourite Food & Drink: Liver and Bacon and a nice cup of tea.

Favourite song of all time: Night and Day by Cole Porter.

Favourite holiday destination: Cornwall.

Biggest influence on your life: Being a London docker for 25 years.

Proudest moment: Being elected to and chairthe Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council.

Most embarrassing moment: There are too many to mention!

Where would you most like to live? Cornwall.

Who would you most like to meet? Prince William.

If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it? would share it with my family.

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Coming soon the Tandridge Magazine **Winter 2013**

Full of news and information, the latest Tandridge Magazine, featuring the Snow Angels on the front cover, is currently being delivered to residents and businesses in the district.

Inside there is Christmas holiday information, details about how the Council is preparing to deal with any severe weather, the Snow Angels scheme, voting, food safety at Christmas, the Care & Repair service and the free NHS health check. A special pull-out-and-keep crime prevention supplement has information about the Crime Summit on Tuesday 17th December, reducing burglaries and car crime, the Time to Change mental health campaign and domestic violence, as well as useful contact numbers.

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There are also articles covering volunteering, bonfire advice and reducing metal theft, plus details about what happens to the clothes, shoes and textiles you recycle and the recycling and waste service, including Christmas holiday collection dates

Anyone who has not received a copy of the magazine by 2nd December should contact Policy on 01883 732710, or e-mail policy@tandridge. gov.uk.

Get a gorgeous glow for the party season at Surrev Skin and Laser Clinic

by Julia Church

Most ladies like to treat themselves to a new garment or two for the festive season but it is also the perfect time to eniov a beauty treatment as well.

We all like to look our best for Christmas and after my visit to Surrey Skin and Laser Clinic recently I felt confident that my skin was looking more healthy and glowing. The Clinic in Limpsfield High Street, is easy to find and I could park outside the door. On arrival I was offered a cup of coffee and asked to complete a questionnaire about my general health. Sarah Slade, the co-owner of the Clinic discussed my requirements with me and explained the different procedures available. Sarah and her business partner Rosie are both highly experienced State Registered Nurses as the treatments at the Clinic

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to come here is because they feel reassured that Rosie and I are registered nurses and they feel they are in safe hands."

As it was my first visit, Sarah recommended I have a DermaQuest Mango skin tightening neel because the friut acids and lactic acid in the mango pulp will even and brighten my skin tone. After removing my makeup and cleansing my skin, Sarah applied the treatment, consisting of mango pulp and orange stem cells and left it to work its magic. The whole procedure was very relaxing. The mango pulp felt cool and refreshing and slightly Sarah said that tingly. the tingling sensation was the effect of the lactic acid in the pulp increasing the

hydration of my skin. After removing the peel Sarah applied an antioxidant soothing serum to calm my skin.

The whole procedure took about half an hour and Sarah recommended I did not reapply my make-up for the rest of the day.

In the days that followed the treatment I could feel the difference, with my skin feeling much softer and with a lasting, healthy glow. In addition to the facial peels

the Clinic offers a range of other medical procedures including laser removal of thread veins, Botox for frown lines, and hair removal.

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Caterham and Warlingham light up for Christmas





A delighted little girl receives some sweets from Father

On Saturday 23rd November crowds packed into the car park of Buxtons in Caterham-on-the-Hill for the annual switching-on of the lights on the magnificent Cedar Tree. The crowd joined in with carols sung by the children of St. Francis School and the Caterham Community Choir while enjoying minced pies and mulled wine. The organisers, Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council said a big thank you to the local scouts for helping with the catering and to mem-



The St. Francis School Choir sin light ceremony. Photo by Andy



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The Christmas Lights on Warlingham Green



Mother and Father Christmas on parade in Warlingham.

Shoppers look at the Christmas gifts for sale in Dales.

In Warlingham on Saturday 16th November, the switching on of the lights on Warlingham Green was preceded by the traditional lantern parade from Mint Walk up to the Green. The Warlingham Flute Band led the huge procession as it circuited the Green, accompanied by Motherand Father Christmas. Master of Ceremonies, Cllr. Jeremy Pursehouse, drew the raffle for the winner to have the honour of switching on the lights, which went to Valerie Marshall from Sanderstead. The crowd then joined in with carols sung by children from Hamsey Green Primary School.

The lights which this year had added 'ohh value!' as described by Cllr. Jeremy Pursehouse, are paid for by the fundraising efforts of the Warlingham Christmas Lights Committee and a grant from Warlingham parish Council.



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Eating Out

ID - a great place to celebrate the Festive Season

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Review by Julia Church

ID, or to give it its full name, 'Imperial Dynasty' Chinese restaurant at 55 Croydon Road is one of Caterham Valley's most popular night spots and is the perfect place for celebrations of all kinds. This stylish, spacious restaurant can easily accommodate large parties and has a separate bar area for meeting up with friends for a drink before dining.

When visiting ID recently I met my sister Helen in the bar first before being shown through to our table in the restaurant.

We were both feeling pretty peckish and very much looking forward to our meal, so we were pleased to have some prawn crackers to nibble on while we selected from the menu.

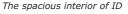
For starters, I chose the Mandarin Spare Ribs and Helen chose the Grilled Meat Dumplngs. She thought they sounded unusual and wanted to try something different. My spare ribs were not 'spare' at all, with plenty of meat in a lovely sweet, sticky sauce. Helen enjoyed her dumplings too, particularly the soft pastry casing and the tangy dipping sauce which she said was a really nice, unusual combination.

For our main courses I chose one of the 'Sizzling' dishes, Sliced Lamb in Satay Sauce. Helen chose the Wall-Siu Chicken and we shared a portion of Fried Ho Fun 'Singapore Style' noodles and a portion of Fried Mushrooms and Chinese Mushrooms in Oyster Sauce.

The portions were very generous and looked amazing. The noodles were quite spicy which contrasted well with the mild flavour of my lamb dish. Helen was especially impressed with how crispy her chicken was, saying: "It's supposed to be crispy and it is!" Of course!

If you have not yet discovered ID then it is the perfect place for a Christmas treat and they are now taking bookings for a







The succulent Mandarin Spare Ribs.

fabulous New Year's Eve party. The restaurant is also available for private parties and functions. Call ID on 01883 345491 for more information.







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A time for giving

On Friday 22nd November Eric Richard (The Bill's Sgt Bob Cryer) was at Knights Garden Centre, Woldingham to show his support for Marie Curie Cancer Care's Christmas appeal.

"Marie Eric said: Curie nurses make a huge difference to patients with cancer and other terminal illnesses, and their care is even more important at Christmas. So, this Christmas, turn your festive fun into a fundraiser for Marie Curie Cancer Care. I would urge everyone to support this very worthy cause.'

The charity is looking for singers or choirs to organise their own event such as a carol concert, school nativity or carol singing in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Every song will make a real difference to families affected by terminal illness across Surrey this Christmas.

Karen Green, volunteer PR for Marie Curie said: "If you



Eric Richard on one of his many motorcycles at Knights Garden Centre. Photo by Andy Parr.

feel your harmonies might not be so tuneful, why not have a party, a play, a plate collection in your local church or even your own version of Come Dine With Me and raise vital funds to support the 13 Marie Curie nurses who work throughout Surrey during the season of goodwill?" For more information on

how to get involved, please call the Surrey Fundraising Office on 01883 832648.

Ouaint new tea rooms open in Caterham-on-the-Hill by Julia Church

A lovely new meeting place for the residents of Caterham-on-the-Hill has opened up at 20a High Street called 'My Fair Vintage'.

The owners have created a space that feels like a country kitchen, with pretty tablecloths, china crockery and fresh flowers on every table. Welsh dressers display a range of vintage-style ornaments for sale and homemade preserves.

Open Monday-Saturday from 8.30am-4.30pm, the tea rooms serve breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea at very reasonable prices. The lunch menu includes sandwiches, paninis and baguettes as well as salads, jacket potatoes, ploughman's lunches and homemade soup. The day I visited the 'Specials' were Ham and Leek Quiche and Salad for £3.95, Butternut Squash Soup and Crusty Bread for £3.95 and Strawberry Cheesecake for £2.15.



The quaint interior of My Fair Vintage.

My Fair Vintage also sells a delicious range of homemade cakes from just £1.25 a slice.

There is a good selection of loose leaf tea to choose from as well as coffee, hot chocolate or soft drinks. There is even a kiddies' corner with iunior-sized furniture and colouring crayons to keep the little ones happy while their mums have a catch-up! There were several customers in the tea rooms when I visited, so word is spreading quickly about this delightful new shop. For more information call 01883 337118.





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Tandridge celebrates local sporting talent at the Tandridge Sports Awards 2013

On Sunday 13th October, members of local sporting associations gathered at de Stafford Sports Centre in Burntwood Lane, Caterham for the Tandridge Sports 2013. Amongst Awards presenting those the awards was Mr Tim Connolly, husband of the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Beverley Connolly. Sports Officer for Tandridge Trust, Nikki Ball, welcomed everyone to the event and screened a film showing youngsters enjoying sporting activities at the Surrey Youth Games before announcing the winners. Durina the afternoon the audience was entertained by a demonstration of fencing by young members of the Dream Fencing Club and ju jitsu by members of the Sakora Aikijutsu Club. This year's winners were:

Sports Personality of the Yosif Angelinov, Year: owner of Dream Fencing Club.

the Olympic Torch

Birthday

Sports Club of the Year: Warlingham Squash and Racket Club Disability Sports Award:

Sam Muncey from Whyteleafe. Volunteer of the Year: Tim Bellars from South Nutfield. Young Volunteer of the Year: Natalie Salter of Hurst

Green. A special award was also made to Hugo Fleming by Mr Jim Faulkner on behalf of Sports Aid. Hugo is a modern pentathlete from Edenbridge who has been the British Champion four times.

After receiving their trophy for Sports Club of the Year, Rod Gemmell, Chairman of Warlingham Squash and Racket Club said: "It is a bit overwhelming! It is lovely to know that people think we are a good club. A lot of people put a lot of hard work into the club, so it is nice to get acknowledged. We will definitely put this award up in our reception area!"

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Rod Gemmell receiving the award for Sports Club of the Year on behalf of Warlingham Squash and Racket Club from Mark Symonds, Managing Director of Tandridge Trust. Photo by Neil Hadrill.



Sam Muncey with his award. Photo by Neil Hadrill.

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Salvation Army **Christmas Present** Appeal 2013

Thousands of children, young people and their families will have a happier Christmas this year, thanks to The Salvation Army's nationwide Christmas Present Appeal.

From Saturday 15th November until Saturday 14th December members of the public across the country are invited to donate new gifts for children aged 0-16. The gifts will then be distributed to needy children and their families in the local area through The Salvation Army's own networks, health visitors, children's centres and social services

In Caterham please leave unwrapped gifts at either the Superdrug store in Church Walk or the Church Walk Shopping Centre Manager's Office. For more information please call Don Hall at the Salvation Army Caterham on 07402 909 130.

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Readers' Letters

Doctor appointments There has been much talk in

the press recently about new GP contracts. These frequently mention the difficulty for patients in obtaining an appointment with their local practice.

There is in the ward I represent a development of some 161 homes under construction. Many local people were concerned about the impact this would have on access to doctors. Prior to planning permission being granted, the local authority wrote to the two GPs' practices closest to the proposed estate and asked for their comments. One said they could: "happily accommodate the new patients," and the other said they: "did not have a finite number to reach we keep our lists open."

These comments lead one to suggest that those rightly concerned with speedy access to doctors should lobby their local practices to employ more doctors and nurses or provide other means to ameliorate the existing situation, as it would appear that the doctors themselves do not perceive there to be a problem. **Clir. Eithne Webster**

Westway Ward Tandridge District Council.

Eye Witness

I would be grateful if you could kindly publish my plea for the witness to an accident I had last June to make contact please. The accident, involving a 407 bus, occurred at the Court Bushes Road bus stop in Whyteleafe at 4.32pm on Thursday 27th June. Α young lady named Chloe kindly came to my assistance and said she would be happy to be a witness but unfortunately I do not have her contact details.

Name withheld.

Can Chloe please call The Caterham and District Independent on 01883 346641 whereupon we can put you in touch with the lady concerned. Thank you.

Please either e-mail letters to editor@caterhamindependent.co.uk or post to the address on page 2.

Fayre raises funds for Caterham Dene Hospital

On Saturday 9th November, the Autumn Fayre held by the League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital ('LoF') was a great success, raising £1,740.00. Member of the LoF, Jean Baker, said: "I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all those volunteers who

manned the stalls or made

the lunches and cakes, together with those who provided knitted goods, books, bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, etc. It has been a very busy year for the LoF fundraising team, who over the year have raised in excess of \pounds 5,000 for Caterham Dene Hospital. These events included stalls at various



The book stall at the League of Friends Autumn Fayre.

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What's On

Every year Caterham Round Table gives tens of thousands of pounds to predominantly local charities and good causes and this ball is one of the main fundraisers. Beneficiaries have included Childrens Wish, Tadworth Trust, Orpheus, Help for Heroes, NSPCC, local schools, and many more.

Tickets cost £60 each. For more information and to book tickets please see www.caterhamtable.com or contact Glen on 01883 336633.

Munch with Music

'Munch with Music' is being held on Wednesday 11th December at St. John's Church, Clareville Road, Caterham. The performance will be from 12.45pm-1.30pm. Coffee will be provided at 12.15pm and admission is free. Please bring your own 'munch'. Geneviève Usher (soprano) and Chris Underhill (piano) will present opera, lieder and piano solos with a seasonal twist.

Grand Christmas Fair

On Saturday 7th December, a Grand Christmas Fair is being held at the Soper Hall in Harestone Valley Road, Caterham CR3 6HY. There will be craft stalls, a Santa's Grotto, live reindeer, the Rock Choir and much more. **Oasis Academy Coulsdom Christmas Fair**

On Saturday 7th December Oasis Academy Coulsdon are holding their Christmas Fair from 12 noon until 4pm at the Academy in Homefield Road, Old Coulsdon CR5 1ES.

Christmas Concert

On Saturday 7th December, East Surrey Choral Society are presenting a Christmas concert featuring Haydn's St Nicholas Mass and carols for the choir and audience. The event will begin at 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church in Harestone Valley Road, Caterham.

Tickets, costing £10, are available by calling 01293 786358 or on the door.

Quick Quiz

Christmas Eve

1. John Stonehouse, who faked his own death off Miami Beach, was arrested on Christmas Eve 1974, in which country?

2. The first female to be seen on Channel 4 celebrates her 53rd birthday on Christmas Eve this year – who is she?

3. Who composed the opera Aida, first performed on Christmas Eve 1871?

4. Which playwright whose plays include The Birthday Party and The Caretaker died on Christmas Eve 2008?

5. Who won the 2007 XFactor and reached Number One on Christmas Eve that year with "When You Believe"?

Answers:

1. Australia (Melbourne); 2. Carol Vorderman; 3. Verdi; 4. Harold Pinter; 5. Leon Jackson.



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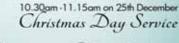
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The calendars are available to purchase for £9 from the Caterham Dene Hospital and a donation



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Who wants to be a Volunteer?

by Rosemary Banks

The shorter, colder days herald the coming of winter and even for those fortunate enough to have someone to share the long grey hours it can be a depressing time of year. For the elderly, isolated and those living in fear of the ever increasing fuel bills it is even more so.

And so this month I am asking you to consider volunteering as a Befriender with the Tandridge Befriending Scheme, where every effort is made to match volunteers with those in need, taking consideration of personalities and interests. We want your experience as well as that of our client to be positive and valuable. Some of those visited live independently, some in residential homes and others have carers within their families. Visits to the latter group allow a much needed break for the carer, often refreshing the carer's experience as well as providing companionship to the cared-for. Some of those visited struggle with ill health, medical conditions or are having difficulties with their



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sight or hearing. All look forward to and really enjoy their visits.

Befrienders are rewarded too, with a new friendship, a great deal of gratitude and the knowledge that through their companionship they are making a very great difference to the quality of another's life. Often shared interests, such as a love of music or a skill or craft in common, can form the basis for a really strong bond. In these cases knowledge flows in both directions - this can build confidence and a feeling of value to those who often feel they are now just a burden to others.

If you have even an hour a week to spare and would like to find out more about this very valuable service, email me, Rosemary Banks, at caterhamvc@tvsc.org.uk or phone 01883 344444.





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Over the last year Tandridge District Council has been working to minimise the impact of bad weather on services and improve residents' access to information.

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Recycling, food, general and garden waste

In severe weather conditions, the Council and its contractor Biffa will make decisions about sending out the food waste, recycling, general waste and garden waste each morning at crews around 6am. If rounds are suspended due to bad weather, the Council's priority will be to collect food waste and other waste first and recycling and garden waste later when resources are available.

Roads and gritting

Surrey County Council is re-

sponsible for roads and pavements in Tandridge, including snow clearance and gritting. Any enquiries about gritting and snow clearance should be made to Surrey County Council on 0300 200 1003, or e-mail contact.centre@surreycc.gov.uk.

Working together

Surrey County Council, Tandridge District Council, along with the parish councils and chambers of commerce have developed partnerships to help with snow clearance and salting in town and village centres. Each of the areas co-ordinate volunteer teams

of Snow Angels to help with winter maintenance and are given salt spreaders, snow shovels and salt by Tandridge District Council and Surrey County Council. This partnership allows the community to help clear snow more quickly in high streets and essential pedestrian and business areas, as well as to keep the local economy moving. Grit bins

All grit bins are checked by Surrey County Council and filled before the start of the winter season. They are filled again after any snow. The grit should only be used on the roads and is not for personal use by residents on their own property.

Clearing snow and ice

Residents and businesses can also help by keeping an eye on elderly and vulnerable neighbours and if possible clearing snow away around their property or business making access easier not just for you, but also for other people including the recycling and waste collection crews. More information about clearing paths safely can be found on the website www.tandridge.gov.uk/winter.

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Whyteleafe FC

by Adam Willmott

Leafe's season ran into a series of cup matches over October and November. Leafe continued their FA Vase run with a 4-2 win over Windsor FC, returning from a goal deficit, to draw with Lordswood away in the next round.

The following fixture was a Surrey Senior Cup match against Ryman League Carshalton Athletic at Church Road. Despite holding the visitors to 0-0 at half time, a strong second half performance saw Carshalton run out comfortable 4-0 winners and Leafe's Surrey Senior Cup ambitions fell at the first hurdle.

Following on from this, Leafe began a two-legged Kent League 'Macron Cup' match against league rivals Phoenix Sports, a narrow 3-2 defeat away in the first leg left plenty of hope of turning the tie around at Church Road. However, with a number of key injuries, Leafe capitulated in the home leg, losing the match 4-0 and the tie 7-2 to exit yet another competition.

A waterlogged pitch saw



Leafe's planned away league fixture at Corinthian postponed before they travelled to Lordswood in the FA Vase, hoping to continue their success in their last remaining cup competition with dreams of reaching Wembley. Leafe got off to the worst possible start, conceding in the first minute. Taylor Smith replied midway through the second half to level the scores at 1-1 before a heart breaking exit conceding in the last minute.

With a lengthy absence from league football, Leafe will be back at home with fixtures against Deal Town on the 14th December and Woodstock Sports on the 28th December, hoping to get the season back on track and concentrate on getting promotion back to the Ryman League. Keep up to date with all goings on at the Leafe at www.theleafe.co.uk

Caterham Pumas crowned kings of Selhurst Park

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Caterham Pumas were rewarded for all their hard work in achieving FA Charter Standard status by receiving the famous plaque at Selhurst Park - and witnessing two goal of the season contenders in the process.

The club were welcomed on the pitch at half-time of Crystal Palace's Premier League clash with Fulham on Monday 21st October, where moments earlier Whites' midfielders Patjim Kasami and Steve Sidwell had scored two jaw-dropping goals.

Established in 1998, Caterham Pumas FC achieved FA Charter Standard status at the end of last season, and have a staggering 22 boys teams, two girls teams and two senior mens teams.

The Charter Standard kitemark indicates Caterham are a well run club that offer quality coaching in a fun and safe environment. All their coaches have



Members of Caterham Pumas FC at the presentation at Selhurst Park.

achieved the Level 1 qualification, are Emergency First-Aid trained and have completed a Safeguarding Children workshop. They are now working towards Charter Standard Community Status for next season - the highest accolade in

the programme. Caterham Pumas Secretary, James Hinchliffe, said: "On behalf of everyone at the club, I'd like to thank the Surrey County FA and Crystal Palace FC - it was a brilliant night". Caterham Pumas are a great advert for grassroots football not only in Surrey but across the country, and the Surrey County FA and Crystal Palace FC would like to wish them every success for the future.

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