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Caterham Rotary Club holds its first ever Half Marathon.

Nearly 200 runners entered the first ever Caterham Rotary Half Marathon held at Redhill Aerodrome on Sunday, 20th July in aid of Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice Care.

The race was inspired by Rotarian Peter Georgiades, who first thought of holding the half marathon two years ago.

Just before the start of the race Peter, who was himself running the half marathon, said: "Two years ago I was dreaming of hundreds of people taking part in the race and it has at last got off the ground. I am absolutely

thrilled that it has actually happened. When you see what the Rotary Club can put on I am just a small cog in a big wheel."

The weather, warm but overcast, was on the humid side for the race which took place in the beautiful country roads around the Aerodrome. Rotarians acted as marshals and manned water stations along the route which was not closed to traffic during the race.

After the event, one of the organisers, Richard York, thanked all the volunteers who got up early to help on the day and

said: "We have had some very positive feedback with most adding that they will be back next year. It really was a great team effort."

One of the runners, Graeme Drysdale, Tweeted: "Thanks to @RotaryCaterham and @niceworkrun for organising a great event at the Caterham Rotary Half Marathon today. I'll be back next year!"

The winner, Matt Collins, finished in 1:20:48 and the full results can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/1n39maY>.

For more information about Caterham Rotary Club go to www.caterhamrotary.org.uk



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Sam Gyimah MP calls for banks to take action on 'vishing'

Sam Gyimah MP has demanded the banking industry do more to protect customers from new types of financial scam such as 'vishing', after a couple from Godstone were defrauded of their life-savings worth £42,300.

Vishing (Voice phishing) is a type of telephone scam in which victims are deceived into transferring funds to fraudsters posing as representatives of their bank. It exploits a loophole in the telephone system that allows the line to be kept open up to two minutes after the victim believes the call has ended.

Alongside courier scams, vishing is a type of 'mandate fraud' for which the banks refuse to accept liability as the transaction was authorised by the legitimate account holder. After vigorous lobbying by Mr Gyimah, his constituents were eventually reimbursed by their bank, which insisted the move was purely a gesture of goodwill.

The problem is growing, with Financial Fraud Action UK identifying vishing as a key driver for the 14% rise in card ID theft last year, the cost of which increased from £32.2m to £36.7m.

Following the case, Mr Gyimah has written to the Chief Executive of the British Bankers Association



Sam Gyimah MP

to demand banks take action to protect their customers. He has also raised the matter with Andrew Tyrie, Chairman of the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee, and the Committee is considering ways to take this forward.

Mr Gyimah said: "The experience of my constituents and others targeted by this scam is truly horrifying. It could happen to anyone. That is why we need co-ordinated action from the industry to raise awareness of the latest scams and ensure customers are well-informed of the dangers posed by fraudsters."

To read the full article, first published in the Caterham and District E-newsletter on Thursday 10th July, visit <http://bit.ly/UdSC51>

Don't miss this year's extra-special Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at Kenley!

by Mike Street, Event Organiser

This year's visit by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight ('BBMF') to our famous and historic airfield at RAF Kenley on Sunday 17th August will be to commemorate two occasions. Firstly, 'The Hardest Day', during the Battle of Britain on 18th August 1940, in which Kenley suffered heavy losses.

Secondly, the 70th anniversary of the Normandy 'D Day' invasion on 6th June 1944 which, to this day, is the largest military operation in history, codenamed 'Operation Overlord'.

Because of operational requirements, the appearance by BBMF will be in the form of two visits. The first will be a sponsored display by the Spitfire and Hurricane at 11.45am followed by a flypast of the Lancaster at 12.40pm. Some readers may know that the only other airworthy Lan-



The Lancaster PA474. Photograph courtesy of RAF BBMF.

caster in the World is privately owned by the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum and is based at Hamilton, Ontario. Because of the special relationship that Britain and Canada had in the Second World War, the decision was made to fly her 4,000 miles to England in this special 70th anniversary 'D Day' year. Providing all goes well and weather permitting, she will be here for about a month and will accompany BBMF aircraft at selected air displays and flypasts throughout the month of August. One of the venues chosen has been RAF Kenley and

the flypast on the 17th August is a once in a lifetime event. I am sure there won't be a dry eye on the airfield with ten Rolls Royce Merlin engines humming overhead. So let us make these iconic aircraft welcome. Make some noise, whistle and shout and wave like mad!

The grand old lady has an epic 4,000 mile flight to make, so fingers crossed she gets here safely. And please remember if you attend the event, spectators must keep behind the line.

For more information about the pilots, crew and aircraft go to <http://bit.ly/1ywn3md>

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Council Chairman opens new free gym in Queen's Park

Tuesday 15th July saw the official opening of the new outdoor gym in Queen's Park, Caterham-on-the-Hill by the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Councillor Liz Parker, accompanied by her consort and husband Robin.

Six pieces of gym equipment have been installed in Queen's Park designed to be used by people of all ages, shapes and sizes, regardless of fitness levels. The open air gym is free and accessible to all adults and each piece of equipment is clearly labelled with instructions about how to use it safely.

During her speech, Cllr. Parker said: "The outdoor gym is a collaborative effort between Tandridge District Council and Tandridge Trust, funded by the Surrey County Council Prevention, Personalisation and Partnership Fund, and I am delighted to see representatives from all these parties here today. I really look forward to seeing more of these excellent free outdoor gyms being installed."

When the opening formalities were over, Chris Cole, Sports Centre Manager and Fitness Instructor for Tan-



Tandridge Trust fitness trainer, Chris Cole, shows Cllr. Liz Parker how to use one of the pieces of gym equipment in Queen's Park.

dridge Trust, demonstrated the different items of equipment.

The gym is next to the children's playground, which should enable adults to exercise safely, while keeping an eye on their children or grandchildren at the same time.

Fitness instructors from Tandridge Trust have set up a programme of inductions and classes for anyone who would like to know how to use the equipment, or who need help to get started - see full details in the advertisement below.

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Warlingham Village commemorates the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI

Almost one hundred years to the day since the start of World War One, the organisers of the 'Warlingham Walks' are inviting people to join them for a walk around Warlingham to see how the village would have looked during 1914.

Walkers should meet at 2.30pm at the Village Hall, opposite The Horse-shoe pub, on Sunday 3rd August for the 3.5 mile walk. There will also be a shorter (wheelchair-friendly) walk for those who would prefer it, followed by tea and refreshments in the Village Hall and a 'Then and Now' display of pictures.

The following day, on the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI on Monday 4th August, an Act of Commemoration is being held on The Green at 11pm. To mark 'When the Lamps went out all over Europe'



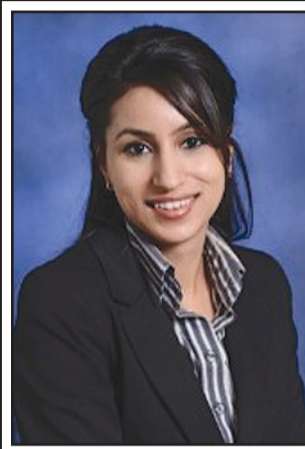
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people are invited to bring a light to be extinguished in a symbolic act of commemoration.

The organisers are holding an event at Warlingham Church Hall before the Act of Commemoration starting at 8.30pm. A talk will be given about the outbreak of war and how Warlingham was affected in the first month of the war. There will also be a local historian explaining the course of history from the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo on 28th June 1914 to the outbreak of the war. Entrance is £3 and tickets are available from Warlingham Library.

On behalf of the Caterham Team of Churches, St. Luke's Parish Church, Whyteleafe, will be holding a service of commemoration on Monday 4th August at 11am on the 100th anniversary of the start of World War One.

On Sunday 3rd August at 3pm a service is being held in St. John's Church in Old Coulsdon followed by a commemoration service at the War Memorial.



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Your family should inherit your estate, not the tax man!

You may remember the Conservatives were planning to increase the Inheritance Tax (IHT) threshold to £1m if they won the General Election?

Subsequently, the Coalition Government shelved it. But if you are thinking that you are unlikely to be affected by IHT, think again. More and more people are affected by IHT every year. It used to be a tax that was the preserve of the very wealthy, but escalating property values in recent years have put paid to that.

For single people, Inheritance Tax applies at the top rate of 40% to assets worth over £325,000. This threshold is known as the nil rate band. For married couples and civil partnerships the threshold is £650,000. But the higher £650,000 limit only applies when assets are passed between spouses and civil

partners and this figure reduces if any money is passed onto any of your benefactors during your lifetime.

There are also other financial implications to consider, particularly if you are a widow, widower or divorcee. And with the threshold remaining unchanged by the coalition government until at least 2015 and subject to further legislation the freeze will be extended up to and including the 2017/2018 tax year, more people could get sucked in as the minimum IHT threshold usually increases at a rate equivalent to at least inflation.

Many people may not understand the implications of IHT and mistakenly believe they are unlikely to be affected by it. Some simple, straight forward advice, especially around successful will writing, is all some people may need to avoid the pitfalls of IHT.

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Oakhall Church - serving God and country in the First World War

by Cedric Wort

With the outbreak of the First World War, Caterham was host to huge numbers of soldiers based at the Guards Barracks in Coulsdon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill. There was considerable overcrowding in tough conditions with tin billet blocks and tents being used to supplement the permanent three storey accommodation buildings. Oakhall Church, being located in nearby Francis Road, was only a few minutes walk away from the Depot and was opened several nights a week as a social centre where the trainee guardsmen could relax for a short time and perhaps quietly write home. The Oakhall Workers Band endeavoured to make these young men welcome, serving them with tea and other refreshments out of their own meagre rations, at the same time as sharing their



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Like any small independent business, the loyalty, commitment and efficiency of its staff are paramount to its success and survival. Throughout the 100 years, Job's have been fortunate in having staff with those key credentials. One of those was Victor Dennis, one of two long-serving managers who was with the company for 50 years until his retirement in 1984 and the other, Brian Wicks, was for 40 years another valuable employee.

Whilst enjoying support from the



The Station Road West store.

local populace, many customers visit the store from outside the area, as Job's offer a personal and individual service. The vast majority of products on sale are sourced from UK manufacturers, including Sherborne, Cintique, Corndell, Silentnight, Dreamworks, Buoyant and Cormar. To mark their centenary in Oxted, Job's are celebrating by offering a 20% discount on 100 stock items throughout July and August.

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When Moore joined Sunnydown in 1982 with his wife and three children, the school was based on the Hog's Back in Guildford. Moore was appointed Deputy Head, teaching English, Art and PE. In 1983 Jill joined the team as a part time English teacher and in 1984 Sunnydown moved to Portley House in Caterham. The young family moved and lived on site, with the children attending the local primary school. Moore became the Head of Sunnydown in September 1989 and has been in this role ever since. In 1989 the school consisted of 56 pupils, one head teacher, one deputy and 4.5 teachers. Now in 2014 the school has 50 staff members and 83 pupils. During the retirement party, Sunnydown parent, Cathy Long and ex-pupil Matthew Gordon presented emotional speeches on behalf of the



The surprised faces of Jill and Moore as they arrive at the party at Sunnydown School.

parents and pupils of the school, paying tribute to a head teacher described as "firm but fair", "funny, wise and kind" and "calm and patient".

One of the teachers at Sunnydown School, Chris Hull, added: "Moore has supported me both professionally and personally and I will always be grateful for the opportunities I have been given under his leadership. Life at Sunnydown won't be the same without him. He leaves very big shoes to fill!"

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Coulsdon College celebrates outstanding contributions by students

27th June was the last day of term for students at Coulsdon Sixth Form College. It was also a day of celebrations, when awards were granted to students who have made outstanding contributions to the College and/or to society during the last year.

The Awards were presented by Cllr Patricia Hay-Justice, Deputy Mayor of Croydon, who commented on the improvements made at the College over the last year. "This place has been transformed and it is wonderful to come and witness the hard work and the achievements of the College students. They are truly lucky to be doing their sixth form education here, in such lovely university-like surroundings and with great facilities and committed staff. It feels so professional and I'm confident



Principal of Coulsdon College, Brett Freeman, with the proud award winners.

that coming here prepares them well for their future lives at work. I'd like to congratulate them all and wish them all well in their future careers!"

Pius Ofori, 18, from South Norwood, who was one of the Jack Petchey recipients, was excited about the celebrations. "It's been a great

day at the end of a great year. We've all worked really hard and now we're having lots of fun. The Enhancement Programme here at College has been pretty full on this year, and I'm confident that will continue next year, when I am proud to be President of the Student Union."

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Summer is in full swing at Caterham Horticultural show

There was a high summer feel to The Caterham and District Horticultural Society summer show held on Saturday 12th July at Hillcroft School in Chaldon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill.

Society Chairman Debbie Fox said: "This year, high summer flowers are blooming at least a month earlier than last year. The pelargoniums were perfect and the hydrangeas heavenly. Even autumn's dazzling dahlias appeared in the floral classes."

Highlights in the bumper 96 show categories included floral arrangements with a record seven entrants entering an arrangement in a tea pot. The potatoes were perfect, with entrants trying the new blight-tolerant variety Sarpo Mira.

Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council sponsored the hanging basket class in the show and Cllr. Chris Botton from the Parish Council was on hand to present cash prizes to the winners.

The Society has introduced



Cllr. Chris Botten (centre) with prize-winners Debbie Fox and Chris Wayman.

the Roy Skelton Cup for the best young local gardener aged 16-21. The cup marks the contribution of the Society's much loved previous chairman of the same name. To win it, the young competitor has to score the highest total points in horticultural classes in the 2014 spring, summer and autumn shows. No-one in this age category entered the spring or summer shows so there is a chance for a newcomer to scoop the prize at the autumn show on Saturday 13th September.

For more information and a schedule of categories for the 2014 shows and forms for entry, please see the 'What's on' section at <http://caterhamdistricthorticulturalsoc.weebly.com>.

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In the spotlight

This month we feature **Sue Baines** whose beautiful garden in **Burntwood Lane, Caterham** has won a number of awards. Sue also writes her 'Diary of a Plantaholic' gardening column for this paper.



Sue Baines.

Birthplace: St Pancras in London.

Marital Status: Married to Geoff for nearly 45 years.

Children: Two married sons and five grandchildren (four boys and one girl).

Cars: A Nissan Micra.

Childhood hero: Hayley Mills.

Favourite Food & Drink: Roast dinner; A cold glass of Piesporter white wine.

Favourite book: 'A Kiss Before Dying' by Ira Levin

Favourite holiday destination: Florida.

Pastimes: Family, gardening (and visiting other gardens), painting, DIY, cooking and politics.

Likes: The feeling of success when I manage to master modern technology.

Dislikes: Motorways in general but the M25 in particular.

Favourite TV show: Any new 'whodunnit' or psychological thriller.

Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at? Tony Blair for the conflicts he committed us to.

Biggest influence on your life: My husband Geoff.

Favourite song of all time: 'November Rain' by Guns and Roses.

Proudest moment: The birth of each of my sons and their graduation ceremonies.

Most embarrassing moment: To be taken onto the dance floor of a top hotel in Buenos Aires as the guest of honour for the first dance of the evening. I really can't dance and experienced the longest three minutes of my life.

Where would you most like to live? Exactly where I am living now in Caterham.

Who would you most like to meet? Alive - Twiggy, she was the icon of my age. Dead - My Mum. I lost her when I was young and now there are so many things I want to ask her and to tell her.

If you won the Lottery Jackpot how would you spend it? I would like to create a garden like 'The Chelsea Physic Garden' to enable lots of research into the beneficial properties of plants.

Caterham CC Girls play first match

Sunday 6th July was an historic day for Caterham Cricket Club as they played their first ever girls only Colts match at Newdigate Girls, where they came away with victory by a narrow margin of ten runs. All the players in the match, which proved to be a great advertisement for girls cricket, were aged between 9 and 12.

After the game, the Caterham Colts Manager, Tony

Parrett, said: "This has been a tremendous success which started with our winter advertising campaign and indoor nets, following through into the summer as we continued to attract enough girls to put this side together. We still have a small squad and it would be great to get a few more along to add some depth into the squad, so we'd love to hear from other girls aged 9 to 11 who want to join."

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Two of the vintage vehicles in the classic car display.



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Diary of a plantaholic

by Sue Baines

Even though I have gardened for over 30 years, I am always surprised by just how much plants grow at this time of year. Plant supports put in in April have been reinforced in places where everything threatened to flop in heavy rain, with rolls of green chicken wire. 'Flexi-Tie' which comes in a clear box and stays tangle free has also been really useful. It's brown, so soon becomes invisible, but strong enough tied round the canes to give really good support. With the big plants staying upright, it gives smaller plants underneath a chance to flourish because when they get too 'drawn' they produce less flowers but lots of tender growth which is loved by aphids and the slugs and snails.

With another 'Garden Open' on 23rd and 24th August, I am trying to prepare the garden for this date. Some plants are cut back, others are kept fed with tomato fertiliser, though I am tailing off the Miracle Grow (apart from hanging baskets), as I don't want too much soft growth. Others are dead-headed. It will



Sue Baines.

just be luck whether the roses are in flower, but that's what I am aiming for. Hibiscus, Michaelmas daisies, various verbena, rudbeckia and of course the dahlias, should provide a colourful framework. Grasses and foliage plants will hopefully add varied colour and texture and if I've got the timing right, the bulbs I planted earlier will be in bloom. Too much rain or sun will change the growth/flowering times, making some of the plant combinations different from anticipated, but that's nature.

The tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers are cropping fantastically, but not the aubergines or chillies yet. The mixed runner beans are worth all the effort. The propagators' lids seem to be keeping the wildlife off, they just look a bit odd but it is worthwhile. if it works.

Scott undertakes '12 in 12' Marathon challenge

After losing two close relatives in the last few years, Scott Huntley from Caterham decided to try and raise £10,000 to split between two charities that helped his family, the Salisbury Hospice Charity and Parkinsons UK.

Having been a runner all his life, Scott chose to undertake the huge challenge of running 12 marathons in 12 months "come rain or shine"!

So far Scott has run six marathons, including the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 6th April and the Edinburgh Marathon on Sunday 25th May. The remaining Marathons are the Bath Marathon on 27th July, the Cheddar Gorge Marathon on 17th August, the Chester Marathon on 14th September, the Bournemouth Marathon on 5th October, the Snowdon Marathon on 25th October and the Saxon Shore Marathon on 30th November.



Scott Huntley before taking part in the Brighton Marathon on 6th April.

Scott said: "Both the charities helped members of my family live with comfort and pass away with the dignity they deserved and the work they do is simply superb. Without charitable donations they would be unable to help those in severe need." Donations can be made via the 'MyDonate' website: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/12in12>

Look out for the summer edition of Tandridge Magazine

Full of news and information the latest Tandridge Magazine is currently being delivered to residents and businesses in the district. The cover photo features Doreen, who takes part in a craft group at the Douglas Brunton Centre, one of the many activities available as part of the council's 'ageing well' initiative. There are also features about the new Chairman, changes to registering to vote, food safety and other health advice, a new affordable housing development in Lingfield and advice about renting. Anyone who has not received a copy of the magazine by Monday 28th July should contact Customer Services on 01883 722000, or e-mail customerservices@tandridge.gov.uk.

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Footballer, Kenny Sansom (left) with the Chairman of Whyteleafe FC, Mark Coote.



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Eating Out

The Coach House, Godstone - Continental food with style

Review by Julia Church

Continental food with style to me sums up the wonderful cuisine at The Coach House restaurant in Godstone.

Not only does the food look good, but it tastes superb as well, prepared in-house by a team of chefs led by Chef de Cuisine, Chris Southon.

When I arrived at the restaurant with my daughter Jenny we were warmly greeted by owner, Corinne Howe, who invited us to have aperitifs with a dish of olives in the lounge while we perused the menu, very relaxing!

Their Fixed Price Menu offers good value for such high quality food and plenty of choice, with two courses for £14.95 and three courses for £19.95.

Jenny chose from the Fixed Price Menu and I selected vegetarian options from the A La Carte menu.

A little while later Corinne invited us through to our table in

the restaurant.

For our starters, Jenny had chosen the Chicken Liver Paté, Grape and Tarragon Chutney and Warm Toast and I chose the Cantaloupe Melon, Cucumber Granita and Blue Cheese (£6.95).

Considering it was the hottest day of the year, my starter was the perfect choice - it was beautifully refreshing because the Cucumber Granita was a wonderful sorbet! When I described my starter as a 'tempting combination of flavours' Jenny said that she was about to say exactly the same thing about her starter, with the Grape and Tarragon Chutney going very well with the paté.

For our main courses Jenny chose the Pulled Braised Leg of Lamb, Crushed Potatoes, Broad Beans and Greens with Rosemary Jus and I chose the Wild Mushroom and Bitter Chocolate Risotto with Lemon Oil (£12.95). Since becoming vegetarian I am becoming quite a risotto connoisseur and this was certainly one of the best I have had. It was gorgeous and creamy and very filling.

Jenny described her lamb as 'very tender and flavoursome'. The bottle of Pino Grigio Blush we ordered went very well with



Corinne Howe, the owner of The Coach House.

our meals.

For dessert Jenny chose the Green Apple Bavaois, Toffee Sauce and Walnut Crumble while I chose to have a lovely Irish coffee. However, I could not resist trying a couple of spoonfuls of Jenny's amazing-looking dessert. The Apple Bavaois was like a blancmange in texture and it was a treat to experience another lovely culinary creation for the first time. The service was faultless throughout the evening and the restaurant exudes Corinne's French sense of style, making it a delightful place to dine.

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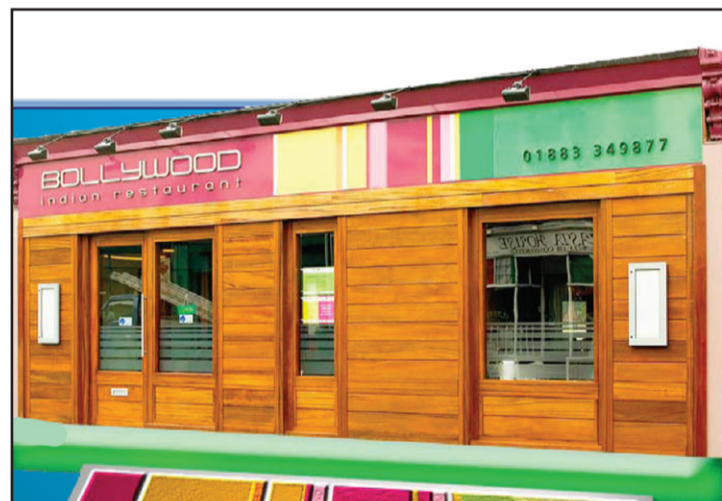
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Nature Notes

by Adele Brand



A rose-ringed parakeet.
Photo by Adele Brand.

It was the world's gaudiest peanut feeder: the clean tricolour of a woodpecker on one side, offset by the lime yellow and Caribbean blue of a – well, my international parrot book suggested it was a pale-headed rosella, originally from Australia, and presumably in my garden via someone's empty birdcage. The garden birds didn't seem surprised by their glamorous visitor, although for weeks afterwards I heard starlings mimicking its cheerful call.

That was a decade ago. These days, seeing parrots in Surrey is easier than finding sparrows. Ring-necked parakeets cross the sky in green droves, the latest in a long line of wild species we've either pulled out of the North Downs' natural web or sown in. Like a statue from a mould that is now broken, ecosystems always show hints of the pressures that originally forged them. It was wolves that whittled deer to be so watchful,

even if the foxes that historically scavenged wolf-killed carrion now exploit fast food litter instead. Wildcats, pine martens and red squirrels are only a memory, but rabbits, pheasants, little owls and rats have all hitched a lift with us, joined more recently by grey squirrels and rhododendron. As humanity changes the natural world ever more rapidly, it's hard not to wonder what the common garden visitors will be in a century's time.

QUICK QUIZ

by Alec Herbert

Now that summer has arrived, five questions on summer songs (or artists).

1. 'In the Summertime' was the best selling record of 1970. It is by which Group?
2. 'Summertime' is from which George Gershwin musical?
3. Which member of 'The Eagles' had a hit with 'The Boys of Summer' in both 1985 and 1998?
4. Born LaDonna Gaines in 1948, who became known as the Queen of Disco?
5. Which Irish group loved the 'Summer Sunshine' and had a hit with that title in 2004?

Answers:

1. Mungo Jerry; 2. Porgy and Bess; 3. Don Henley; 4. Donna Summer; 5. The Corrs

WWI show packs out Chaldon Village Hall

On Saturday 28th June, Chaldon residents stepped back in time one hundred years when they entered Chaldon Village Hall to watch 'Forward March' by Jacqueline Castrey. Jacqueline, who also directed the show, wrote Forward March to mark the passing of 100 years since the beginning of World War One. The show featured performers from the Chaldon Amateur Dramatic Society, Chaldon Arts, Drama and Dance Youth School and Chaldon Youth Choir as well as Jacqueline's two singing daughters, Madeline and Matilda, known as the 'Charisma' girls.

The performance followed the lives of a small rural community during WWI. The characters were inspired by the stories of real families whose sons went off to fight in the Great War. Well known songs from the era, including 'Hang Out The Washing' and 'Pack Up Your Troubles', were performed by the chorus, receiving rapturous applause from the audience. One of the many highlights of the show was the moving rendition of the song 'Bring Him Home' by Madeline and Matilda Castrey at the end of the show. Afterwards, Jacqueline thanked everyone for all their hard work putting the show together in a very short space of time. The proceeds from the raffle will be donated to 'STUBS' (Support Our Armed Services) military charity.



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Rev Tim Goode of St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe, was involved with organising the appeal. He said; "The floods had a devastating impact on people's homes and lives in Whyteleafe. The one redeeming feature is that the entire community pulled together and generously provided financial assistance to 49 households that really needed it. "We originally aimed to raise £10,000, so reaching £17,000 was just fantastic. On behalf of the Whyteleafe Flood Appeal Commit-

tee, I'd like to thank everyone who got involved, be they a donor or helping out in some other way." The Whyteleafe Flood Appeal was a community effort involving local councillors, businesses and churches. It started collecting funds in February and households were able to apply for assistance prior to 1st May. All applications were considered after that date, with the funds distributed over the following weeks by hand to successful applicants.



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A stunning four bedroom semi detached house with allocated off street parking and landscaped rear garden, situated on a small and exclusive private development. EPC Rating B UPC1393



Caterham Hill **£289,950**

A well presented three bedroom house with off street parking to front and landscaped rear garden, situated in a popular no through road. EPC Rating TBC UPC1400



Caterham Valley **£695,000**

An opportunity to acquire a unique chalet style detached residence occupying a stunning and secluded elevated position offering panoramic views across Caterham Valley. Viewing is highly recommended. EPC Rating TBC UPC1402

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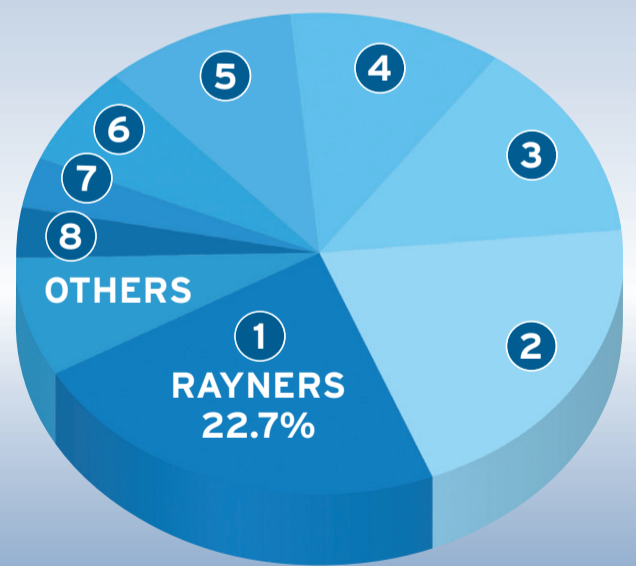
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