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Announcing the launch of the official Caterham Flag!

On Sunday 20th November, the official launch was held of the new Caterham Flag at the Soper Hall in Harestone Valley Road, Caterham.

The event was attended by Jonathan Spencer, who created the original, winning design for the flag; David Plaice who came second in the competition and ten-year-old William Paterson, who attends St. Francis' Catholic Primary School in Caterham, who came third.

Many of those who entered the competition also attended the launch, in addition to the members of the Caterham Flag Committee led by Pete Dommett and his wife Lorna, Caterham Town Crier, Sonia Hunt and the Chairman of Surrey County Council and Councillor for Caterham Valley, Sally Marks, who was one of the sponsors of the new flag.

Visitors to the event were able to view all the Flag Competition entries that were on display inside the Soper Hall. Cllr. Sally Marks presented the three winners with their framed certificates which were accompanied by cash prizes sponsored by The Caterham

and District Independent. Pete Dommett, who came up with the idea for an official flag for Caterham, said: "T have been amazed by the support that Caterham's flag has received, not just the sponsors and the local and county councils, but the contributors and Jonathan Spencer the winner. I am proud to unveil a flag that the whole community can get behind. It is going to every school, Scouts, Cubs and Guides group and I look forward to seeing it on our streets."

The crowd then assembled outside for the hoisting of the flag by Jonathan Spencer, to much applause, before retiring back inside the hall for a glass of celebratory Prosecco.



Pete Dommett, left, with the winning Caterham Flag designer, Jonathan Spencer, at the launch at the Soper Hall.

See page 9 to find out which local restaurant has recently won a prestigious award for *"Restaurant* of the Year for London Suburbs".



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Flood victims still awaiting clearance and repair of drains

Following the torrential downpour on Tuesday 7th June, which resulted in the flooding of many properties in Caterham-in-the-Hill and in Caterham Drive, Old Coulsdon, the newly-formed Caterham-onthe-Hill Flood Action Group has been working hard to try and ensure such a catastrophic event does not happen again, while most of the blocked and damaged drainage system is still unfit for purpose. On Tuesday 6th December they will be meeting with the various agencies responsible for maintaining Caterham's infrastructure. Here is a statement for the Flood Action Group's Chairman, Mary Alston, on the current situation:

"As we are approaching Christmas it is worth bearing in mind a number of Caterham residents are still not back in their own homes after suffering flooding on 7th June 2016, and will not get back until next vear. There were about 80 homes affected in Caterhamon-the-Hill and Old Coulsdon. The ongoing repairs and

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restoration of these homes is a long process and many residents are faced with large bills that are not covered by their insurance policies.

For those that have returned to their homes they are anxious every time it rains, worried that it will happen again. This fear is real and not without reason as there are still reports of blocked drains and collapsing roads and pavements. There are still roads flooding during heavy downpours; putting homes at risk of flooding. As winter is upon us these risks will continue, especially with fallen leaves blocking drains.

On Friday 11th November the Section 19 investigation Report on the flooding was published with a number of recommendations. These covered pre-flood, during the flood and post flooding responsibilities of key agencies and the response to the community. The recommendations are welcome but there is a need to put action in to place: no more sticking plasters on a gaping wound.

The flood action group is collating as much information as possible and creating an action plan to work with the respective agencies. This will be presented to them and their

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responses will be monitored and they will be held to account. There is a lot of work to be done. Although some work has started, this will take a long time. The agencies need to fulfil their responsibilities to their customers and rate payers. Urgent investment is needed to support the infrastructure of the drains and sewers which are already not able to cope with the increased number of properties, never mind future building sites.

The incidents of flooding will continue to rise, more houses will be at risk if urgent action is not taken. The last one affected 80 properties, next time it could be your home."

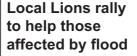


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A recent photo of a blocked drain in the High Street. Caterham-on-the-Hill. Photo by Alan Edwards.



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Lions Clubs International is a worldwide charity whose aims include helping people in their local communities who have suffered hardship. Tony Skilbeck from the Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions Club has joined Councillor Eithne Webster to visit several families affected by the floods to hear their stories and offer them help. One such family had their garden destroyed when flooding caused the collapse of a retaining wall into their garden and so, by teaming up with Knights Garden Centre, the Lions have given the family a donation towards rebuilding the garden that they lost.

Other people the Lions have helped include a family with an autistic child who had to



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Please have your say in Local Plan Consultation

The second stage of Tandridge District Council's Local Plan Consultation is now under way and due to the considerable importance of the Consultation in order to resist unwelcome development in Caterham, the Hill and Valley Parish Councils are holding a joint public meeting on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm at Hillcroft Primary School, Chaldon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill. The Parish councillors will be explaining the terms of the Consultation, helping residents to frame their response and seeking their views for the Parish Councils' responses.

Chairman of Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council, Cllr. Chris Botten, said: "I urge everyone to think carefully about what you would like to see for our community, to form your own opinion and send comments to the Council during the consultation period. We believe our public meeting will support you in that process.

"New homes are certainly needed, but what would the effect on our existing services and infrastructure be? Surely we are over-developed already. Our drains and sewers don't work and our schools are oversubscribed. Many of the sites under consideration are Green Belt or parks and allotments. What is their value to people and wildlife? Aren't they important in maintaining open spaces between built up areas? There is not enough land in our are to serve all of these purposes. Therefore local people are being asked to say what their priorities are for all these potential development sites in Caterham, Chaldon and Whyteleafe, not just the one that happens to be on our doorsteps. I look forward to seeing you on 6th December."

Speaking about the Local Plan Consultation on behalf of Tandridge District Council, Piers Mason, Chief Planning Officer, said: "Drawing up a local plan is a long and complex process set out by the government. We know residents are concerned about sites submitted to the plan and this important consultation will enable them to give us their views on individual sites. My team is very aware of the concerns about infrastructure and as the process progresses and there becomes more certainty about particular sites, detailed infrastructure planning can be undertaken. Sites can still be ruled out if infrastructure cannot be provided. We want you to help shape and influence the place vou live, work or visit, so please take this opportunity to tell us what you think.

The consultation documents are available at the TDC website, www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan until Friday 30th December.

The full list and maps of the sites that Tandridge consider "deliverable and developable" for housing is given in the Local Plan under HELAA (which stands for Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment) Appendix 3, alongside many other evidence-based reports.



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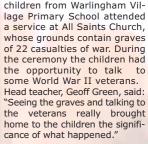
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Kenley Airfield prepares for "Learning Festival""

On Thursday 10th November, an educational workshop was held at Kenley Airfield for City of London tour guides and members of the Kenley Airfield Friends Group ("KAFG").

Amy Todd, the Kenley Revival Project Learning Officer, gave a presentation in the Portcullis Club, about ways to develop and deliver interesting tours of the historic Battle of Britain airfield for visiting family groups and school parties. Those attending the event were asked for their ideas about how to showcase the airfield to youngsters in a stimulating and educational way, ready for the launch of the Learning Festival next year. The group then went on a tour of the airfield with Amy to further develop their ideas. For more information about the

Learning Festival and tours of the airfield, visit www.kenleyrevival.org/learning.

Amy is also interested to hear from anyone with memories of Kenley during the Battle of Britain for an oral history project. If you would be happy to have your memories recorded for the project please e-mail Amy at kenleyrevival@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Owner of Rose & Young site objects to council's CPO.

Last August, Tandridge District Council served a Compulsory Purchase Order ("CPO") on Caterham Properties, the owners of the derelict Rose & Young site in Croydon Road, Caterham, with a view to passing ownership over to CoPlan Estates Ltd. so that work can commence on the construction of a Premier Inn hotel and Beefeater restaurant.

In the light of recent developments, Tandridge District Council has made the following statement: "The Council remains committed to seeking the redevelopment of the Rose and Young site. The owner has objected to the Council seeking to compulsorily purchase the site. The Council will be responding robustly to the objection made by the owner and continuing to seek a negotiated purchase to ensure the site's redevelopment.

"If this is not successful, the Secretary of State will set a date for a Public Inquiry, which is likely to be in spring 2017. The Council and its partner CoPlan Ltd, have instructed Barrister Alexander Booth QC to assist with the preparation for the potential Public Inquiry and the Department of Communities and Local Government has written to the Council asking for our Statement of Case by 22nd December.

"The Council is aware Companies House has stated Caterham Properties Ltd (CPL), the owner of the site, has been dissolved. The Council is in contact with Caterham Properties' lawyers who have stated this "was related to outstanding filing formalities which are to be addressed urgently and CPL will be reinstated to the register as a matter of urgency and as soon as possible."









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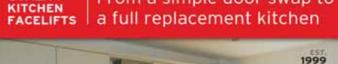
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Over 1,000 people attended over the course of the twoday event, consuming 3,850 pints from 55 firkins of ale. The main organiser of the

event this year, Glen O'Dwyer, owner of Computer Solutions shop on Caterham High Street, said: "Some of the beers had run out on Friday night so we had to collect nine more for Saturday which we have never had to do before.

"There was a great atmosphere with lots of positive feedback from the customers. I would like to thank all the local businesses who sponsored the Beer Fesitival and the many hard-working volunteers who helped us to run the event. It is fantastic to have their support."

Kasra is proud winner of 'Build a Guy' competition

The annual Firework Display in the Dene Field in Caterham-on-the-Hill on Saturday 5th November was another huge success for Caterham Round Table, with a recordbreaking crowd helping to make over £10,000 to donate to local good causes.

Earlier in the day, four-yearold Caterham resident, Kasra Karimi, was the lucky winner of the Build a Guy competition, winning a cash prize and the honour of his Guy taking pride of place on top of the giant bonfire.



Main event organiser, Caterham Round Table member Glen O'Dwyer with some old friends at the Beer Festival. Photo by Ying Shi, www.caterhamphotography.com.

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Kasra Karimi with his prizewinning Guy.



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St. Francis' pupils take part in World **Record challenge**

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excited about the world record event. They thoroughly enjoyed analysing the Olympic data and exploring how athletes' running times are getting quicker. They were keen to explore their own 100m data, observing whether the year groups were becoming quicker as they got older, which

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Followig the lesson, Science Co-

ordinator, Ailis McGregor, said:

"The children were incredibly



Hillcroft pupils phiz with excitement as new lab opens

On Monday 7th November, Hillcroft Primary School in Caterham welcomed special quests to the school for the official opening of its exciting new Phiz Lab.

Hillcroft, a member of the GLF Schools Trust, received funding from physics education charity the Ogden Trust to equip and maintain a spe-



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new lab was officially opened

Wendy Cox of the Ogden Trust opens the new Phiz Lab.

award.

"Not only is the equipment itself as good and as up-todate as you can get, but all the science resources are grouped together in one place, which really helps with genuine child-led inquiry. For the children it's wonderful, and for us as educators, it couldn't be better."





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Customers enjoy friendly service in comfortable seating, with ambient light-ing and soft, Indian music creating a nice, relaxing setting for an evening out. The Curry Leaf has some great offers -15% off all cash payments for eating in or take-away; a Wednesday Banquet Night consisting of one starter, one main dish, one side dish and a portion of rice or naan bread for £14.50 and their popular Sunday Buffet for £8.95 or £4.95 for children aged five and under.



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St. Mary's Church launches 'Caterhamon-the-Ale'

As part of the celebration of 150 years of St. Mary's Church, Caterham-on-the-Hill, a plan was hatched to have a special beer brewed for the winter, following a centuries old tradition of the Christian church communities

As the quantities of beer that would be required were going to be beyond any attempt to "home brew", the team at St. Mary's Church decided to look at getting a beer brewed professionally by a local brewery. As St. Mary's Church is part of the Diocese of Southwark, the church approached Southwark Brewing who are with the dioces and based less than a mile from Southwark Cathedral.

After several months a final plan for the beer was agreed. The run would be a one-off limited edition of 2,000 bottles (660 litres). It would be a dark winter ale, in the style of a porter, but not too strong, as would have been traditional in historic church ales.

On the 20th October Southwark Brewing began the brewing process, and the Reverend Canon Duncan Swan, Vicar of St. Mary's Church and Honorary Canon of Southwark



Caterham-on-the-Ale at the St. Mary's Christmas Fair.

Cathedral, visited the brewery to bless the beer during its initial brewing process.

A week later the beer was bottled, labelled and boxed, all by hand by the Southwark Brewing team, and delivered to St. Mary's Church.

Geoff Izzard, member of St. Mary's Church, said: "The ale is proving very popular and when it is all sold we will have made a good profit of £2,000 for the church.

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Tony Agacy runs the business with his sons, fellow director, Martin and Mobility Advisor, Ben. Their shop has now been open for three years and is going from strength to strength.

Tony Agacy said: "We love being here in Whyteleafe and hope to expand within the next year. We are very much looking forward to the future."

The team met lots of local shoppers when they showcased a selection of their scooters at a four-day Health Event held in Church Walk, Caterham in November. Their presence generated

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plenty of interest and the space outside Morrisons was the perfect place for shoppers to try out the scooters, safely away from the busy road. Nanny M's are authorised dealers for Ab-

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Army Cadet, Shauna Lawless, wins national competition

Surrey Army Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major Shauna Lawless from Caterham has won the coveted Claire Shore Trophy and is officially the Army Cadet Force's Champion Cadet 2016. At a special ceremony at the Cadet Training Centre in Frimley on Thursday 1st September, RSM Lawless, who currently parades with Redhill Detachment, part of Surrey Army Cadet Force, was presented with the prestigious award.

Each year ACF County Commandants are asked to nominate their best Master Cadet to compete in the Champion Cadet Competition, which this year took place on 30th August – 1st September. The competition, which lasts just under 48 hours, tests both physical and mental aptitude. Cadets compete against each other in activities that include command tasks, weapon handling, map and compass skills (including night navigation), foot drill, first aid, logical problem solving and a comprehensive test of the entire ACF Army Proficiency Certificate syllabus. There is also a panel interview for those who make it to the top three. The winner of the competition is the cadet deemed by the selection committee to be the year's most inspiring example of the ACF Master Cadet.

Cadet RSM Lawless said: "Winning



From left: Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux, Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major Shauna Lawless and Councillor Pat Cannon, Chairman of Tandridge District Council.

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Scouts launch Christmas post service to fundraise for new roof

by Neil Burtenshaw

1st Caterham (St. Mary's) Scout Group is fundraising for a new hut roof. To lighten the load this year, 1st Caterham will deliver Christmas cards to CR3 postcodes for 30p per card.

Each card will have a unique Scout post mark. Just pop your cards and money into the box and the Scout Group will deliver them in time for Christmas.

From November 25th until December 16th, special Scout Post boxes will be at the following locations in Caterham: St. Mary's Church, Church Road; Computer Solutions, 5b High Street; Caterhamon-the-Hill Library, Westway; The Douglas Brunton Centre, 25 Chaldon Road; NatWest Bank, Croydon Road; Caterham Valley Library, Stafford

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Haslam of 1st Caterham (St. Mary's) Scout Group with Town Crier Sonia Hunt and Neil Burtenshaw at the

launch of the Caterham Flag. Road; Floral Gallery, 18 Station Avenue; The Royal British Legion, Townend; The King and Queen, 34 High Street. We are also happy to deliver corporate Christmas post to CR3 postcodes. For more information please call: 07767 848188 or 07938 881276.

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Born out of Chaldon Youth Choir, Amity Youth Choir recently released a Remembrance Single 'Guide You Home', a mix of Coldplay's `Fix You', Lennon's `Imagine' and the iconic bugle call The Last Post arranged by Madeline and Matilda Castrey.

The single was recorded to raise funds for The Forces Children's Trust and The Royal British Legion and was launched officially at a showcase on 6th November.

As a result, nine members of Amity Youth Choir went



Madeline Castrey, left, with members of the Amity Youth Choir at BBC Radio Surrey.

ing/Amity-Youth-Choir-Remembrance-Single. The single can also be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v =qPWPrOnputI



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Club is bowled over by donation from Tandridge Community Fund!

On Monday 14th November, members of Warlingham Park Bowls Club gave a very warm welcome to Mike Moss MBE, Chairman of the Tandridge Community Fund, who visited the Club to present them with a cheque for £400.

The Club, which has recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, is completely self-funded, with the members organising events such

as Quiz Nights to supplement the membership subscriptions. The Club is currently fundraising to install a more spacious and secure tool shed for their gardening and green-keeping equipment, which suffered a

break-in earlier this year. On receiving the cheque from Mike, Club President, Ralph Bailey, said: "We are very grateful to the Tandridge Community Fund for their generous donation. Thank you Mike."

For more information about the Tandridge Community Fund, part of the Community Foundation for Surrey, call Mike Moss on 01883 713322.

Campaign supported by MP succeeds in re-instating later mail collection time

Following numerous complaints by local residents, supported by a letter to a senior executive at Royal Mail by East Surrey MP, Sam Gyimah, a later final collection time of 5.30pm has been introduced at the post box on Croydon Road, Caterham, outside the Co-op. Last August the collection time at all of Caterham's main post boxes was changed to around 4pm, causing great inconvenience to local residents and business owners.

Paul Johnston and Andrew Browne of the Caterham Business Partnership spearheaded the campaign to re-instate a later final collection time, resulting in many letters of complaint being sent to Royal Mail. In an e-mail to Sam Gvimah MP, James Mitchell, Senior Public Affairs Manager at Royal Mail, said: "I can confirm that the Manager in charge of the new collection times in the area has agreed for the postbox on Croydon Road to be changed to a later collection time of 17.30. I hope that you and your constituents will be pleased with this outcome."



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Mike Moss MBE presenting the cheque to Club Treasurer, Brian Dymond with Match Secretary, Derek Salt (left) and Club President, Ralph Bailey.



Eating Out New takeaway 'Secrets of India' opens in Caterham

Review by Julia Church

A brand new Indian takeaway has recently opened at 62 Croydon Road called Secrets of India. My daughter Jenny and I enjoyed a takeaway from there after the switching on of the Warlingham Christmas Lights on 19th November. It was a lovely warming way to follow a fabulous but chilly community event!

Jenny ordered her favourite, a creamy Chicken Korma and I ordered the Vegetarian option of the traditional, medium spiced Palak dish which also offered Chicken, King Prawn, Lamb and Prawn options. Jenny also chose the King Prawn Butterfly and I chose the Garlic Mushrooms, from the Appetisers section of the menu, as accompaniments and together with sharing a Pilau Rice and Peshwari Naan the quantity of food was perfect, with plenty for seconds. Both curry dishes were very large portions and Jenny's King Prawn was also a good size. Jenny said the juicy



The new Indian takeaway in Croydon Road.

King Prawn was mildly spiced and the Chicken Korma was very tender, with a beautiful, delicately spiced flavour with the creaminess that Jenny loves.

My Vegetable Palak was a medley of vegetables including potato, sweetcorn, spinach, onion, tomato, green beans and cauliflower. I have not had a Palak dish before and it is now a new favourite of mine, with its wonderful combination of spices hitting the spot. The generous portion of garlic mushrooms went very well with the vegetables and was not too garlicky. Secrets of India offers gener-

ous discounts for collection or



Vegetable Palak, Garlic Mushrooms and Pilau Rice. free home delivery (see below). Go to www.caterhamtakeaway.com for their full menu and to order online.



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Paralympian Gold Medallist inspires youngsters at Sports Awards event

On Sunday 13th November, de Stafford Sports Centre in Caterham was delighted to welcome GB paracanoeist and Paralympic Gold Medallist, Anne Dickins, to the Tandridge Sports Awards 2016.

Anne gave an inspiring speech about her journey to gold-medal success and thanking all the parents and volunteers who give up their time to support young people in sport, before the presentation of the awards:

Robert Bolton of the Surrey Youth Games awarded "Active Surrey Coach of the Year" to John Campbell of Surrey Cricket; The Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Cllr. Pat Cannon, awarded "Young Sports Person-ality of the Year" to trampolinist, Louise Brownsey; Jay Patel of Specsavers, who sponsored the awards, awarded "Young Volunteer of the Year" to Sarah Pearce in her absence; Managing Director of Tandridge Trust, Mark Symonds, awarded "Tandridge Trust Instructor of the Year" to swimming instructor, Gail Moore and Sports Officer for Tandridge Trust, Nikki Ball, awarded the "Tandrdge Trust School Contribution to Surrey Youth Games"



Anne Dickins, right, with Young Sports Personality of the Year, Louise Brownsey.



Cllr. Pat Cannon tries his hand at short mat bowls.

award to St. Francis' Catholic Primary School, collected by Hannah McNicholas.

Following the awards presentation the visitors watched a demonstration of short-mat bowls, the latest sporting activity introduced at the Sports Centre, before trying their hand at the sport.

Quick Quiz

by Alec Herbert

All about Christmas

1. In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" how many Ladies Dancing?

2. The song "White Christmas" won the Academy Award for best original song after featuring in which film?

3. Three of the names of Santa's reindeers all begin with which letter?

4. St Stephen's Day is celebrated on what date over the Christmas period?

5. Tom Smith, to whom there is a memorial fountain in London's Finsbury Square, was the inventor of which popular Christmas item?

Answers:

 Mine; 2. Holiday Inn;
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 The Christmas Cracker.



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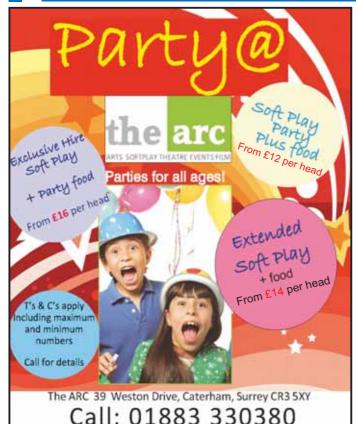
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The BCSS team, from left, Brian Steel BCSS is a family-run business that Jnr., Dean Marsh and Brian Steer Snr. outside their Coulsdon premises.

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Whyteleafe FC - back to winning ways by Clive Davis

After appointing a new 1st Team Manager, Whyteleafe Football Club has got back to winning ways.

Leigh Dynan has taken eight points out of a possible 12 from his first four games in charge of the Ryman League South team, including high scoring wins against East Grinstead (7-2) and Guernsey (5-1).

As a player, Leigh was on the books at West Ham until a knee injury forced him to step down to play at non-league level for Fisher Athletic, Carshalton Athletic and Walton Casuals. He joined Farnborough FC in 2012 as Reserve Team Manager and became Assistant Manager at the club later that year.

"It is a privilege to be given the job at Whyteleafe and I am excited to be joining such a highly respected and professionally run club," said Leigh. "My ideas and ambition match those of the club and I'm looking forward to bringing a level of success that ensures that players, fans and everybody involved in the running of the club are proud to be a part of Whyteleafe FC.

Whyteleafe will be playing at home in December - on the 6th v Colliers Wood United in the Surrey Senior Cup and in the league on the 17th v Dorking Wanderers and on the 26th



New 1st Team Manager, Leigh Dynan (left) with Whyteleafe FC Chairman, Mark Coote.

v Chipstead.

Meanwhile Whyteleafe Ladies continue their winning ways and remain unbeaten in the Surrey County Premier League and League Cup. The team's next home match at Whyteleafe's Church Road ground is on 18th December.

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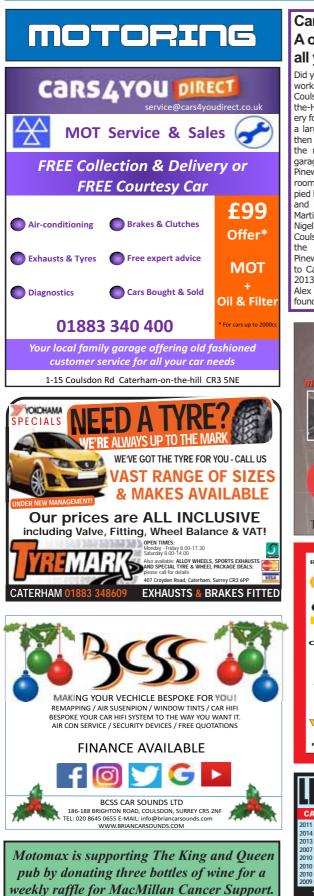
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Nigel and Alex were established in Coulsdon for 19 years but with re-development of the Pinewood site they re-located up to Caterham-on-the-Hill in April 2013.

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Rifle Club members, top row from left: Andy McLaren - Caterham Cup. Pistol greatest improvement; John Rich - Breakable Disc. Light sporting rifle; Bryan Murray - President's Shield. Knock-out light sporting rifle and Rapid Fire Tankard L.S.R.; Colin C. Salmon - Light Sporting Rifle Shield. Highest match averge; Gary Bradbury - Uridge Pistol Trophy. Best 30 match scores; Lee Francis - Pistol Knock-out Cup.

Front row from left: Giorgio Tinnirello - A.H. Letch Tankard. Breakable Disc. Air rifle; Paula Francis - Liversidge Cup. Best 30 scores B class. Mitchell Cup. Best match average B class. The Amery Shovel. Best improved rifle average; Merlin Skinner - Cranmer Shield. .22 rifle knock-out competition; Norman Skinner, Hon. Club President; Charlotte Earl - Surrey Jubilee Statuette. .22 rifle, best two targets (Machrae Handicap); William Wallace - Albert Smith Tankard. Best "springer" air rifle score. Photo by Tom Stretton.



at the United Reformed Church, Harestone Hill, Caterham, CR3 6SX The theme is a celebration of Christmas including Vaughan Williams' 'Fantasia on Christmas Carols' and favourite choruses from seasonal

works by Bach, Handel, Berlioz, Britten, Poulenc and others. Soloists from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama will sing and take part in carol sinaina

Tickets are available on the door or online at www:escs.org.uk. Adults Councillor Pat Cannon, Chairman, Tandridge District Council.

Old Coulsdon Camera Club

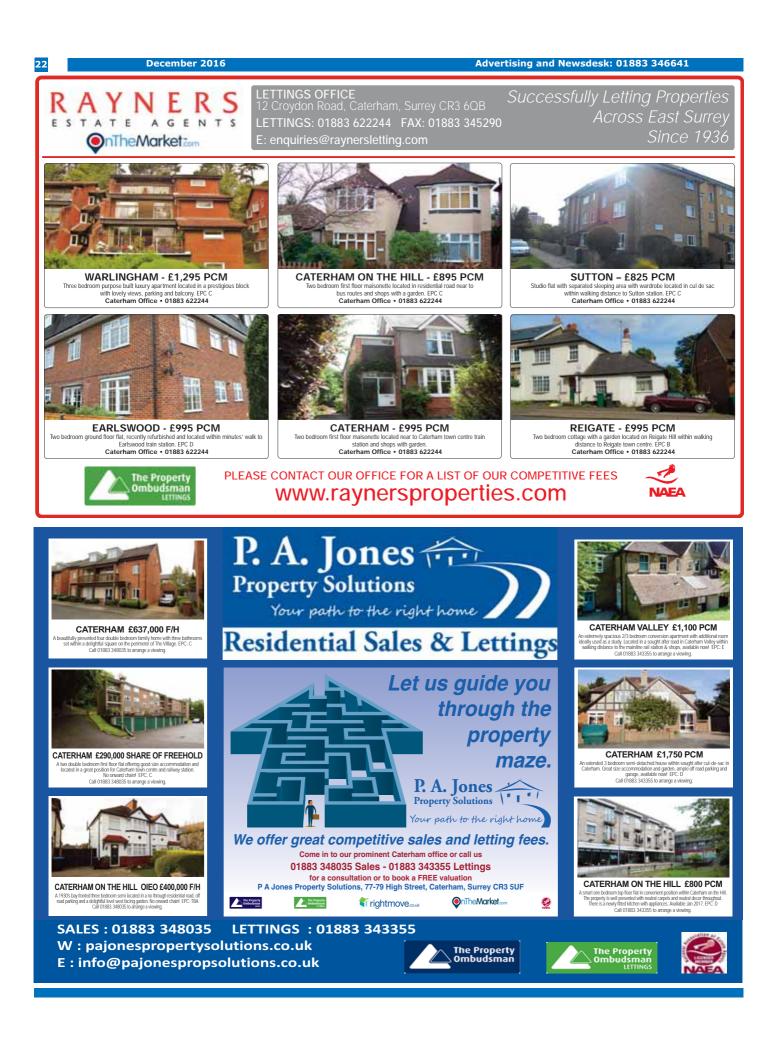
On Tuesday 6th December, Old Coulsdon Camera Club are hosting an illus-trated talk entitled: "A Photographic Journey in Myanmar" by David Smith LRPS. The talk will take place at 8pm in Cameron Hall, Canons Hill, Old Coulsdon. Entry for visitors is £4 (refunded on joining the Club). For more information visit oldcoulsdoncameraclub.org.uk, see them on Facebook or contact lynda@oldcoulsdoncameraLeague of Friends Christmas Fair On Saturday 3rd December, The League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital are holding a Christmas Fair at the United Reformed Church, Harestone Hill, Caterham Valley. The Fair will run from 10am-2pm and the stalls will include toys, tombola, Christmas crafts, local honey, gifts, Christmas cards and much more. Lunch, coffee, tea and cake will be available. **Rawlings Grand Opening**

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