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Council leader urges residents to sign pothole petition

On Monday 21st May, the Leader of Surrey County Council, Cllr. David Hodge, was the guest speaker at Caterham Valley Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting. With Surrey County Council coming under fire recently for the poor condition of many of its roads, Mr Hodge used the public platform to explain how the shortfall in government funding has made it impossible for the council to maintain the roads to a satisfactory standard. Mr Hodge said: "With Surrey having the highest number of

adults with learning disabilities in the country, the government decided they would pass the responsibility to the council, so 85% of the council tax we receive is spent on adult social care." Mr Hodge explained that in addition to repairing potholes, the council has to maintain its bridges, drainage, street lights, signs and lines, street furniture and take care of winter maintenance. The petition, entitled "Fairer Funding for Surrey's Roads", that Mr Hodge is urging everyone to sign, states: "We call upon the

government to reform the Fairer Funding Formula to ensure there is enough money for road repair and up-keep. The current method for calculating the grant for such work unfairly penalises Surrey. The calculation should give more weight to traffic flow and level of usage." Only the length of roads and the number of bridges form the criteria to calculate the amount of funding received from government, but Surrey has a much higher volume of traffic compared to other counties. The petition currently has 5,500 signatures. At 100,000 signatures the petition will be considered for debate in parliament. To sign the petition visit <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/217930>.



Cllr. David Hodge promoting the petition at the Annual Parish Meeting of Caterham Valley Parish Council.

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The Vice-Chairman of the Council, also elected at last night's meeting, is Councillor Lindsey Dunbar who represents the Limsfield Ward. Councillor Cooley has lived in Warlingham for 33 years and has represented Warlingham West since 2008. He has served on a number of Council committees during that time.

His chosen charity for the year is Warlingham Church Hall. Since 1990 the charity has provided recreational facilities, mainly for Warlingham residents. It hosts many thriving club activities including badminton, indoor bowling, dancing and theatre



Cllr. David Cooley with Consort, Pam Cooley.

productions as well as quizzes, children's parties and a number of village events such as the May Queen, Christmas Lights, Remembrance Day commemorations and historical evenings. The hall needs essential major works to the roof, drains and cloakroom facilities and Councillor Cooley is aiming to raise as much money as possible to help Warlingham Church Hall continue with its present functions.

The Chairman, who is married with four children, will be supported by his wife Pam, who will be his Consort.

A rockin' time had by all at Kenley Primary School's Summer Fair

On Sunday 10th June, Kenley Primary School held its Summer Fair with a Music Festival theme, raising over £1,000 for the school.

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Final consultation period scheduled for Draft Local Plan

On Thursday 21st June, Tandridge District Council published the Draft Local Plan, which is available to read online. The Council has also published fact sheets for every ward, which include maps, sites for new homes, employment and infrastructure improvements, to help make the information in the plan easy to access.

The document was published earlier than is statutorily required because the Council recognises the significance and complexity of the document and wants to give councillors, residents, stakeholders and businesses the opportunity to have enough time to read it before the Planning Policy Committee Meeting on 3rd July, where a decision will be taken about whether to approve the Plan for Regulation 19 consultation. If it is approved, dates will be agreed for a Regulation 19 consultation, scheduled to take place between 16th July and 28th August. At Regulation 20, representations will be considered - the final step before any amendments are

made and the plan is presented to a government planning inspector.

The Draft Local Plan has taken over three years to prepare and there have been three consultations so far to help shape it. As a result of feedback, some significant changes have been made including changing the plan and its vision, giving greater consideration to farming, agriculture and the rural economy in the district and widening plans for employment creation.

As a result of the earlier consultation, the Council set out a preferred strategy for a Garden Community which will be located in South Godstone. As well as delivering around 4,000 homes over the long term, it will also deliver significant new infrastructure for the district including new primary schools, a secondary school, a health hub, rail and road improvements, play pitches, flood mitigation and employment sites.

To view the Draft Local Plan visit www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan. See Tandridge District Council's advertisement on page 1 to see what the Plan will deliver for the residents of Tandridge if approved by the government planning inspector.

Le Papillon 16 - Italian chic in the heart of Warlingham

In the two years since opening her boutique, "Le Papillon 16" on Warlingham Green, Lynne Hills has been attracting an ever-growing number of regular customers with her range of stylish, Italian fashions at reasonable prices.

Lynne said: "Before I opened the shop I had never sold clothes before, so it has been a big learning curve. I used to sell furniture chalk paint at the back of the store, then Mary, the previous owner, offered me the shop. I thought about it for a week and realised that there are no other clothes or shoe shops nearby, so my partner, who sells shoes, teamed up with me. When selecting lines to sell I just bought what I liked and hoped other ladies would like it too! I started off with just £200 worth of stock and learned as I went along."

"I now have a number of regular customers who seem to like what I sell and the price of the clothes."

Lynne's customers come from as far away as West Wickham and Bromley but Lynne also does a delivery

service. Customers can order garments they see on the shop's Facebook page and Lynne will send them in the post.

Lynne is becoming a stockist for D.E.C.K. by Decollage and, in addition to shoes and sandals, also sells Red Cuckoo handbags and beautiful jewellery to complement the season's range of clothes.

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Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

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With all the reorganisation it will be interesting to see if the right plants match their labels. I am sure there will be a few happy mistakes! I am starting to feed with tomato feed a lot more, although I don't have any tomato plants this year, but I find it great for encouraging extra flowering. Dead-heading is well worth doing too, if you want to prolong the show well into autumn. However, if the garden



Sue Baines

seems a bit quiet, it's a good excuse to visit a garden centre! I would get a mix of annuals which usually give a superb display for months, but won't come again, and perennials which do (Campanulas, Penstemon, Alstroemerias, Carnations for colour, and maybe grasses which will beautifully enhance the show).

My runner beans are starting to flower. I'm hoping they will perform much better as the hedge behind the vegetable bed is now gone, so they are getting a lot more sun. I will have to keep an eye on the blackfly, which are being encouraged by ants to inhabit every leaf. It helps that they are black, as they are more obvious than greenfly. Both can be devastating though, leaving the plants severely weakened, and that would never do, as I love my beans!

QUICK QUIZ

by Alec Herbert

Islands

1. If you were holidaying on St. Mary's, St. Martin's or St. Agnes Islands, in which part of Britain would you be?
2. Around the year 1530, the Knights of St. John established their headquarters on which island?
3. The popular holiday destination of Madeira belongs to which country?
4. Which classical composer composed The Hebrides Overture after visiting Fingal's Cave on the Isle of Staffa?
5. On which island would you find the international cricket ground, Kensington Oval?

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Soldier Silhouette.
Photo by Mike Stephens.



One of the live bands, "The Chase and Tail".



The Urban Smoothie Bike was hard work, but popular! Photo by Mike Stephens.



Explorer Scout Eleanor Dobson (right) and Scout Megan Thomas, raising money to attend the Scout Jamboree in West Virginia next year.



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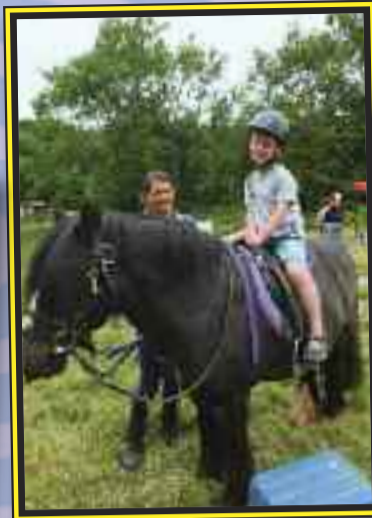
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Valgray's dog agility display.
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Five-year-old Oliver on Eric the pony with Nina of Kingsmead Horses.



Tandridge District Council Chairman, Cllr. David Cooley, opened the fair accompanied by his wife and consort, Pat Cooley.



Richard Bransby of Warlingham Horticultural Society followed by members of "Historia Normannis" medieval re-enactment group.



Warlingham May Queen, Fancesca Williamson, with her entourage.



Warlingham Village School country dance display.
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Artist, Heidi Harrington with some of her ceramics at the "Art in the Nave" exhibition at St. Lawrence's Church.



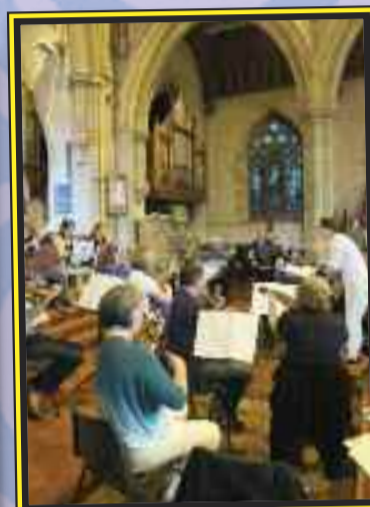
The Askew Sisters folk duo performing in St. Lawrence's Church.



These youngsters by the Asprey Fountain took part in the Poetry Trail - a new Festival event to commemorate the end of WWI.



St. Lawrence's Church - another site on the poetry trail.



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What's On

Whyteleafe Village Fair

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Another first will be a health and beauty area for male and female grooming, as well as keep fit for older people and fitness displays.

This year's theme will be to promote local shops and businesses and all businesses in attendance at the event will be from the local area.

Downland Chorale

On Saturday 14th July the

Downland Chorale are performing "Swinging Shakespeare and Summer Songs" featuring conductor, Thomas Chapman and accompanists, Duncan and Craig White on piano and bass guitar. The concert is taking place at St. John's Church, Canon's Hill, Old Coulsdon CR5 1HA at 7.30pm. Tickets costing £10 for adults and £5 for children will be available on the door.

Old Coulsdon Village Fair

The Old Coulsdon Village Fair is taking place on Saturday 7th July from 12 noon-4.30pm at Grange Park, Old Coulsdon. The attractions will include an inflatable slide, arts and crafts, arena displays, steam train rides, classic cars, a dog show, sports and games and over 90 stalls.

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As well as a garden party, the club is marking the event with a new-look website and an invitation to locals to consider joining this quiet and welcoming family-friendly fixture in the Caterham Valley. The gardens, woodland, and above all swimming pool are set for another busy year, and the club continues to enjoy a flourishing membership which has paid for many improvements in recent years.

"I think most people have a reasonable idea of what naturism is and is not," says Nick Mayhew-Smith, a member of the club for 20 years.

"It is a very peaceful, decent and



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"Whenever I've brought friends along they have been curious, sometimes nervous, but always



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Val, the club chairman, adds: "Coming to The White House is like being on holiday in a safe haven of peace and tranquility, and with the

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UPC2195



WHYTELEAFE

£485,000

A three/four bedroom semi detached family home with attached self contained annex accommodation situated in a popular residential road close to local schools and main line stations with service into central London. EPC Rating: TBC

UPC2203



CHALDON

GUIDE PRICE £450,000

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow with driveway garage and level rear garden situated in the picturesque village of Chaldon and offered to the market with no onward chain. EPC Rating: E

UPC2206



CATERHAM VALLEY

£330,000

An opportunity to acquire a two bedroom top floor Victorian conversion flat with own private roof terrace, residents parking and garage en bloc situated in prestigious Harestone Valley area of Caterham and offered to the market with share of freehold and no onward chain. EPC Rating: E

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