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Lexie is crowned Caterham's new

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On Saturday 5th May, nineyear-old Lexie Cardy was crowned this year's Caterham May Queen by last year's May Queen, ten-year-old Ruby Birch. Lexie, a pupil at St. John's CoE Primary School, enjoys street dance, tap dance and cheerleading, and loves unicorns and mermaids!

Lexie said: "I'm so happy that I am Caterham May Queen. I love wearing the beautiful dress and pretty crown, and can't wait to open the Caterham Carnival on 9th June."

The ancient tradition is being kept alive and well in Caterham by local girls who work their way up through the ranks each year to ultimately become May Queen, where the age limit is 16. At the crowning, Lexie was attended by her retinue -

attended by her retinue Elise Cardy (Prince); Shanay
Creasey (Crown Bearer); LilyMay Appleby (Banner
Bearer); Alfie Appleby
(Drummer Boy); Scarlett
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Lexie Cardy. Photo by Kelly Cardy.



Lexie with her retinue of attendants following the crowning. Photo by Sonia Hunt.

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### Caterham Volunteer named Marie Curie's "Legacy Ambassador of the Year"

A volunteer in Caterham has been named "Legacy Ambassador of the Year" by the terminal illness charity, Marie Curie, at their first ever Fundraising Excellence Awards held in London on Thursday 19th April. awards were held to celebrate and thank the many people who have shown tremendous hard work and commitment to help the charity provide care and support for people living with a terminal illness and their families.

Karen Green has been volunteering for Marie Curie for more than 15 years at their Caterham office, working closely with fundraisers across the South-East. She is also a Legacy Ambassador, helping to promote Gifts in Wills by sharing her own personal story. Her association with the charity began after experiencing first hand the wonderful care and support her

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Karen Green with Alex Hyde-Smith and Alison Stedman at the Fundraising Excellence Awards evening.

mum received from Marie Curie Nurses after she had been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Karen said: "It was a wonderful day and was humbling to be among so many other amazing Marie Curie supporters. I was completely shocked and surprised when I was told that I had won the award.

"I decided to leave a gift in my will to Marie Curie because of the wonderful care that my mum, Elsie Sands, received. I want to help Marie Curie to continue providing excellent nursing care and support to people like my mum so that their remaining time is as easy and as peaceful as possible. It is my way of saying a very big thank you to Marie Curie."

Alex Hyde-Smith, Marie Curie's Director of Fundraising said: "Karen is such an inspiration who has gone above and beyond for the charity. Everyone at Marie Curie is so grateful for her support. We hope that receiving this award as recognition of her efforts shows how important she is to us. Without everything our fundraisers do, we cannot continue our vital work."

## Alison Stedman at qua 12-: squa to people like my cuits that their remaining "A C

## **Entries invited for the Great Caterham Bake Off**

Caterham Women's Institute is hosting The Great Caterham Bake Off at the Food Festival on Sunday 10th June and they hope that lots of local residents will take part. Tim's Pastry Club is sponsoring the contest and there will be fabulous prizes to be won. There are six categories -"Showstopper" - a decorated cake of your choice, at least 20cms, one or two tiers; "Large cake" - a cake of your choice; "Cupcakes/muffins" quantity: 12; "Tray bake" -12-15 piece tray bake, square or rectangle; "Biscuits/cookies" - quantity: 12; "A cake to celebrate women's suffrage" - a cake of your choice to celebrate the centenary of women receiving the vote.

Cakes must be dropped off at the Bake Off stand at the Food Festial in Croydon Road, Caterham on 10th June between 10am and 12 noon. Entry forms are available on the day or in advance from caterhamwi@hotmail.com. Entry costs £3 and the winners will be announced at 2.30pm.

Lynn Turner from Caterham WI said: "We hope we get lots of entries to the Bake Off. Tim Fisher from Tim's Pastry Club is our head judge and he will be able to give really helpful feedback regarding the entries."

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On Saturday 12th May, St. Mary's Church in Caterham held it's May Fair. Thanks to the great variety of stalls and the generosity of the visitors to the Fair, the event raised just over £1,700 for church











### Readers' letters

I am writing in response to the article last month, stating that Whyteleafe Village Council will not be awarding a grant to the Village Fête this year due to insufficient information being provided.

The Village Council requires a bureaucratic process to be followed, including the submission of detailed accounts when the Whyteleafe Fête Committee asked them to pay directly to the suppliers. Sadly the Treasurer of the Fête Committee had passed away and it was not possible to get hold of the paperwork in time. Unfortunately, the Village Council was unsympathetic and refused to support this important event despite a petition signed by nearly 200 residents in support of the Village Council funding the Fête by donating 8p per month from the residents' precept.

It is very sad the council refuses to fund a longstanding and successful community event. They should certainly have listened to the Whyteleafe residents who signed the petition. Surely the Village Council is there to support our community, not sit on the precept it receives from the residents' council tax?

Sakina Bradbury.



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### Don't miss two of the Caterham Festival highlights this June!

The Caterham Festival is now upon us and one of the events that now features on the Festival Calendar is the long-established Caterham Carnival that takes place on the second Saturday of June every year on Westway Common.

This year's event, on Saturday 9th June, features the 3Sixty Mountain Bike display along with other local acts in the central arena. The carnival procession sets off from The Arc at 11.45am and arrives at

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Westway in time for the official opening at 1pm. In addition to the arena acts will many stalls sideshows and a fun fair.

The Caterham Festival Street Party will be taking place from 1pm-6pm on Sunday 3rd June on the High Street, Caterhamon-the-Hill. Entrance is free and there will be stalls, street entertainers, inflatables and a foam party as the grand finale! For more information about the Caterham Festival events, visit www.caterhamfestival.org.





### **East Surrey** Museum seeks new volunteers to join their team

Anyone with an interest in local history may be interested to know that East Surrey Museum is looking to recruit more volunteers to be stewards during its opening hours.

Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to apply to become a front-of-house steward, which involves greeting visitors and selling the small pocketmoney items and local history books for sale at the desk.

Museum Curator, Chris Taylor, said: "We currently have 15 volunteers but that is not enough. We need more volunteers for the afternoon shifts and on Saturdays. They don't need to know anything about local history as we have lots of "look-up" tables and a database of all items, so if someone has a query about whether we have anything, we can tell them in no time at all. People interested in local history would find the





East Surrey Museum in Stafford Road, Caterham.

role interesting and over a period of time they would become a font of local knowledge!"

The museum is located in Stafford Road, Caterham, just a short walk away from the bus stops and station. The shifts covered by the volunteers are from 10am-1.30pm and 1.30pm-5pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 10.30am-1.30pm 1.30pm-4pm on Saturdays.

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Chris Taylor by some of the museum's artefacts.











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## Randy and the Rockets take

off! by Roger Easter,

Caterham Rotary Club

On Saturday 21st April, the newlyformed Caterham Rotary Satellite Group organised a rocking fund raising event at de Stafford School in Caterham in support of the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Service and other needy local causes.

180 people danced the evening away and totally enjoyed a fabulous time with Randy and the Rockets.

The event raised nearly £2,000 on the

night and we are very grateful for the support from local businesses - Pizza Express, Morrisons, Boots, Waitrose, The Caterham and District Independent, Xtreme Training Academy and Computer Solutions.

One of the members of the new Satellite group, Merv Aranha, who helped to organise the event said:

"Our community is growing, and we have a fantastic opportunity to make a difference and provide a fun service to the community. We are here to support the main Rotary Club of Caterham and more importantly, organise fun fundraising events and activities of our own."

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## Hawthorns pupils complete sponsored walk for WE charity

This year pupils at The Hawthorns School in Bletchingley have been fundraising for the international charity WE. WE was created by children, for children, to fight the root causes of poverty through projects at home and abroad.

On Friday 27th April, children from The Hawthorns' Nurseries and Pre-Prep, along with their older school "siblings" in Years 7 and 8, completed a sponsored walk around the school grounds to raise money for the WE Villages initiative which supports water provision in India, Africa and South America.

It is estimated that more than 663 million people live without access to safe drinking water, while at least 2.4 billion still lack access to adequate sanitation facilities.

Having set an initial fundraising target of £750, which would have provided water to over 50 people, the children raised an incredible total of £2,400.

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Teachers and pupils from The Hawthorns School taking part in the sponsored walk around the school grounds.



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## Local churches asked to take part in "Sea Sunday"

The world's oldest maritime welfare charity is asking churches in Caterham to remember the world's seafarers in a special service.

Congregations from around the world will take part in Sea Sunday services on 8th July in aid of the Sailors' Society.

Stuart Rivers, the Sailors' Society's CEO, said: "More than 90 per cent of everything we own comes by sea – our clothes, phones, cars – even the bricks that make up our homes. All of these goods are brought into the country by seafarers who risk extreme loneliness, dangerous storms and even piracy. Holding a Sea Sunday service for the Sailors' Society is a fantastic way of recognising the amazing work seafarers do."

The charity has created a variety of resources for churches, which are free to download at www.seasundayhero.org. The resources include a sermon outline, PowerPoint, videos, posters and Sunday School lesson plan and activities.









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## The Foottappers Jazz Club takes off at Knights!

An exciting new Jazz Club held its latest evening of musical entertainment on Thursday 17th May, at Season's restaurant in Knights Garden Centre, Chelsham.

David Mole and Jackie Brown of Foottappers Jazz Club started the club earlier this year and have been delighted with its instant success.

Jackie said: "Some jazz clubs are struggling to keep going but I think ours is popular because we present middle-of-the-road type jazz, rather than just modern or traditional jazz. We are so pleased our jazz nights are such a hit!"

On 17th May, Foottappers presented the Jonathan Vinten Trio with special guest, Sara Dowling, a superb young singer who recently sang with Syd Lawrence's Big Band.

The events, which are held on the third Thursday of the month, are a sell-out so it is essential to book in advance. Tickets cost £10 and there is a bar and hot food available to purchase on the night.

For more information and to book tickets, e-mail foottap-persjazzclub@hotmail.com.



Sara Dowling performing with the Jonathan Vinten Trio.











### **Warlingham Park School** appoints new Headteacher

Mrs Sarah Buist has been appointed to be the new Headteacher at Warlingham Park School with effect from 1st September 2018. The present Headteacher, Mr Michael Donald will be retiring at the end of this academic year after 25 years of dedicated service to the school.

Mrs Buist is currently Deputy Head at Oakwood School in Purley, a mixed independent school for age 3-11 year-olds, that has been included in the Sunday Times top 100 Prep schools and has an "Excellent" rating by the Independent Schools Inspectorate.

Mrs Buist has been Deputy Head there for over three years and during this time has been instrumental to all aspects of management and the development of academics, leading English and the 11+ exam preparation club. Mrs Buist has also developed the role of subject leaders and implemented many new teaching and assessment initiatives.

Mrs Buist graduated from Westminster College in Oxford in 1990 with a B.Ed. (Hons) degree and since then has worked in a wide variety of schools before being ap-

pointed Deputy Head at Oakwood. She brings with her a wealth of experience and a passion for excellence in the provision of education for chil-

On accepting the role, Mrs Buist said: "I am delighted to be joining Warlingham Park School and I am committed to ensuring the pupils receive the highest standard of education, allowing them to reach their full potential - academic, personal and social. I very much look forward to leading the school into the future and working with the staff, parents and trustees and of course, the pupils, in September."

Parents and staff are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Buist into her new role in the new academic year.

Stuart Sexton, Chairman of Governors at Warlingham Park School, has expressed his thanks to Mr Michael Donald, who has served 25 years as Headteacher and has led the school from strength to strength.

Stuart said: "We extend our thanks to Mr Donald on behalf of pupils, staff and teachers, both past and present. His dedication and commitment to



Mrs Sarah Buist.



Mr Michael Donald.

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### Coulsdon students pledge to make wishes come true

Oasis Academy Coulsdon have again been busy fundraising for their latest charitable challenge, smashing their target along the way.

This term students pledged to make wishes come true by raising money for the Make-A-Wish foundation. Setting themselves the target of £500, they hope, to contribute towards making the wishes come true for children in our local community who are living with serious illnesses.

Fundraising activities, led by Year 9 students, included song request days, charity sport matches, a "Mad Hair Day", raffles, cake sales, and the most popular of them all - a sleepover at the Academy. The Academy also worked in conjunction with the local community to host a coffee morning and the support for this event was overwhelming. Andy Booth, Principal, said: "I am immensely proud of our students and how much effort they have put into this initiative. They never fail to

The generous students at impress me with their generosity of spirit and willingness to help others, and on this occasion they have gone above and beyond to do all they can to fulfil their pledge". Combining the coffee morning total and the fundraising efforts of student events, the Academy is delighted to announce that students more than quadrupled their target,

raising an impressive £2,359.50 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Janet Lake, Regional Manager at Make-A-Wish, said: "This is a wonderful example of truly collaborative community fundraising and raising awareness. Students and teachers took a really creative approach to engaging the whole school in a range of fabulous activities. Make-A-Wish is thrilled to receive an amazing total donation which will help to grant wishes in 2018."



Year 9 students present their impressive fundraising total to Make-A-Wish.

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### In the **Spotlight**

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Birthplace: Oxford. Marital Status: Married to Radio Producer Damian Wil-

Children: Daughter Edie (14) and son Billy (9).

Rover and a Dacia Duster. problem; and liver. Pets: Boo the Chocolate Favourite TV show: Any messed up. cats.

**Childhood hero:** Biddy Wales. Baxter, the producer of Blue Favourite book: Peter.

**Favourite Food & Drink:** fish and chips.

with Sarah Goldsack, who rubbish on Ditches Lane. runs Go Figure and Paracise; Favourite song of all time: lies' mortgages; do our Dog walks in the Surrey Hills and cooking big Sunday Elton John's "Rocket Man". lunches.

music and dancing.



Emma B.

Cars: One very old Land around Chaldon it's a real ment: Accidentally swearing

Labrador; Lenny and Joe the crime dramas e.g. "Marcella" Where would you most and "Keeping Faith" from BBC like to live?

"To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

A cold beer and really decent Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at? Pastimes: Exercise classes The person who last dumped jackpot, how would you

Favourite holiday destina- Teenage Cancer Trust, who I Likes: Being outside, travel- tion: Langdale in the Lake do lots of work with, and ling, having fun with friends, District. I always feel very have a massive feasty festicalm up there.

Biggest influence on your life: Other than my husband, the kids and my Dad ...Timmy Mallet. In the late '70's and early '80's he presented a kids' drama on Radio Oxford and that's when I fell in love with radio.

**Proudest moment:** husband did the London Marathon a month ago which was pretty epic, and watching the kids play in concerts or do well in sport competitions is always hugely satisfying.

Dislikes: Fly tipping - in and Most embarrassing moon air when the news reader

> Chaldon. I wouldn't say "no" to a modest pad in Rome however.

> Who would you most like to meet? Billy Connolly.

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## Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

This is probably the busiest time of the year as all the overwintered plants, cuttings and bedding plants are growing at their strongest.

Dahlias that were in the ground and covered by a bag of manure have been exposed. Those that have been under cover are out and many are now being "potted on" into bigger pots. It is the perfect time to repot, as growth hormones within all plants are in full throttle! I have a good supply of pots, so I choose ones no more than a couple of sizes bigger, especially for my cuttings, which may have small, fragile root systems. If put into too large a pot, and we have a particularly cold, wet period, the plants can rot. I always use fresh compost and clean pots. My preference is multi purpose compost (although the nutrient may need enhancing after six weeks or so).

For plants that are going to be in a pot long term, I use a heav-



Sue Baines

ier soil-based compost. This is even more crucial for my standard plants, which need as much anchoring as possible in windy Caterham! Whilst doing this it is essential to check for bugs, as they take hold so quickly.

I love our new centre bed, which now has plum-coloured slate around the paths and a bird bath in place of grass. However, the two lawns that have been left have suffered with all the wheel-barrowing and changes that took place. So the grass has been scarified and fed, grass seed sprinkled over bare patches and dandelions etc. dug out.

This is not the most relaxing month for me, but the most exciting as I love the challenge!

## QUICK QUIZ

by Alec Herbert

#### It's in the Stars

Five answers with a reference to a sign of the Zodiac:

- 1. Who was Jim Davidson's assistant and the trick shot expert on the TV programme "Big Break"?
- 2. Which line of latitude is also known as the "Southern Tropic"?
- 3. Which song from the musical "Hair" has provided hit singles for both Paul Jones and 5th Dimension?
- 4. On TV, who played Rumpole of the Bailey?
- 5. Mercury was the USA's first space programme and Apollo was the third. What name was given to the second?

#### **Answers:**

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### **Munch with Music**

The next Munch with Music is being held on Wednesday 6th June at St. John's Church, Clareville Road, Caterham featuring Sifona Diverse, to include works by Elgar and Mozart. Admission is free, donations welcome. Tea and coffee will be served from 12.15pm and the performance takes place from 12.45pmmunity Orchestra ("NDCO") are 1.30pm. Please bring your

**Warlingham Fair** 

The annual Warlingham Fair is

June at Blanchman's Farm, Limpsfield Road, Warlingham from 11am-4pm. The event starts with the traditional parade around The Green at 10.45am to lead the crowds into the arena for the official opening at 11am.

Headlining the fair this year will be the Dorset Axemen. For information visit more www.warlingham-fair.org.uk.

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15th June and Saturday 16th June at 39 Markville Gardens, Caterham CR3 6RG. There will be original art work and prints available along with greetings cards, cushions, fabric bags, etc. Continued on page 15.

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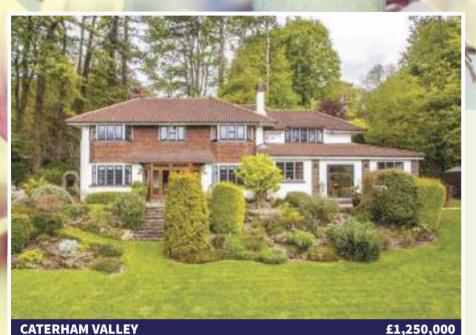




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