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Elderly express their anger over proposals for Douglas Brunton Centre

by Julia Church

Members and Friends of Caterham's Douglas Brunton Centre for the elderly ("DBC") have been protesting about Tandridge District Council's proposals to relocate it's popular day centre services. The DBC currently provides affordable hot lunches, exercise classes, podiatry, hairdressing and social activities to many elderly and lonely people who benefit from these essential services all being provided under one roof. In a recent statement, Tandridge District Council said: "On 21st June the Housing Committee agreed to look at

the option of leasing a large part of the DBC in Caterham to St. Catherine's Hospice. If part of the building is leased to the hospice, several new services will be available and there will be changes to existing services, some of which will move to alternative near-by locations. The centre is not closing, there are no plans for inpatient facilities to be provided by the hospice and no plans to convert the centre to solely office use or homes. "It costs the Council around £250,000 a year to run the centre and the number of

people using it has steadily declined.

"The Council will work with local groups that organise lunch clubs, exercise and arts and crafts groups, to find out what's currently available locally and what the potential is. Services provided by Surrey Choices, Age UK, East Surrey Dial-a-Ride and the Men in Sheds project will stay at the DBC."

Councillor Geoff Duck, Chair of the DBC steering committee, said: "I know people are concerned about possible changes, but we are doing all we can to find out about alternatives locally, as well as find ways to support those who need services the most."

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Members and Friends of the Douglas Brunton Centre protesting outside the Centre in Caterham.

There is one more chance to have your say over the draft Local Plan and its implications for the future of Caterham. Consultation ends on Monday 10th September - see page 3.

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Councillor Nick Childs, Chair of the Housing Committee, said: "It is early days and we are exploring the possibilities. We appreciate this has made a number of older people very anxious and they are concerned about whether activities will continue and where they might be located. This is a piece of research we are currently undertaking and we need to talk to a number of local organisations to see what is possible."

The Chairman of Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council, Cllr. Jeremy Webster, has written a letter regarding the proposals to Cllr. Martin Fisher, the Leader of Tandridge District Council and Chairman of the Council's Well Being Board.

In the letter, Jeremy says: "We are worried that the service users at the DBC have been left in a state of upset by the way that the current announcements about its future have been handled. Requiring certainty, they have instead been left in confusion. Given our knowledge of the needs of older people, this is not in our view, very good management practice."

"We also note a comment in the Local Plan which brackets the DBC together with the nearby waste disposal site and another site in Warlingham as the possible location of 150 dwellings, under the "North Tandridge One Public Estate" project. We are very worried that once this

day centre for older people is lost it will never be replaced.

"To the best of our knowledge, no analysis has been done to justify the longer-term impacts of what is proposed, besides an ad hoc review of where service users might go to have meals or other services currently offered by the DBC. This, in our view, renders the current direction of travel to closure of the Day Centre at the DBC quite premature." Members of the Day Centre say that the recent decline in numbers attending the centre is due to them feeling "squeezed out" by space being taken over by Surrey Choices. Pensioner, Mrs Katie Krunch, who is a member of the DBC, has started a petition against the relocation of the day centre services.

Katie said: "We would be so devastated if the services at the DBC are discontinued, as for many elderly residents their visits to the centre are their only contact with the outside world. Everything is in one place here, which is so important for the many members who get here on the Dial-a-Ride buses, then have a hot meal, get their feet done, etc. Some of them are completely immobile and apart from their carer's visit at home, they wouldn't see anyone at all if they did not come to the Centre."

The petition is available to sign in local shops in Caterham-on-the-Hill and the local libraries. Alternatively, e-mail katiekrunch@btinternet.com to express your support.

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Last month we had to make the difficult decision not to publish the August edition of The Caterham and District Independent and The Warlingham and District Independent due to a greater-than-normal seasonal slump in advertising sales to pay for the cost of its production and distribution.

Apart from August traditionally being a quiet month for many businesses due to the school holidays, national and local newspapers have been faced with increasing competition for advertising revenue in recent years, from additional printed publications and, of course, the internet. However, there are still many businesses who understand that advertising in a popular local newspaper is still great "brand exposure" and works very well alongside digital marketing to reach a wider audience.

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The government is currently talking about offering financial support to local newspapers, as it understands the importance of communities retaining the journalism to be found in them.

In the meantime, I am delighted to say that we have bounced back this month with eight more pages than in recent editions, and some lovely new advertisers, and we are looking forward to a busy run-up to Christmas, continuing into the New Year.

Thank you to our loyal advertisers who continue to support the newspaper and local journalism. A big "thank you" too, to everyone who contacted us to say they had missed the August edition.

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Julia Church, Editor.

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Caterham councillors express their fears over Draft Local Plan

As the six week consultation on the Draft Local Plan is nearing its close, Tandridge District Council is urging people who have not yet done so to get involved and have their say. The consultation is an opportunity for residents to comment on the legal compliance and soundness of the plan. Tandridge District Councillor for Caterham Valley, Cllr. Alun Janes, said: "The Draft Local Plan is underpinned by an increase in density in huge parts of Caterham Valley, Caterham Hill and Whyteleafe. It moves densities from 55 dwellings per hectare up to 100 dwellings pre hectare. Whilst there are no sites identified, my fear is this will open up parcels of land as windfall sites. This is what happened in the past and my fear is this is what the plan will allow in the future."

Cllr. Jeremy Webster, Chairman of Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council, said: "We are disappointed to note that despite our hopes that the Local Plan would mean a fairer distribution of development across the District, yet again Ceterham-on-the-Hill is to have even more development, including on a Green Belt site in a Conservation Area, namely the site at Victor Beamish Avenue adjacent to Kenley Airfield. No affordable housing is planned for Oxted, and the infrastructure promised in the plan for Cater-

ham Hill is inadequate, and again fails to address flood risk, health appointments and school places. We are therefore very disappointed and urge concerned residents to respond to the Consultation, which is open until 10th September."

Councillor Keith Jecks, Chair of the Planning Policy Committee, said: "This is the last opportunity for residents and other stakeholders to comment on the plan before it is presented to a government appointed planning inspector. There is plenty of information about the plan on the Council's website and I encourage everyone to read the guide for submitting comments. Unlike earlier consultations which considered alternative options, Regulation 19 is solely concerned with the legal compliance and soundness of the draft plan. But all comments received will be made available to the inspector, so please do take part."

The Draft Local Plan is available to view at Caterham Hill and Caterham Valley Libraries and at www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan.

Anyone can make comments on the Draft Local Plan by:

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Friday 17th August featured interviews with Miss Surrey 2018, Tiffany Bayliss and Magic Radio presenter, Emma B, who lives in Chaldon. Emma, who had driven directly to the studio following her breakfast show on Magic, answered questions from Sky-Brooke ranging from her professional career to her personal music choices. When asked why she likes working in radio, Emma B said: "It feels much more intimate and relaxed because you cannot see your audience. If all the listeners were standing in front of me I would be terrified!"

Afterwards, Sky-Brooke said: "I am having an amazing time in the studio and want to say thank you to Ridge Radio and especially Amanda for making this possible for me.

To hear a podcast of the show, visit <https://www.mixcloud.com/amanda-weston3/amandas-80s-mayhem-180818/>.

Memorial Flight's Triple Delight thrills crowds at Kenley

On Sunday 19th August, The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight ("BBMF") consisting of a WWII Hurricane, Spitfire and Lancaster, took place over Kenley Airfield, commemorating "The Hardest Day" on 18th August 1944. The flight, that had been postponed from 12.30pm to 2.09pm due to inclement weather conditions in Bournemouth where the BBMF was flying from, arrived one minute early. After flying low over the heads of the many spectators, the planes then circled twice over the crowd, before flying on to take part in the Biggin Hill Air Show a few miles away.

Afterwards, local BBMF organiser, Mike Street, said: "I was really impressed with the amount of people there and also their great patience in going away and coming back again when they learned the flight had been postponed. One lady said the flight had brought a tear to her eye!"



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Also visible in the night sky was the planet Venus as well as Jupiter and its satellites and the ringed planet Sat-

urn. The night of Saturday 11th August was the time of maximum activity for the Perseid Meteor Shower but, sadly, cloudy weather spoiled the view from Kenley.

The observatory, opposite Kenley Aerodrome, was built by the members of Croydon Astronomical Society and opened in 1979. The members are happy to host group visits to the observatory by schools, youth groups and others. For more information about the Society and the observatory opening times, visit www.croydonastro.org.uk or e-mail Tony Roberts at chairman12_croydonastro.org.uk.



Croydon Astronomical Society Chairman, Tony Roberts, with the 14 inch Meade Lx-200 telescope at Kenley Observatory.

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Sunday 15th July saw the launch of a project to rebuild Caterham's St. Mary's Church and St. Lawrence's Church using thousands of Lego bricks. By donating £1 per brick, supporters can help them raise the £30,000 needed for essential repairs to St. Mary's spire and stonework, and also for upgrading St. Lawrence's facilities, so it can be used as a Community Arts Centre.

The project is currently on display at the St. Lawrence's Church teas (3pm-5pm on Sundays until mid-September). From 15th September it will become a familiar site at local events starting with The Caterham Model Show (see What's On on page 21). Visit "Caterham Lego Church Build" on Facebook to watch the project grow and to help its progress.



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by Sky-Brooke, age 10.

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The event involved raffles, bouncy castles, games, stalls and a lot more including a Pimms Tent, which my mummy was very happy about!

For the animal lovers out there, there were horses and Shetland ponies to ride, pigs to listen to, ducklings to cuddle, baby goats to stroke and of course the annual Fun Dog Show. Having the pony rides there was exciting too! It was intriguing to see old cars from the 1900's. The raffle was very affordable and so I spent most of my pocket money entering it and won a couple of fun prizes. The ice cream van, sweet cones, cakes, home-made fudge and of course the special honeycomb were irresistible sweet treats which probably filled everyone up. One of the new stalls featured jam-packed crackers which can be hand-made for every occasion.

This seems like a great opportunity to say thank you to all of the hard workers who made the Chaldon Village Fair possible. I will definitely be coming back again next year!



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The Chaldon Fete Fun Dog Show.
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- 3 Canterbury on Market Day
- 6 Weald & Downland Museum Autumn Countryside Show
- 10 Autumnal Essex with a visit to the Chocolate Lady
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- 17 Winter in Windsor
- 18 Eastbourne
- 20 A Night in Provence, Sonning Mill
- 24 Strictly Tea Dance
- 25 Autumn Tints Tour with visit to Tudeley Church & cream tea at Teapot Island
- 27 Lunch & a Show on Board MV Columbus at Tilbury
- 31 Ghosts of the Romney Marsh Pub Tour



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- 3 North Weald Market
- 5 Autumn Tints Tour with cream tea at Heaven Farm
- 7 Winkworth Arboretum & Godalming
- 12 Weeping Window Poppies at IWM, London
- 15 Waddesdon Manor Christmas Fair
- 17 Living Crafts for Christmas at Blenheim Palace
- 22 Greyhound Racing
- 24 Eurotunnel to Jules Destrooper Biscuit Factory & Ypres Christmas Market
- 27 Winchester Christmas Market
- 29 Christmas at Kew



DECEMBER

- 1 Guys & Dolls at The Mill, Sonning
- 2 Rochester Dickensian Christmas & Christmas Market
- 4 Polesden Lacey
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Health & Fitness

Little Sydney leads the way on the "Walk of Thanks" in Old Coulsdon

On Sunday 19th August, the Friends of Grange Park and Old Coulsdon Cupcakes WI held a "Walk of Thanks" in Grange Park in support of the Fields in Trust. The event was held to say "thank you" to the generation of local young men and women who served and gave their lives during WWI and to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the war.

Following a request from Fields in Trust to hold a commemorative event in the park, Debbie Playle, President of Old Coulsdon Cupcakes WI, came

up with the idea to try and get 100 people to walk 1K each to mark 100 years, a 'Walk of Thanks'.

Afterwards, Debbie said: "The walk was a great success. We were extremely pleased with the local support - over 120 local residents came along, including Sydney, the little lad who led the way."

A representative from the Royal British Legion also joined in, raising £175 on the day and a local historian displayed information on the 16 local people who lost their lives during WW1.



Sydney leading the way on the "Walk of Thanks".

Try out Neila's favourite Yoga Class in Queen's Park!

Of all the yoga classes taught by Warlingham resident, Neila Gibson, the class in Queen's Park Pavilion in Church Road, Caterham is her favourite! The classes are mixed ability, from beginner through to experienced teachers.

Neila says: "Where necessary, levels are offered and it's always good for less experienced yogis to see and learn what they're aspiring towards physically in terms of the asana (posture) work. Mentally, all students are at different levels too, and each wants something different from their yoga practice, but usually it's some calm or quiet in their heads. Breathing practices, known as pranayama, or sometimes meditation can help with this, as can the focus and concentration required when we do the asana work. My students always tell me that they get the best night's sleep of the week after their yoga class."

Neila came to yoga by accident in her twenties when an osteopath she was seeing for persistent back trouble recommended yoga to increase her flexibility.

Neila says: "After attending a



Neila's yoga class in Queen's Park Pavilion.

few classes and trying different teachers, I was hooked! I held a senior role in education and soon realised that yoga was having a beneficial effect on both the physical and mental aspects of my stressful life. I decided to learn more and attended several courses and before long had decided to embark on a four-year teacher training programme, which I did alongside my day job, training with Tara Fraser of Yoga Junction in North London. I haven't looked back, and I love teaching yoga!"

See the Yoga Classes advert for details about Neila's classes in Queen's Park.

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Sunnydown School celebrates opening of new outdoor gym

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Kate Curtis, ex-Chair of the FoS, said: "The FoS were delighted to be able to help bring this project together. We can see the benefit to our sons. Not only does the equipment promote physical health, but it is a positive outlet for their energy and helps them focus when they are experiencing anxiety. It's a Win, Win, Win!

"The FoS are now busy looking for funding for various other projects in school, such as building an outdoor classroom and a replacement minibus. We would love to hear from anyone who could support us in these ventures."

For more information e-mail friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk



Mr Jensen with Sunnydown students and members of FoS at the official opening.



Students with one of the new pieces of gym equipment at Sunnydown.

Health & Fitness

Start a perfect fitness regime for you at BodyFit For All

In April 2018, local fitness Professional, Sue Ashenden, launched her new company "BodyFit For All" - fitness classes serving everybody from children through to adults in the local community. BodyFit For All offers classes including Circuits, Clubbercise®, HIIT and Fella's Fitness - a fitness class for men who don't feel comfortable joining a gym. Sue recently trained in the NEW Seated SOSA Dance Fitness programme, an inclusive class that gives everybody the chance to dance. If injury, illness, age or disability has become a barrier to being physically active, this exciting new 'chair dance' class will change all that - for good. Sue is also one of the UK's first Buggy Beat instructors. Buggy Beat is an outdoor cross training class for parents, where baby comes along in the pushchair. Sue grew up in Sanderstead, attended Hamsey Green and Warlingham Schools, and now

resides in Caterham with her husband and four boys. She had always had a passion for fitness; regularly played hockey and attended gymnastic and trampoline classes. "After getting married and having four boys close in age my priorities changed," says Sue. "I just never made time for me!"

Sue started attending a local weight loss and fitness class five years ago, where she lost a staggering four stones in weight. It was after losing the weight that she decided with a little persuasion from her fitness coach (who soon be-



Sue Ashenden.

came a close friend) to train as a fitness instructor. She then worked for two and a half years with the same company that helped her to lose the weight.

"I wish Buggy Beat was around when my boys were little," says Sue. "It might not have taken me so long to return to something I feel so passionate about!"

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	Total Body Tone	Old Coulsdon Bowling Club	11am
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GCSE Exam Success at Warlingham School

Warlingham School is delighted to be celebrating an outstanding set of GCSE exam results:

83% of students gained a 4-9 pass grade in English;

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19% of students gained a 7-9 pass grade in both English and Maths.

Mr Bradwell, Executive Head Teacher, was delighted that the hard work of students and teachers has been rewarded.

He said: "This year there has been great uncertainty for students, parents and schools as the majority of subjects moved to the new 1-9 grading system and had coursework elements removed. All students have had to take more final exams this year and the new GCSEs have clearly been more rigorous than in the past. Consequently, I am extremely pleased that the hard work and commitment of students over the last two years has been rewarded. It has been a real pleasure to see so many excited students and proud parents this morning. I am confident that this group of students are particularly well-equipped to go on to the next stage of their education, having attained such excellent GCSE grades. We look forward to welcoming many of them into Warlingham Sixth Form in September. Congratulations to all of them and I would also like to thank all the staff at Warlingham School for all their efforts in supporting the students."



Marnie Ekins and Hollie Clarke.



Henry Firman.

This year's top performing students included:

Marnie Ekins – seven 9 grades, one 8 grade and one 7 grade;

Henry Firman – four 9 grades, four 8 grades, one A grade and one 6 grade;

Lily Lennard – two 9 grades, two A* grades, three 8 grades and two 7 grades;

Sam Coole – two 9 grades, two 8 grades, one A grade, three 7 grades, one 6 grade and one 5 grade;

Hollie Clarke – two 9 grades, three 8 grades, three 7 grades and one 6 grade.

To view more top performing results visit www.warlinghamschool.co.uk.

Caterham celebrates outstanding GCSE results

Caterham pupils are celebrating another terrific crop of GCSE results. For the more challenging, reformed GCSEs, over a third of all results were the top grade 9 and over 80 per cent of all GCSE results were graded A*-A or equivalent grade on the new numeric scale. 50 pupils each achieved eight or more grade 9s or A*s in their results - a new record for Caterham School.

Mr Ceri Jones, Headmaster, said: "This year's results include the grades for the newly-reformed GCSEs, which have been designed to toughen up syllabuses and cut down on the number of pupils getting the top grades. I am delighted that our pupils and teachers have risen to the challenge, confounded expectations and achieved stellar grades.

"Our pupils have performed extremely well across all subjects, particularly the core subjects of English, maths and the sciences where biology pupils achieved 79 per cent at the top grade. Our first cohort of computer science pupils saw 74 per cent of grades at A*. 40 per cent of English Language GCSEs were the top grade 9 and almost half of grades in maths were the top grade 9."

Mr Jones continued: "There has been a good deal of uncertainty surrounding the recent reforms to GCSEs which have meant it is harder than ever to achieve top grades. Once again, our pupils have performed

brilliantly. Not only this, alongside their academic achievements they have completed a dazzling array of extra-curricular activities. These results are certainly a worthy reward for the hours of hard work and dedication from this fantastic year group and their teachers.

"As our Fifth Form now become the new Sixth Form, I will continue to stress the importance of ensuring a balance between that hard work and on developing themselves as individuals, developing their own interests and passions and making lifelong friendships. Here at Caterham we continue to support our young people in all that they do inside and outside of the classroom, and on ensuring that they will become increasingly independent thinkers and learners."

Visit www.caterhamschool.co.uk to read stories of individual students' success and to view this year's A Level results.



Competitive swimmers, Leah, Siobhan and Isabella, were amongst the many Caterham School students celebrating outstanding GCSE results.



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Woldingham Girls relish new, harder GCSEs

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Woldingham students celebrate excellent GCSE results. (Left to right) Ella McGovern (Purley), Amelia Fox (Hurst Green), Tara Baker (Chipstead), Trinity Ramsden-Board (Warringham), Shivani Vigneswaralingam (Caterham).

"I am also hugely grateful for the commitment, knowledge and sheer hard work our teachers have put into making the change to reformed GCSEs so successful. The last two years have seen unprecedented pace of change across the public examination system and these superb results are testament to our staff's expertise and unfailing dedication." Head of Year 11, Mrs Rachel Whitton, said: "I am particularly pleased that such stellar results were achieved alongside a commitment to the range of opportunities available at Woldingham. Our GCSE students were such a strong community and their support for each other alongside their work ethic were a powerful combination. I wish them every success in their Sixth Form studies."

Strong GCSE results at de Stafford

Despite well-publicised reforms to the qualifications system, students at de Stafford are celebrating a strong set of GCSE results. New, harder content was included in the English and maths specifications for the first time last year, yet the majority of students again managed to achieve the key threshold measure of 9-4 grades (equivalent A* to C) in both these core subjects. With the exam reforms rolling through to most other subjects this year, the 2018 cohort was faced with the challenge of sitting more exams than ever, including content that was previously covered at A-Level in a number of courses. Headteacher, Jeremy Garner, said: "These outcomes do not happen by accident and are a testament to the dedication and hard work of the students as well as the excellent support and guidance provided by staff, governors and parents. I am pleased that the cohort as a whole achieved a strong set of results against a backdrop of significant reform and change. "The fact that the vast majority of de Stafford students leave us with such positive outcomes is a reflection of the strong academic progress they have made in their time here. However, this year group contributed so much to the school community and we are just as proud of the way in which they have developed into highly aspirational young adults, confident of their



Some of the de Stafford students celebrating excellent GCSE results this summer, from left: Daniel Clarke, Isabella Oberg, Charlotte Borman, Charlotte Vicars, Deborah Elenge and Max Callender.

place in society and the positive contribution they can make to it" The percentage of top grades awarded to de Stafford students continues to be a strength of the school. Isabella Oberg and Max Callender both achieved the equivalent of straight A/A* grades (7-9) across all their subjects. Isabella has also been awarded the Arkwright Engineering Scholarship Award following a rigorous selection process. It is the most prestigious scholarship of its type in the UK and aims to inspire and nurture school-age students to be the country's future leaders of the engineering profession. The following students achieved at least 8 A/A* (7-9) equivalents: Charlotte Borman, Deborah Elenge, Fardeen Dowlet, Daniel Clarke, Anna Windsor and Charlotte Vicars.



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Young Photographers go Urban!

by Roger Easter

Entrants from 16 local schools submitted entries to this year's third annual Young Photographer Competition run by Caterham Rotary Club.

Rotarian Marianne Woods, who organised the competition, said: "This year we had set a more challenging theme - "Urban Landscape in Surrey" and the winning entries were just amazing in their interpretation and approach."

The winners were: Junior: Evie Ivory, Warlingham Village School with "The Bee"; Intermediate: Harry Watts, Sunnysdown School, Caterham with "Boots" and Senior: Kerry Collison, Riddlesdown Collegiate, Purley with "Jaguar car in the wood".

The winners each received £100 and a certificate, with



"The Bee" by Evie Ivory, winner of the Junior category.

additional cash prizes given to the runners up in each category. The winning, runners up and highly commended photographs are currently on display at Caterham Photography at 26 Croydon Road, Caterham, who kindly sponsored the competition.



From left: Kerry, Evie and Harry with Caterham Rotary President, Stephanie Barrett. Photo by Roger Easter.



"Boots" by Harry Watts, winner of the Intermediate category.



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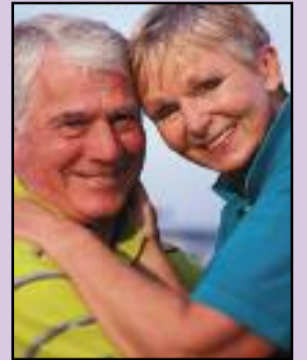
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Eating Out

Join in Warlingham Tandoori's special birthday celebrations!

Review by Julia Church

My sister Helen and I popped along to visit Warlingham Tandoori at Warlingham Green recently, the popular local Indian restaurant that is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year.

The summer weather had taken a turn for the worse, so it was lovely to get out of the rain and into the comfort of the restaurant.

When we arrived we were quickly served popadoms and our drinks order was taken while we checked out the menu, and the restaurant was soon buzzing with lots of other customers.

Helen chose the Chicken Chat for her starter and I opted for the Garlic Mushroom. Helen said her chicken starter was lovely, infused with spices, making it very flavoursome, as were my juicy garlic mushrooms. We were both pleased with the generous-size portions.

For our main courses, Malek, the owner of the restaurant, recommended Balti Vegetable as a good vegetarian option for me, while Helen chose the Lamb Tikka Masala. We also ordered a portion of Lemon Rice and Sag Aloo to share and my dish came with naan bread, which we also shared. We chose a Mateus Rosé wine to go with our meal - perfect!

The Balti Vegetable made a nice change from the creamy Vegetable Pasanda I normally choose, and had quite a spicy kick to it, but not too hot.

Helen said it was the first time she had tried Lamb Tikka Masala as she normally has chicken, and the lamb was nice and tender, with the sauce setting it off really well. The rice was very delicately flavoured with lemon and not at all over-powering. Helen had wanted to try something different from the pilau rice she normally chooses and we agreed the lemon rice went beautifully with our mains.

The good-size portions meant we could not finish our meal, which Malek obligingly boxed up for us to take home for next day's lunch!

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“The Bentley Experience” - living the dream!

by Julia Church

On Friday 24th August my son Andrew and I were invited by H.R. Owen Bentley Surrey in Weybridge to test drive the new Bentley products, including the luxurious 626bhp Bentley Continental GT.

We were also given the opportunity to try out the most advanced Bentley ever - the Bentayga SUV and were chauffeur-driven in the “pinnacle of Bentley excellence” the Mulsanne Speed.

The showroom was situated close to the A3 dual carriageway which was where we took the cars to get a taste of how they felt to drive, and luckily it was a lovely sunny day.

Our first drive was in the Bentayga, the “fastest, most powerful, most luxurious and most exclusive SUV in the world”.

As we pulled into a layby to swap drivers, I noticed large potholes looming, but was reassured they would not pose a problem to the Bentayga, with its off-road capabilities. Sure

enough, as the car went straight over the deep potholes we did not notice a thing! We were told the car can climb up 30% gravel hills, through snow at minus 35 degrees and sail through water half a meter deep with ease, as the height of the car can be raised.

On the A3 we switched from Bentley driving mode to Sport mode to sharpen up the response. The head-up display was useful - with the over-three-ton car getting up to speed so effortlessly, it is easy to break the speed limit and get caught out.

Next up was the new Continental GT, the two door, four seat Grand Tourer. Its sporty 6 litre twin-turbocharged V12 engine and top speed of 185 mph made it quite tricky to stay at 30mph on the side streets. However, once out on the A3, we could get a real feel for the incredible power under the bonnet as the car roared up to speed. When Andrew was behind the wheel I could really appreciate the superb interior, which even includes rotating display switches giving you the old-style dashboard complete with knobs to twiddle, instead of the contemporary version, depending on your mood.

The last drive of the day was by chauffeur in the exquisitely luxurious Mulsanne Speed,

that has a 6¾ litre twin-turbo V8 engine and top speed of 190mph. The Mulsanne Speed is Bentley’s premium VIP executive car usually purchased by customers who have a chauffeur to drive them around, although the specification says it has been created with driving satisfaction for those who prefer to take the wheel themselves.

Chris, our chauffeur, said: “This is a big, heavy vehicle but it is certainly no slouch!” He said the car is the top end of luxury cars, steps above the S-Class Mercedes, retailing at £230,000 upwards. Andrew and I felt like royalty as we experienced “the world’s most refined ride” in ultimate comfort. A huge number of man-hours go into creating the wonderful interiors of the cars. The beautiful walnut panelling in the doors matched perfectly, and Bentley keep stocks of the wood so that any replacements that may be required will have identical markings to the original. Even the bulls that provide the leather upholstery are raised in the Alps where the air is pure and there are no insects to bite their skin and cause marks.

For more details and specifications for these and other Bentley models, visit www.bentleymotors.com.



From left: Andrew, Julia and Chris by the Bentley Continental.



Andrew behind the wheel of the the Bentley Bentayga.



Julia trying out the Mulsanne Speed for size!

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Charity golf day raises over £6,000 in memory of little Harry Gaut

On Friday 20th July, Caterham residents, Debbie and Matt Gaut, held a charity golf day at Surrey National Golf Course in Chaldon in memory of their little boy Harry. Harry tragically passed away with Leukaemia on 21st September 2016 when he was six years old.

Harry, who attended St. Francis School in Caterham, was first diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) when he was two, and had three and a half years of treatment. Harry's mum, Debbie said: "Harry had been doing well until 2016 when he was cruelly diagnosed with secondary Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML). The only possible cure was a stem cell transplant. Harry underwent this in July 2016 but sadly passed away in September due to complications, eight days after his sixth birthday." Debbie and Matt held Little Harry's Memorial Golf Day to raise money for two charities, The Emily Ash Trust, a local charity, and Cure Leukaemia



Harry's parents, Debbie and Matt, and his five-year-old brother Oliver at Little Harry's Memorial Golf Day.

and have so far raised over £6,000.

Debbie said: "The day was a huge success and we will be making it an annual event as Harry would have wanted us to raise money to bring happiness and support to other



Harry Gaut.

children with cancer and to help find a cure for this terrible disease".

To make a donation in memory of Harry visit <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/littleharry>. Click on the following links under the Team Members section - "Remembering Little Harry -The Emily Ash Trust" and "Remembering Little Harry - Cure Leukaemia".

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Victoria calls on MPs to stand with the NHS against cancer

East Surrey Cancer Research UK Campaigns Ambassador has travelled to Westminster to back a life-saving appeal for more NHS cancer staff.

Mum of two, Victoria Robinson from Caterham, took part in a day of action earlier this summer to rally MPs to support the charity's new campaign, 'Shoulder to Shoulder Against Cancer'.

The campaign is calling on the UK Government to tackle the chronic shortage of staff who diagnose and treat the disease.

Victoria said: "As someone who has lost a loved one to cancer, I have utmost respect for the wonderful work of the dedicated NHS staff who are on the frontline fighting cancer. But, as the health service reaches its 70th birthday, it's facing unprecedented challenges.

"Having lost my mum to cancer in December 2015, I am doing all I can to help CRUK bring forward the day when we will beat cancer. As a family we also do various fundraising activities and my nine-year-old



Victoria Robinson at the Westminster launch of Cancer Research UK's new campaign.

son, Jake, has set up his own 'business' making jewellery which people can then 'buy' in return for a donation to CRUK. We have just passed the £10,000 mark we were aiming to hit by the third anniversary of my mum's death."

To support the campaign visit www.cruk.org/shoulder-to-shoulder or join the conversation on twitter #ShouldertoShoulder.

Jake's hand-made jewellery can be viewed and ordered at www.facebook.com/lilly-jamescharms with donations to his JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lillyjamescharms.

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Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

Although the rain towards the end of July was really welcome, the accompanying wind was devastating, despite all Geoff's supports. The Dahlias in particular with their fragile hollow stems put up no resistance, neither did the wonderful Hydrangea Annabelle. I always try to "go with the flow", so the Dahlias were tidied up and lots of nearby plants were also trimmed back, allowing them to re-flower. Sadly the Hydrangea flowers were not retrievable. Cutting back then, has meant that, despite the drought, the borders are looking reasonably fresh. Most of the dead brown stems of the early hardy annuals have been removed and their seed re-sown. They are already making sturdy little plants, and the new meadow area is also looking quite promising too. The other source of fresh growth are the "Chelsea chopped" Sedums (so-called as that was the time they were cut back.)

The "Frosty Morn" with its variegated leaves looks particularly good, as does the "Gooseberry Fool" which adds texture. Cutting them back has made them nice and sturdy too.



Sue Baines

Complementing the flowering border throughout, has been the grasses. The superb "Stipa Gigantea" with its towering golden oats, untouched by wind, has been the most wonderful focal point for months, and the "Arundo Donax" has had its best ever year with its 6' magnificent thick golden variegated leaves. Although the garden is looking better than I had expected, my thoughts are now on next season. I've made a good start on taking cuttings, which are in troughs of new multi-purpose soil mixed with perlite. These are kept damp and in a shady place, going into the propagators when the weather is cool and dull to prevent mould.

With Autumn almost upon us cleanliness, ventilation and light are going to become more important and watering much less of a chore, which I am rather glad about this year!

QUICK QUIZ

by Alec Herbert

With the holiday period coming to an end, five questions on "holidays":

1. Many holidays are advertised as "ABTA protected". What do the initials "ABTA" stand for?
2. Which superstar's first hit was in 1984 with "Holiday"?
3. In the film "Summer Holiday", what type of transport did Cliff Richard and his mates use?
4. Which actress won her only Oscar for the film "Roman Holiday"?
5. Billy Butlin founded his first holiday camp at which resort?

Answers:

1. Association of British Travel Agents;
2. Madonna;
3. A London Transport Bus;
4. Audrey Hepburn;
5. Skegness.

Work finally begins on the redevelopment of the former Rose & Young site

The new owners of the former Rose & Young garage site in Caterham, Clarion Housing (CH), have recently been demolishing the site, marking a long-awaited step forward in the regeneration of Caterham. CH, which has planning permission to build 48 affordable homes and a supermarket on the site, recently took ownership and has begun preparing the site which has been an eyesore in the town for over 20 years.

The affordable homes are expected to be ready by winter 2020 and will be available to purchase through shared ownership (part rent, part buy) aimed at first time buyers. Purchasers will buy part of the home and pay rent on the rest.



The site of the former Rose & Young garage in Croydon Road.

Councillor Martin Fisher, Leader of the Council, said: "We are delighted this development is finally underway and that it is a viable site for affordable housing. Transforming this key site from a derelict building into housing and retail units will greatly benefit the surrounding area and the town centre as a whole. This is a significant step forward in Caterham's regeneration journey. It will also help provide housing for people in the district who need a home they can afford."

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Sam Gyimah MP visits Hillcroft School for "Science in a Box" learning event

On Friday 22nd June, East Surrey MP, Sam Gyimah, visited Hillcroft Primary School in Caterham to meet pupils taking part in a very special event called "Science in a Box".

The programme aims to educate and encourage pupils into Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) careers when they are older. The school teamed up with STEM Learning and pharmaceutical company, Pfizer, to deliver the interactive programme which uses puzzles, board games, quizzes and presentations to bring to life how medicines are made and inspire young people about science.

After the event, Sam Gyimah MP, who is the Government's Universities and Science Minister, said: "It's been fantastic to see pupils at Hillcroft School in Caterham having the opportunity to learn about science and understand how it is brought to life in the real world. The UK has a proud history of great scientific minds that have changed the world and initiatives like this run by STEM Learning and Pfizer can help inspire the next Sir Isaac Newton or Professor Stephen Hawking. It's crucial that we continue to support projects like this and help encourage young people



Sam Gyimah MP during his visit to Hillcroft Primary School this summer.

into STEM careers and help to meet the rising need for these jobs in the future."

Tom Holloway, Primary Science Lead at Hillcroft, said: "We are delighted to have partnered with STEM Learning and Pfizer today to deliver this exciting programme at Hillcroft. It has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to see science brought to life in the classroom and to understand what a future in STEM could hold."

Despite many young people being inspired by science at school, there are insufficient numbers of young people entering STEM careers to meet the rising numbers of jobs in these areas which need to be filled. To see the National Audit Office's report on delivering STEM skills for the economy, visit <https://bit.ly/2mSh500>.



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What's On

St. Catherine's Bridge Tea

The Friends of St. Catherine's Hospice are holding a Charity Bridge Tea on Monday 15th October from 2pm-5pm at Woldingham Village Hall, Woldingham, CR3 7EU. Places cost £10 in advance.. There will be homemade sandwiches and cakes and a raffle. To book tickets email Elaine Holloway at **s.holloway541@gmial.com** or call her on 07521 409124. Please bring your own tables and cards.

Lions Quiz Night

Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 22nd September at 7pm for 7.30pm at the White Hart Barn in Godstone. Teams of four; tickets cost £10 each. Supper is included and there is a cash bar. To book tickets call John on 01883 742680.

Model Show


The 5th Caterham Scouts are holding their annual Caterham Model Show in the Centenary Hall, Essendene Road, Caterham CR3 5PB on Saturday 15th September from 10.30am-4.30pm. There will be model railways, Meccano, several Lego displays, Lego railways, and many other displays. There are also Lego activity tables and competitions, and a raffle with over £100 of Lego prizes. Admission is £2 for adults and £1 for children.

A Night at the Movies

Violinist Denise Todd and pianist Yvonne Lewis are presenting A Night at the Movies on Saturday 8th September, 7pm for 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Woldingham. Tickets cost £10/£5 and the proceeds go to charity. To book tickets call Denise on 01883 652022.

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Craft Fair

On Saturday 22nd September, St. Lawrence's Church, Church Hill, Caterham is holding a Craft Fair from 10am-4pm. There will be homemade crafts and cards, gifts, jams and chutnes and refreshments will be available. Admission costs £1, children free.

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Claire Hasted leads the "Junk Percussion" workshop.

along to their rehearsals at Godstone Scout HQ on Godstone Green from 7.30pm-9.30pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. For more information about NDCO and rehearsal dates, visit www.the-funorchestra.co.uk.

Brian and Colin's Football Walk raises £1000s for charity

On Sunday 22nd July, Brian Williams, Assistant Manager at The King and Queen pub and Colin Samuels of Butlers in Caterham, took part in the "Football March for Men" for Prostate Cancer UK. Brian and Colin walked a distance of 26 miles, starting at Millwall FC then onto Crystal Palace, Fulham, Chelsea, QPR and finally Wembley, where they were presented with medals by football legends Sir Geoff Hurst and Ray Clements. Brian and Colin raised nearly £3,000 for the charity, including a £250 donation from Fullers and a donation from Kathy Hill, landlady at The King and Queen.

Afterwards, Brian said: "It was very, very hard work but it was worth it. Meeting

Sir Geoff Hurst was absolutely fantastic!" Colin added: "I had very sore feet afterwards but it was a brilliant day for such a great cause." Any further contributions towards Brian and Colin's sponsored walk can be made at The King and Queen or Butlers in the High Street, Caterham. For more information about March for Men, visit <https://prostate-canceruk.org/get-involved/march-for-men>.



Brian at Chelsea FC.

Junk Percussion workshop kicks off new season for NDCO

On Wednesday 25th July, The North Downs Community Orchestra ("NDCO") held a "Junk Percussion" workshop for potential percussionists at Oxted School, led by Claire Hasted, an experienced orchestral percussionist. Claire currently teaches at Christ's Hospital School, Horsham and Charterhouse.

During the course of the evening the workshop progressed from "body percussion" through "plastic beaker percussion" to "junk percussion". The group then started to incorporate some real percussion instruments and finally Claire held a short technique session with some basics for playing proper instruments. NDCO is inviting potential adult percussionists to go

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