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Work is well under way to give Caterham town centre a smart new look which will transform its appearance during the next few weeks. See page 2 to see how The Square will look in September and to read the full story.

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**Town centre
upgrade***Continued from page 1*

Last week saw work commence on the upgrade to 'The Square' in Caterham that will revitalise the commercial hub of the town. The project is part of the 'Caterham Community Partnership's ('CCP's) Shabby to Smart' initiative to smarten up Caterham following the ABC ('A Better Caterham') Healthcheck survey in 2007. CCP succeeded in getting funding for improvements to the town from the

South East England Development Agency, Surrey County Council, Tandridge District Council and the local parish councils. Nigel Wilkinson of CCP said: "The work started promptly and everything is progressing smoothly. The removal of the unsightly railings has already opened up The Square and the men are working very well." Contract Manager, Steve Martin, who is supervising the work said: "Barring unforeseen disasters we are well on course to complete the work by early September."



A digitally-created impression of how The Square will look after the current improvement works.

Sports hall floor update

Last month we reported on the problems with the main sports hall floor at de Stafford Sports Centre in Caterham which has led to its restricted use since February. The cost of repairs were estimated to be in the region of £70,000, a sum that de Stafford School, who is responsible for the maintenance of the centre, cannot afford. Mark Symons, Managing Director of Tandridge Leisure recently sent us the following statement to update our readers:

"Tandridge Leisure has continued to assist the school in looking at options available to bring about the repair of the sports hall floor and to potentially increase the community use of the sports hall and the swimming pool. Tests of the materials used in the original construction are currently being undertaken to find the cause of the fault. As a result of July's Caterham and District Independent article, some people have approached the school, which has led to a likely saving in the estimated cost for the replace-

ment floor. We will continue to work with the school with the aim of getting the hall back in full use as soon as possible".

A further progress report will be published next month, to include a summary of the conclusions of the tests on the floor.

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Living willow arch commemorates 50 years of the Richmond Trust



(From left) Glyn Elliott, Lee Freeman, Frances Williams and David Thomas in front of the willow rose arch in Queen's Park. Photograph by Emma Berry.

Friday 16th July saw the unveiling of a new willow rose arch in Queen's Park, Caterham, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Richmond Fellowship charity.

The international charity aims to help people with mental health problems by offering them horticultural work in the local area.

Earlier this year members of the Richmond Fellowship had planted the willow rose arch in the sensory garden in Queen's Park. The arch has an Ozmanthus plant underneath with a rose growing up each of the four canes that make up the arch.

"There are three yellow roses and one pink rose," explained Glyn Elliott, Senior Supervisor of the Richmond Fellowship. "This represents the one in four people that are affected by mental health problems, to show how common mental health issues are."

Jackie Connellie, Service Manager of the Richmond

Fellowship said "People who have mental health issues can refer themselves to a scheme. Participating in projects such as the one here in Queen's Park will help them to make new friends as well as learn gardening skills."

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Mark seeks support for new Caterham radio station

The idea of a local radio station for Caterham could soon become a reality following a recent announcement by local resident, Mark Jones. Mark, who was the driving force behind the DeFest music festival at de Stafford School last month, has e-mailed all his contacts asking for ideas and support for the venture which has been his dream for years.

"I have wanted to start a radio station since before I moved into the area ten years ago," said Mark. "I used to be a DJ on an online radio station and loved it. I decided now was the right time because there were so many good bands who applied to play at DeFest I felt they needed to be listened to. So now DeFest is over, the radio station is my next project!"

Mark would like to see the new station launched by the end of September but there are a lot of hoops to jump through first. He is currently arranging visits to other community radio stations for research and looking into the practicalities of funding and setting up the station.

"I want this to be a community project and I want to hear from anyone who would like to be involved, including local organisations, schools and businesses or media students who would like to get some hands-on experience. I think the whole community will benefit."

Mark does not expect the set-up costs to be high but would welcome donations of second-hand equipment for mixing, transmitting and

anything else to do with radio production to help get the project off the ground. Mark is also seeking a room that can be used as premises for the radio station.

"I have only just put the feelers out and have had some really good feedback already," said Mark. "I am getting a good feeling about this, but the main thing is that I want everyone to feel a part of it."

If you would like to be involved please call Mark on 07841 065845 or e-mail him at: markcatax@aim.com



Mark Jones giving the thumbs up at the end of DeFest this summer. Photo by Jon Harrison www.localeventphotos.co.uk

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On Thursday 15th July it was the turn of the Beaver Scouts. John Andrews, District Commissioner for Caterham was on hand to present David Osborne with the Chief Scout Bronze Award, the highest accolade

a Beaver Scout can achieve. Not only did David achieve all six challenge badges required for the Bronze Award, but successfully achieved all 24 possible badges along with the Environment Badge. This has only been achieved by three people ever within 1st Caterham.

Simon Edge, Assistant Beaver Scout Leader said "We are all very proud of our young people and this is very well deserved recognition for the efforts, achievements and pride these people have shown in their everyday and Scouting lives. It is good for them, good for Caterham and good for Scouting generally that so many young people enjoy the activities and the ethos that Scouting brings



Beaver Scout, David Osborne, with his Chief Scout Bronze Award
Photograph by Jon Harrison
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to enhance a young person's academic and social life."

Town Crier Sonia drops into the Dene

On Thursday 22nd July local Town Crier Sonia Hunt made a special visit to the Caterham Dene Hospital in Caterham-on-the-Hill to say "thank you" to all of the hospital staff for the care she received during her recent stay. Sonia stayed at the Dene to recuperate following a hip operation carried out at London's University College Hospital in June. After being discharged Sonia returned to visit the staff a few days

later dressed in her Town Crier uniform. She also wanted to wish a fond farewell to staff nurse Julie Fudge. After working at the Dene Hospital for seven years, Julie was leaving to go to St. Christopher's Hospice in Sydenham to become a palliative care nurse. After gathering the staff together Sonia declared: "Oh yea, oh yea! I would like to say goodbye to Julie and a big thank you to everyone at the Dene and all my friends for their help and kindness following my operation".



Sonia with staff nurse Julie Fudge and her colleagues at the Caterham Dene Hospital last month.

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Caterham store uses latest technology to reduce landfill waste



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Nicola Watts from Waitrose Caterham said: "In one month the process has produced enough energy from waste from our store to boil 144 kettles for one hour and produce fertilizer for farms. We are really proud to be helping the environment in this way."

Anaerobic digestion is a series of processes in which micro-organisms break down biodegradable material in the absence of oxygen. The method is used for industrial or domestic purposes to manage waste and/or release energy. The method is widely used

as a renewable energy

source because the process produces a methane and carbon dioxide rich biogas suitable for energy production, helping to replace fossil fuels. The nutrient-rich digestate by-product can be used as fertilizer.

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Waitrose's longstanding objective is to reduce waste wherever possible and to reuse or recycle more of what is produced.

Quick Quiz

by Alec Herbert

In the garden

1. What is the popular name for the plant "digitalis"?
2. What is the liquid substance made by flowers to attract insects?
3. Which popular spring flower takes its name from the Turkish word for turban?
4. Who was said to be sitting under an apple tree when working out his theory of gravity?
5. What name is given to plants which flower every year?

Answers:

1. Foxglove; 2. Nectar;
3. Tulip; 4. Isaac Newton;
5. Perennial.

Route 66

by Jerry Connor
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In the USA, Route 66 is one of the oldest highways that stretches 2,500 miles across the country. It is a long road, spanning a huge distance from LA to Chicago that has many twists and turns.

After recent changes to pensions rules, people approaching 66 in the UK will now face one of the longest journeys of their lives, with the prospect of an uncertain, possibly bumpy ride in front of them. The state has decided to tinker with the rules massively relating to retirement in recent years and so much change leads to uncertainty. The details behind the headlines are that retirement cannot be imposed on employees as they hit 65, as was the norm. What should be applauded therefore is the introduction of flexibility and the lack of compulsion. Instinctively it seems right that people should not necessarily be told when their working lives should cease. Whether it be 50, 70 or 69 should it really be for the state to decide when your last working day is? However, part of the dilemma that politicians face is that people are living longer and we have an ageing population. The burden on the Exchequer and the time

paying out state pensions reflect the reality that some may actually face a retirement that is longer than what was once a traditional working life. From a human aspect that is a thing to be applauded, as we all want to live long and prosper, but will recent changes allow that to happen?

What seems clear is that the only way for people to be certain of when or if they want to retire is to take control of it themselves. This can be a daunting and uncertain road to take, but whether working in the private or public sector no one need accept the route that is mapped before them. Seemingly the only way to get your kicks from route 66 is to take a grip of the steering wheel and decide the speed and destination of your own journey.

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The Sunwise Set pay a visit to Oakhyrst Grange School



Marcus Bycroft with his winning entry and The Sunwise Set
Photograph by Sam Burgess

Pupils at Oakhyrst Grange School in Caterham were in for a treat last month when Nivea Sun's ambassadors, The Sunwise Set, paid a visit to the school. Six year old Marcus Bycroft, a pupil at the school beat hundreds of other entries in a nationwide competition run by Nivea Sun to design a PE kit

for The Sunwise Set. Marcus won the school £500 worth of sports equipment and a visit by the colourful characters on Thursday, 8th July. The Sunwise Set performed a fun-filled show jam-packed with games and prizes for the children to win, plus lots of important safer sun messages.

de Stafford School hosts 'Ubuntu Day'

On Thursday, 8th July de Stafford School in Burntwood Lane, Caterham held an open day to showcase the new Tandridge Confederation that represents 33 local schools and is now based on the school site. The Confederation aims to provide care, support and activities for young people and their families in the area, both inside and outside of school hours. The services include counselling facilities, community workshops and adult learning. The event aimed to reflect the spirit of 'Ubuntu', the

ancient African belief that humans are made for togetherness which is shown by caring for others, offering hospitality and being compassionate. The school demonstrated this through a series of workshops, displays and school tours conducted by students. Headteacher of de Stafford, Miss Caroline Longhurst said: "At de Stafford we believe we have the spirit of Ubuntu - we strive to be open and available to others in the community. We are delighted that the Tandridge Confederation is now located at de Stafford and look forward to welcoming young people and adults onto the site."



de Stafford year 8 tour guides, Jack Gillam (left) and George Azzopardi with some of the artwork on display in the main hall during 'Ubuntu Day'.

Photograph by Emma Berry

Credit where it's due!

Last month we featured an article about the Caterham Carnival where we stated that the winners of the Walking Procession were the Warlingham May Queen and her entourage. It should have stated that the Woldingham Guides won the Walking Procession, dressed in their historic guide and brownie uniforms (pictured right). We apologise to Woldingham Guides for our error.



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Netherne tots toddle for Barnardos

25 toddlers from Netherne-on-the-Hill toddled around the village to raise money for the Big Toddle for Barnardos last month.

Netherne resident Sarah Edwards organised the toddle that took place on Sunday, 18th July, to bring the community and families together and raise money for a good cause at the same time. The Big Toddle for Barnardos is the UK's biggest charity event for the under fives.

Sarah said: "I was able to organise and hold the event within Neth-

erne-on-the-Hill thanks to the support and help from neighbours and friends. They all came together on the day to make it a fun and successful event that has raised £350 so far."

'Castles in the Air' provided a bouncy castle for the tots to enjoy and there was a guest appearance by 'Apollo' the parrot, courtesy of Jesters Fancy Dress Hire in nearby Merstham. The theme was 'Pirates' so all the children dressed up and all the participants won a medal. Sarah said: "Lots of fun was had by all and new friendships were made. We will hopefully have more events like this. I found it hugely rewarding when it all came together."



The starting line at last month's 'Big Toddle for Barnardos'.

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Readers' letters

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John Harvey, Caterham.

Seeking old friends

I grew up in the Caterham area for much of my life and now live in Norfolk. I went to Kenley Primary School, Roke Secondary School then on to Riddlesdown High and I lived in Valley Road Kenley. I would love to contact some

old friends such as Jane Ward, Sandra Mainwaring, Beryl Taylor, Barbara Poole and anyone who may remember me. My email address should anyone wish to contact me is geldygirl@aol.com
Geraldine Roseblade née Douglas, Norfolk.

Best local shop competition

There aren't many shops in Caterham where you are guaranteed a smile and a chat nowadays. It would be great if somebody would organise a competition giving residents the opportunity to nominate their favourite shop. At Marden Lodge shopping parade I always get a cheerful welcome from the owners, the walk keeps me fit and bumping into the neighbours is really nice as well. The fact that the newsagents is now open from 6.30am until 10.00pm means I have plenty of time to do my shopping and don't have to dash out. So, will somebody please organise a competition because I want to make my nomination as soon as possible!
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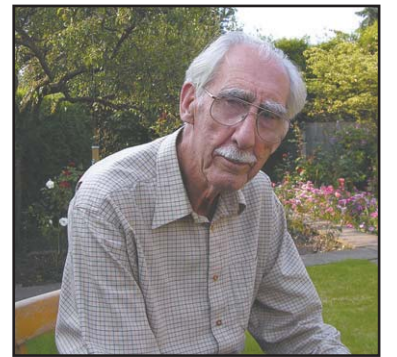
Rest in peace Doug Newdick 1918-2010

Caterham resident, WWII veteran and trout fisherman extraordinaire, Doug Newdick, passed away last month at the age of 92.

Doug, who was one of five children, was born on 17th May 1918 in East London during the last Zeppelin air raid. After leaving school at 14 Doug did various jobs including working as a train steward for a number of years before being called up for the army.

During the war Doug served in North Africa, the Middle East and Italy including at Monte Cassino. Doug drove trucks and motorbikes and even had to drive a truck through a minefield! For many years afterwards Doug did not speak about his wartime experiences. He was mentioned in dispatches but his family still do not know the reason why. Doug featured in the December 2009 edition of The Caterham and District Independent, when he was interviewed about his role in the production of a four-disk DVD set entitled: "Britain at War". Doug was one of the veterans invited by the film producers to speak about his recollections of El Alamein in North Africa in 1942.

It was during the war that Doug became penpals with his sister Gladys's friend Joan who lived in Shrewsbury. Romance blossomed and



Doug Newdick

Doug and Joan married in 1947. At this time Doug was working as a police officer in Manchester but soon decided the work did not suit him as he did not like arresting people!

Doug and Joan moved to London where Doug worked for a firm of London Insurance Brokers until his retirement in 1983. The couple moved to Caterham in 1956 with their baby son Paul. In 1985 Paul married Karen and in 1989 Doug and Joan's granddaughter, Claire, was born.

Doug's passion during his retirement was trout fishing and he gained the nickname 'The Heron' at Bough Beech fishing club because of his ability to catch fish and his tall, slim build. Most recently Doug fished at the beautiful Leigh Mill lake in Godstone. Doug, a popular and highly respected fisherman, was given honorary membership of the fishing club on his 90th birthday.

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The new Whyteleafe Business Association (WBA) was formed recently to give the independent traders a united voice. The first General Meeting took place on 26th July, hosted by Tom Dempsey, landlord of the Whyteleafe Tavern. Speakers at the meeting included Stephen Weigel, the Chief Executive of Tandridge District Council and Whyteleafe Parish Councillor Sakina Bradbury, who inspired the formation of the WBA. (*Whyteleafe Parish Council is currently looking for a new Parish Clerk, see ad below.*)

WBA Chairman, Derek Vivian, said: "About 25 people attended the meeting who had the opportunity to

network with other business owners over a glass of wine and a bite to eat. The association gives us one voice for issues that affect businesses in the area, especially in connection with the council. We would like more people to join, especially those who are self-employed."

Andrew Browne, Chairman of the Caterham Business Partnership spoke to the group about the benefits of traders pulling together and explained how the Caterham group runs its affairs. Also present was PCSO Rupert Kelly, providing a link between the Association and the police.

Derek said: "We have lots of ideas for Whyteleafe, like getting some decent Christmas lights, for example. We are also very impressed with Caterham's 'Shabby to Smart' project to smarten up the town. We will be doing anything we need to do to benefit businesses - we will be 'enablers'."

Membership of the Association is free. Meetings will be held three or four times a year and members will receive a quarterly newsletter. If you would like to join e-mail: info@wbass.co.uk More information can be found at the WBA's new website: www.whyteleafebusinessassociation.co.uk



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Gio beats his own time at London-Paris 2010

There is no stopping local restaurant owner, Gio Gonzalez who succeeded in completing the London to Paris cycle ride for the second time in June to raise money for the Geoff Thomas Foundation leukaemia charity.

Gio who owns Casa Lola Tapas restaurant in Caterham and Las Fuentes in Purley, took part in the cycle ride for the first time last year and this year managed to beat his time by three hours. He set off on 24th June to complete the three-day ride in just 21 hours, cycling 107 miles per day. So far he has raised £2,250 in sponsorship and he is hoping to reach his target of £3,000.

Gio said "There were a lot of superstars this year including many sportsmen such as Stephen Roach, John Salako, Nigel Mansell, Will Carling and Geoff Thomas. It was unbelievable! It was an experience and a feeling that I can't describe; the

atmosphere and people helping each other, both physically and morally. It was exhausting because of the heat but it was very well supported so that kept us going."

To help Gio reach his £3,000 target you can make a donation at <http://www.just-giving.co.uk/gio-gonzalez>



To find out more about the Geoff Thomas Foundation go to www.geoffthomas-foundation.org/



Gio was filmed during registration for the event showing off his team shirt and talking about the Geoff Thomas Foundation. To view the video clips and photos of London to Paris 2010 go to www.londres-paris.com



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Entertainment

Orpheus the Mythical

Review by Rich Cobbold

Richard Stilgoe is a man known for his prolific career in the media, from his work on the lyrics to Phantom of the Opera to various shows on Radio 4. Less is known nationally about his commitment to local project The Orpheus Centre in Godstone, which provides support for disabled students and builds their confidence through performing arts.

Having heard of the wonderful work of the Orpheus Centre before, my wife and I were excited to have the chance to see their latest production of Orpheus the Mythical, which was shown at Guildford's Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. I am pleased to say we were not disappointed. The plot moved along swiftly and there was much to keep us entertained, from the gutsy performances from students of the Orpheus Centre along-

side members of the Guildford School of Acting, to the vein of humour that ran throughout.

Both leads performed exceedingly well, but this was in truth an ensemble piece with each person getting their chance to shine. Director Syd Ralph has been fearless in commanding the performances, ensuring each actor is best placed to show their individual talents. Luke Tye and Sandra Gayer, for example, must be commended for their singing, which was spectacular

throughout. Credit too must go to the writer Richard Stilgoe himself. Apart from a rousing score, he managed to lyrically combine the modern with the legends, making comparisons between the three-headed dog Cerberus and insurance-selling dog Churchill. Anyone brave enough to include a rap song that rhymes 'Euridice' with 'Bob Marley', all while being translated into sign language, is sure to make me very excited to see what this talented group does next. For more information about the Orpheus Centre and volunteering opportunities visit www.orpheus.org.uk



The cast of 'Orpheus the Mythical'

Toy Story 3

(Cert. U)

Review by Sam Burgess

It has been 11 years since we last witnessed the adventures of Woody, Buzz Lightyear et al but finally the latest, and most likely the last, film in Pixar's hugely successful Toy Story saga is upon us - and it doesn't disappoint. Toy Story 3 is more than just a worthy addition to the series, it is probably the best film of the three.

The story picks up 11 years after Toy Story 2 and the toys' once loving owner Andy is now grown up and about to leave for college. A mix-up with a bag of previously adored toys destined for the attic means that the familiar gang soon find themselves donated to a child day care centre, the seemingly idyllic Sunnyside. However, the toys soon realise that the place is in fact nearer a nightmare than a dream, setting in motion a

brilliant prison-break adventure. The film is exciting and colourful enough to keep youngsters engaged whilst there are some fairly weighty subjects tackled to satisfy adults. Themes concerning loyalty, abandonment, and the acceptance of one's fate will resonate with older viewers long after the credits roll.

The leap in technology since Toy Story 2 means that this is by far the most visually impressive of the trilogy and certainly ranks as one of Pixar's best looking films. On the other hand, the option to see it in 3-D doesn't really add anything to the viewing experience so it is difficult to justify the extra price over the 2-D screenings. In summary, Toy Story 3, is a beautifully made, very funny, surprisingly moving yet hugely entertaining film that forms the perfect conclusion to what is, arguably, the most groundbreaking film series in the history of animation. *Toy Story 3 is on general release this summer.*

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Titsey Trail

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Caterham Art Group

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Comedy Night

The next Comedy Night at the Whyteleafe Tavern takes place on Friday 13th August and will feature English Comedian of the Year 2009, Matthew Osborn as well as two finalists from the Laughing Horse New Act of the Year 2010 contest. Tickets can be purchased on the door but to be sure of a seat you can pre-book your tickets by calling David Sellman on 07845 757610

Caterham Cricket Club close to promotion

by Nick House

Caterham have continued to have a good summer with their 1st XI standing in third place in the Fullers County League, Division 2 at the start of August. They took a step closer to their goal of promotion by beating table toppers Roehampton CC in a thrilling one wicket victory in the last week of July.

Steve Grace handed over the captaincy to young vice-captain Charlie Sheen halfway through the season. Steve said: "I have done enough years in the First Eleven and now is the time for youth to take over". Sheen promptly won his first game in control so hopefully the Club can reach glory by the end of the season.

The batting has been dominated by 20 year old Mike Randall who has scored two centuries and averages over



England and Surrey batsman, Mark Butcher, signs autographs for the junior girls.

fifty. Campbell Smith has opened the innings with distinction, compiling 319 runs. The bowling has been led by a range of slow bowlers in a summer that has seen the wickets crumble and spin appreciably. Both Chris Bullen and Charlie Sheen have taken 16 wickets and continue to pressurise opposition batsmen, supported by senior seamer Paul Eversfield with 13 wickets and junior pacer Scott Weddell with 11. The second and third elevens continue to progress well in their respective competitions. The junior sides are

flourishing for boys and girls and they were particularly pleased to receive a coaching session from England and Surrey opening batsman Mark Butcher.

Caterham CC run junior and senior cricket for girls, boys, women and men and are always keen to have new members as well as volunteers for umpiring, scoring, junior coaching and a range of administrative roles. Please contact Nick House (Hon Sec) at nhouse@suttonlea.org if you would like to get involved or visit our website at www.caterhamcc.com

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Whyteleaf FC

by Andy Runacres

July saw preparations for the new season getting well underway. The squad returned for training at the beginning of the month, with pre season friendlies commencing later on. The new league fixtures are released and FA Cup and FA Trophy draws are also made so dreams of cup glory can start anew.

The FA Cup draw has Leafe away to local divisional rivals Chipstead in the preliminary round. The game at Chipstead will have extra significance as it is new manager Nicky English's ex side, so no doubt he will have a point to prove. Whilst at Chipstead, English led the side to the 4th qualifying round before going out to Torquay. It would be nice if he could emulate that feat with Whyteleaf or even go one better, as many supporters still have great memories of the only time we progressed to the first round proper, and would love to have that experience again. In the FA Trophy we were handed an away tie to



Bognor Regis.

On the squad front it appears that a good number of last season's squad have returned for preseason, though it is usual at this level for the squad to chop and change until the season opener, and we can no doubt expect a few comings and goings through the pre season match schedule.

The first friendly was at home to premier division Maidstone and Leafe earned a creditable draw which perhaps should have been a win as Maidstone equalised with the final kick of the game, but all in all it was an encouraging start.

Our league campaign starts at home to Merstham on 21st August, a repeat of last season's opener which Merstham won 1-0. Why not make a note in your diaries, and come down and support your local side.

Caterham marksmen on target

The Caterham and District Rifle Club were celebrating success last month after they won the Forsythe Challenge Trophy in the Surrey County Small Bore Rifle Association League.

Denham Earl, Ron Giddens, Iain Kerr, Merlin Skinner, Brian Tonks and Nigel Toze made up the team that won the fine shield which was first shot for in 1915 and is presented by the Surrey Association under the McRae handicap rules. For more information telephone Norman Skinner on 01883 341683



From left, Merlin Skinner (Hon. Prone Rifle Captain), Iain Kerr (Team member) and Brian Tonks (Team member).

Old Cats charity fundraising continues

Local rugby club Old Caterhamians have been continuing their 'Good Cause' campaign with a donation to Andrew Thornley who ran the London Marathon earlier this year to raise funds for cancer charity Marie Curie.

The Old Cats are also holding a day of fundraising on Saturday 4th September with 'The Guards Return To Caterham', when some of the last guards stationed in Caterham Barracks return for a day at the rugby club where they will play against the club team. Kick-off will

be at 3pm.

The club in Park Avenue, Caterham on the Hill will be open to the public from 11am. The army recruitment team will be there to entertain along with side stalls, a bouncy castle, beauty treatments, raffles, face painting, a pig roast and many more attractions. The club bar will also be open from midday.

The event will close with a black tie/mess dress dinner in the evening.

Chairman of the Old Cats, Steve Dalgleish, said: "Please come and welcome back the guards, enjoy the day and help raise funds for Help for Heroes, the Guards Charity and the Royal British Legion."



Old Cats Chairman, Steve Dalgleish, left, with Andrew Thornley who ran the London Marathon this year in support of Marie Curie.

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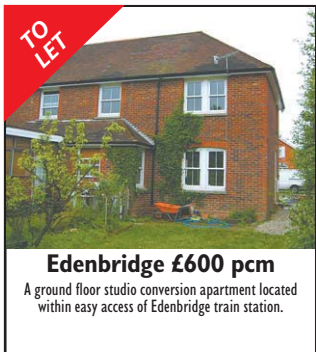
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