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# **Salvation Army launches its Christmas Present Appeal**

Christmas is around the corner and, in true festive spirit, the Salvation Army is inviting the public to donate new gifts for children whose families may be finding it difficult to celebrate Christmas this year. Unwrapped gifts can be left at the Superdrug store in Church Walk, Caterham or at the Centre Manager's office.

The Salvation Army is unable to take second-hand items, but would welcome new gifts for children aged 0-16. All types of toys and games will be gratefully received, but the Salvation Army says it would be helpful if people could avoid donating cuddly toys, as they are usually inundated with them!

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Chris Sandford from Caterham Salvation Army said: "Things are pretty tough for a lot of people and their families at the moment thanks to the difficult economic climate and we are very grateful to everyone who is supporting our appeal. We will be collecting the toys until December 18th and then we will distribute the toys through our network of health visitors, children's centres and the social services."

Shelley Filippi, Church Walk Manager, thanked the public for their support. For more information, call Chris Sandford on 01883 330718.



(From left) Jayne Plaistow, Superdrug; Chris Sandford, Salvation Army; Shelley Filippi, Centre Manager; Ben Amoka, Superdrug Manager. **Photo by Shelley Filippi**,

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### NHS Surrey proposes enhanced **Community Hub at Caterham Dene** Hospital

NHS Surrey recently announced major proposals for the county's community hospitals that included offering enhanced services at Caterham Dene Hospital. The Dene, along with hospitals in Woking, Farnham and Haslemere would offer 24/7 consultant led in-patient care; urgent treatment centres; point of care testing; rapid assessment and diagnostics; integration with social care and an ambulance destination for nonlife-threatening conditions. Anne Walker, Chief Executive of NHS Surrey, said: `There is no doubt that the NHS in Surrey needs to change radically and these proposals can deliver a better NHS for patients and a sustainable NHS for taxpayers. The debate about them starts now. No decisions have been made and I hope we can have a real diaalogue with Surrey people." Commenting on NHS Surrey's



The Caterham Dene Hospital proposals, East Surrey MP, Sam Gyimah said:

"It is clear that urgent action needs to be taken by NHS Surrey to bring the huge deficit under control and I welcome the Board's decision to ensure that cost-cutting measures do not undermine patient care. I will work to make sure that this remains the case as it is of paramount importance to me.

"I spoke to Anne Walker, Chief Executive of NHS Surrey about her plans in detail and welcome the decision to consider Caterham Dene as an enhanced NHS hub. I look forward to working with her on the details".

### It's not too late to be part of 'Ridge Radio'!

'Ridge Radio', the community radio station being launched by Caterham resident, Mark Jones, still has vacancies for DJs and presenters who would like to be part of the exciting new venture. The radio station now has a studio in The Village in Caterham, and is getting kitted out with furand niture eauipment kindly donated by local individuals and businesses. Mark said: "It is frustrating because I really want to get the station broadcasting, but it takes time to get everything we need set up. We have had lots of items donated already, including a desk from the police, and a kettle for making the tea from M&P Electrical. Caterham Valley Parish Council



have very generously donated over £600 for our public liability insurance for a year and Caterham Communications are supplying our telephone and broadband, so we are getting there!"

Mark is organising a Community Quiz on Friday, 3rd December at The Arc in Weston Drive, Caterham, to raise funds to pay for equipment still needed to get the station broadcasting. For more information about Ridge Radio or the Community Quiz, call Mark on 07841 065845.

Ridge Radio has a Facebook page which is updated regularly with progress reports.









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### Remembering the fallen



The Surrey Pipe Band leading the parade in Caterham-onthe-Hill. Photo by Jon Harrison, www.localeventphotos.co.uk

On Sunday 14th November, Remembrance Day Parades and Services were held across the country to honour the fallen. In Caterham-on-the-Hill the Surrey Pipe Band led a large parade to Church Road where local dignatories, veterans and uniformed groups lay wreaths at St. Lawrence's Church followed by a twominute silence. Reverend Duncan Swan then led the Remembrance Day service for a packed congregation inside St. Mary's Church. The parade then marched back to the Royal British Legion and Ex-Servicemen's Club in Townend for lunch. After attending a service at St. Bartholomew's Church in Burstow, Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Alan Jones, attended a wreathlaying ceremony at Kenley Aerodrome.

### Warlingham Fair Committee seeks new members

Warlingham Fair Committee is looking for new members to help organise next year's fair, set to be held on Saturday, 18th June 2011.

Anyone interested is invited to an open meeting of the committee at the Mission Hall, Chapel Road, Warlingham on Wednesday 8th December at 8pm.

Jeremy Pursehouse, Fair MC and last year's acting chairman said: "It is important that the fair keeps evolving with new ideas and new energy. We need the experience and competence of those who have been on the committee for many years and a fresh perspective from new members.

The committee would like anyone with an interest in the fair to come to the meeting if they have ideas or would like to help in any way from joining the committee to helping on the day.

If you would like to help but cannot attend, please contact Marion Jones on 01883 626398.



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### St. Catherine's Hospice shop opens in Caterham

Last month saw St Catherine's Hospice opening the doors to its new shop at 31 Croydon Road, Caterham. Christine Cooling, senior retail manager for St Catherine's Hospice said: "Our new shop is perfect to pick up some great gifts for Christmas and also stocks our exclusive Refab jewellery range, which recycles old jewellery into new items. If you have anything

to donate to us, such as

quality clothing, handbags, CDs or DVDs, we'd love to receive it. And we're also looking for volunteers to help us serve customers and keep the stock flying off the shelves!"

Over 70% of the hospice's funding is reliant upon the generosity of the community it serves. In 2010, St Catherine's needs to raise £4.7 million from voluntary income to ensure people can continue to receive the care and support they need.

For more information call the shop on 01883 341749 or visit www.stch.org.uk



The new St. Catherine's Hospice store in Caterham.

# Burtenshaw's Beat

by Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector Elaine Burtenshaw

The end of October to early November was extremely busy with Halloween, Fireworks and Remembrance Sunday. The response of the community particularly in relation to anti social behaviour and respecting everyone has been excellent!! The number of incidents called in was greatly reduced. This was, I know, assisted by retailers who questioned young people regarding age in relation to fireworks and the reasons for wanting eggs and flour, so thank you everyone for your support on this.

Those of you that read my Facebook page 'Burtenshaw's Beat' will be aware that the Monday following Remembrance Sunday I was disappointed to write about a minority of car drivers that my staff at Remembrance Parades had to



deal with, who demanded to get through road closures with one driver in their twenties not understanding or knowing what it was all about. They did not get through.

Unfortunately the District has had a spate of damage where persons we believe using catapults have fired small stones at vehicles and house windows causing damage and in some instances smashing them. It is fortunate that no-one has been hurt. Do you know who owns a catapult and may be responsible? Please call us on 0845 125 2222 or crime stoppers on 0800 555 1111

I want to say a huge thank

you to everyone who has taken time to speak, email and write cards to me following the news that I am being compulsorily retired at the end of March. It certainly touched me and does make one realise the work by me and my team is much appreciated by you the local community. As I said last month I intend to enjoy to the full these next few, albeit final months as your Neighbourhood Inspector so I am not saying adieu just yet!

We are fast approaching the end of the year, with Christmas for those who celebrate it, less than a month away. Please be safe, remember security of your vehicles and houses, and leave nothing on display. I end 2010 by wishing you all a peaceful joyous Christmas.

Previous editions of 'Burtenshaw's Beat' can be read at www.caterham-independent.co.uk





## Event celebrates the launch

of C.H.E.C.K. educating

the children of Kimilili

A wine-tasting evening at de Stafford School in Caterham has raised over £500 for local charity C.H.E.C.K.(Community Health and Education for Children of Kimilili). The event marked the launch of C.H.E.C.K. which is continuing the work of the de Stafford Kenva Project started by de Stafford teacher Geraint Jenkins M.B.E. 30 years ago. Geraint's association with Kimilili started when he was a Voluntary Service Overseas teacher in Kimilili RC Boys Secondary School between 1974-76.

Over the years the people of Caterham and surrounding areas have supported the community in Kimilili with over £125,000 raised and 120 volunteers travelling to Kenya, at their own expense, to improve the town's four schools.

Sam Gyimah MP attended the launch event, saying afterwards: "The drive and



C.H.E.C.K. founder, Geraint Jenkins serves a sample of wine during the launch event at de Stafford School.

commitment of Geraint Jenkins is phenomenal. Over the last 30 years he has given an incredible amount to raising the educational standards in Kimilili. Always looking to do more, though, he has taken the next step to make C.H.E.C.K. a registered charity so that it can continue to develop the infrastructure of the schools and

support the health programmes in the village. Its launch is a celebration of all the good it's done over the years, but I know this is just the beginning of a new phase of renewed vigour in looking to better the lives of those youngsters out in Kenya".

For more information call Geraint Jenkins on 01959 564772 or visit www.surreycommunity.info/check

### Guides' Guy is a winner!

The 9th Caterham Guides were the proud winners in the 'Group' category of the Round Table 'Build a Guy' competition this year, winning a cheque for £250 to boost their funds.

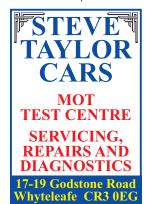
The competition attracted 15 individual entries and three group entries, with a total of £410 in prize money being awarded to the winners and runners up. The winners of the individual entries were Dillon and his sister Megan.

The Firework Display held at the Dene Field in Caterhamon-the-Hill was an amazing success, raising £8,000 for charity, and the Round Table would like to thank the Rotary Clubs and 41 Club who helped to make the event run so smoothly. Thanks also go to David Gold for his generous support.

Round Table member, Andrew Browne, said: "We drew Browne, said: had the most amazing bonfire and the feedback we have received is that it was the best display ever! We also had a record number of people taking part in the torchlight procession."



Janette Ralph from 9th Caterham Guides with the winning Guy. Photo by Jon Harrison, www.localeventphotos.co.uk



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### de Stafford pupils **Take Action Together!**

Feeling safe is a top priority for students and staff at de Stafford School in Caterham.

Students spent a week in November working hard on various promotional activities designing posters and creating DVDs to share with students at their school. A group of gifted and talented drama students wanted to raise awareness of anti-bullying and share their school's commitment with the local community and saw anti-bullying week as the perfect opportunity to do this. The talented students worked hard to design their own assembly which they performed to seven primary schools and successfully spread the importance of `Taking Action Together'.



de Stafford pupils get the message across during their lively anti-bullying assembly.

### **Building work** celebrations at the Oasis Academy

A special celebration was held on Thursday 11th November, to mark progress of the £18m rebuild of Oasis Academy in Coulsdon.

Rev Steve Chalke, MBE, founder of Oasis UK, led the celebrations and helped students bury a Time Capsule under what will become the new Sports Hall facilities, which the whole community can access when the building project is complete in Autumn 2011.

Year 11 student, Hannah Peploe said: "We are honoured that we will be the very first Sixth Form students in the history of the Academy, it's a real responsibility. All Year 11 students have been involved in the planning and have put forward our ideas on the curriculum, subject choices, enrichment and student leadership opportunities. We are all very excited."

Principal, David Millar said: "The interior of the building has been designed as a tool for learning with a mix of flexible classrooms, independent study areas, break

Students, staff, guests and builders shared a celebration cake made in the shape of the new wing, which was specially prepared for the occasion.

out spaces, workshops, exhibition areas and performance arenas. We will have a science garden and allotments so that students can grow the food that they eat for lunch. The external design and construction of the building also means that our Academy will be one of the 'greenest' in the country. Our energy needs will be supplied by solar panels, and the roof is made of ETFE polymer - the same

lightweight, recyclable and resilient material used for the Eden Project biomes in Cornwall and National Space Centre in Leicester." Rev Paul Roberts, Rector of St John's Church, Old Coulsdon, said that "Oasis Academy Coulsdon was one of the best Good News stories in St John's 750 year celebrations."

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Famous names who have all been former cadets include Sean Connery, Paul O'Grady, former deputy prime minister John Prescott, jazz musician Kenny Ball and actor Paul Bethany.

Sea Cadets is driven by the support of the Royal Navy and the 8,500 volunteers who help inspire and train young cadets each week.

If you would like to get back in touch or find out more about Caterham Sea Cadets, call Sub-Leiutenant Aaron Clarke on 07834 827654.



Cadets from 'TS Zephyr' at the Remembrance Day Parade in Caterham-on-the-Hill. Photo by Jon Harrison.



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### When a child is born

by Jerry Connor Kenley Financial Ltd.

Christmas is fast approaching and I am sure by now, children around the area would have already drawn up a present list and either e-mailed or texted it to Santa. When I was younger I hoped for a Dandy annual, a new uniform for my Action Man and possibly a tangerine in my stocking. How things have changed! Now children want expensive gadgets like a DSI, PSP or a

Recession or not, parents and increasingly grandparents these days face an unrelenting task of providing new clothes, books and the essentials of modern life. This results in children being dependent for longer than at any point in time on their immediate family. Socially this binds us, which is a positive thing, financially it stretches us.

Johnny Mathis once topped the charts over Christmas with 'When a Child is Born'. Little did he know some 34 years later it would be esti-



mated that when a child is born it costs over £200,000 on average to bring it up to the age of 21. In the light of changes to educational funding, reductions in child benefit and the scrapping of the Child Trust Funds the burden on parents will inevitably increase.

Like with a good Christmas dinner, preparation is all. This preparation may mean earmarking a bank account, exploring return-to-work options following baby's arrival, or taking out a long term savings plan. It could also mean using an inheritance wisely or grandparents establishing a trust fund. Preparing for all the turmoil and fun ahead could possibly make our lives a lot easier emotionally in the vears to come.

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### 'Acoustic Lounge' comes to The Arc

The Arc in Weston Drive, Caterham, showcased some new musical talent recently, when it held its latest 'Acoustic Lounge' event on Saturday 13th November.

The musicians performed in the large Soft Play area enjoyed by children by day, but transformed into a colourful and exciting venue for entertainment by night.

The evening featured six acts: young guitar and vo-cals duo 'Epic Fail' and . David Costner, soloists Danny Portland, Sam Pick-

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ett, Seb Huxley and Tim Eveleigh.

Andy Edmeads of The Arc's management team, said: "We are pleased to be able to provide a venue where these new acts can perform. Events such as these really capture the spirit of what The Arc is all about - showcasing the arts and local talent. I'm looking forward to our next Acoustic Lounge event next spring."

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Builders can cause damage and destroy lives if they carry out work incorrectly," says Steve. "One of the frightening things about the building industry is that builders are not regulated and anyone can become a builder with no training required beforehand. I believe the building trade should be regulated because if a builder doesn't do a job properly, people can get hurt and in some cases buildings can collapse, as heppened to a house in Purley."

Steve is proud that his company delivers a fully



A recent project by Joseph James Building Contractors.

professional service that involves efficient planning and good quality work. He says: "I know from personal experience that it is very important to liaise with the client, esepcially when we are working in occupied houses. This can be diffi-cult for people which we fully understand, so communication is vital."

Steve firmly believes in the values of caring and doing a professional job. "30 years ago I trained as a family builder and I would like to pass my lessons on to someone one day," says Steve. "I think it is important to carry on the values of previous generations of care, quality and professionalism."

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# Whyteleafe residents lend a Helping Hand

On Thursday 18th November the Whyteleafe 'Helping Hands' organisation held its sixth Annual General Meeting in the function room of The Whyteleafe Tavern when Tandridge District Councillor Sakina Bradbury was re-elected as Chairman.

Lordlord of The Whyteleafe Tavern, Tom Dempsey and Cllr. Bradbury started the group which was set up to give practical assistance to those in need in the local community. During the meeting, Tom said: "In Ireland where I come from communities are very close knit and there is always help on hand if someone needs assistance, for example, with a lift to hospital. Sakina and I wanted to recreate that community spirit in Whyteleafe which is why we set up 'Helping Hands'.

If you would like to find out more about the services provided by the 'Helping Hands' volunteers or would like to become a volunteer helper yourself, call Sakina Bradbury on 01883 343417. For forther information go to 'Features' at www.caterham-independent.co.uk



Members of Whyteleafe's 'Helping Hands' at their recent AGM.

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# Let is snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Snow will be coming to Caterham this month, whatever the weather!

Snow machines purchased by the local business community last year proved to be a great hit with shoppers, and the artificial snow was soon joined by the real thing when

temperatures plummeted last December.

This month the snow machines will be operating in Croydon Road and around the Asprey Fountain by The Square in Caterham Valley from 10am-2pm on the 4th, 11th and 18th December. Make a note of the dates so you can join in the fun!

The snow machines will also be bringing some winter magic to the following events in the run-up to Christmas:

The King & Queen Winter Fete in the High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill from 10am-5pm on Saturday, 27th November.

The switching on of the Cedar Tree lights in Buxton's car park in the High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill at 6pm on Saturday 27th November.

The switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights on Whyteleafe roundabout at 6pm on Wednesday, 8th December - view the event from the Whyteleafe Tavern car park.



Local resident, David Gold and his fianceé Leslev Manning enjoying the artificial snow in Caterham Valley last year.





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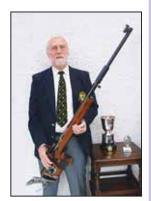
### Caterham and District Rifle **Club Prizegiving**

Report by Norman Skinner

The annual prizegiving of the Caterham and District Rifle Club took place at Warlingham Sports Club on Friday 8th October. Caterham's Les Shilling was top shot in the Croydon Individual League with 597 out of 600 (three scores of 1000 and three of 99) winning the Wheeler Cup medal.

Merlin Skinner (prone rifle Captain) had a good season winning the Cranmer Shield, knocking out competition that carries the title of Club Champion, the Morris Memorial Shield for the highest match average, the Soper memorial trophy (the best score with prone rifle, light sporting rifle and match air pistol added together). Also the George Skeet pairs in partnership with Peter Kelly. The trophy consists of two solid brass horses.

Thomas Stretton (air pistol Captain) won the Uridge Pistol trophy for the 30 best



Les Shilling and the Wheeler Cup. (Photo by John Watterson)

match target scores and Bryan Murry took the President's Shield in an exciting knock-out shoot with Light Sporting Rifle.

In all, eighteen trophies were awarded on the night, including an unusual prize, 'Stalkers Challenge the Tankard', fullbore rifle 100 yards at Bisley won by Andy McGarty.

### Get into the 'urban art' groove with Graffiti Zone

Graffiti and Street Art is becoming more visible in today's world, and is fast becoming the 'cool' way to decorate a bedroom or theme a party.

Benjamin, Adam, Julian Paul and Rich of Graffiti Zone have turned their creative skills into a thriving business, bringing their experience to projects and workshops. parties and even Bar-mitzvahs!

Paul says: "It is a really engaging thing when you see someone's eyes light up at one of our workshops. Quite often it is the quiet ones that will shine, the kids who sit at the back of the class doodling."

Paul explained that the business has solid credentials and all the guys have been CRB checked. workshops they teach the safe use of spray paints, e.g. using masks and gloves and making sure rooms are well ventilated. They also teach the youngsters the importance of keeping graf-

fiti legal and how they can use urban-themed art in a positive way such as painting baseball caps and tshirts to sell for charity.

'We get good feedback after we visit a school," said Paul. "The teachers will use the techniques for all sorts of things, like harvest festivals and other special events. They find the workshops are a great way for kids to channel negativity into something creative." Ben adds: "If you try to get

the average kid to an after school art class you may find it difficult, but advertise a graffiti lesson and you'll have queues out the door! We hook them with the cool artwork and use the time to motivate and inspire. We turned our passion into our full-time job and we want others to know that they can too. If you believe in yourself you can use your talent to make a difference. See the Graffiti Zone advertisement on the facing page for more information.



Rich presents a sreet art style portrait of Gabriella Cilmi to the delighted sinaer.



Rich demonstrates his skills during a workshop

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I should mention that parking is a breeze, with plenty of parking bays outside the restaurant in Coulsdon Road. On a cold winter's evening it is definitely an advantage to be able to step out of your car and walk a few yards straight into the restaurant!

We were soon sitting comfortably, enjoying our aperitifs and poppadoms while browsing the menu. Му partner Keith decided to try the 'Anarashi Hash' (duck),

one of the chef's special sizzling dishes from the clay oven. I chose the 'Chicken Pasanda', marinated chicken with ground almond, sultanas, pistachios, cream, aromatic spices and herbs. We also ordered a portion of Sag Aloo (spinach and potatoes), a Mixed Vegetable Curry and a Pilau rice to go with our main courses. I also ordered a Naan Bread Our waiter serves up the to mop up the lovely creamy sauce of the Chicken Pasanda! Keith was very impressed with the duck, which came with pieces of pineapple which he said was: "Surprising, but a lovely combination." I tried some and had to agree!

The side dishes we ordered went very well with our main dishes, and we felt very full by the end of the meal.

The whole experience, with the delicious food, great service and a bottle of Australian Shiraz was a wonderful way to end a busy Saturday.

The Curry Leaf has a Ban-



sizzling Anarashi Hash. straight from the clay oven.

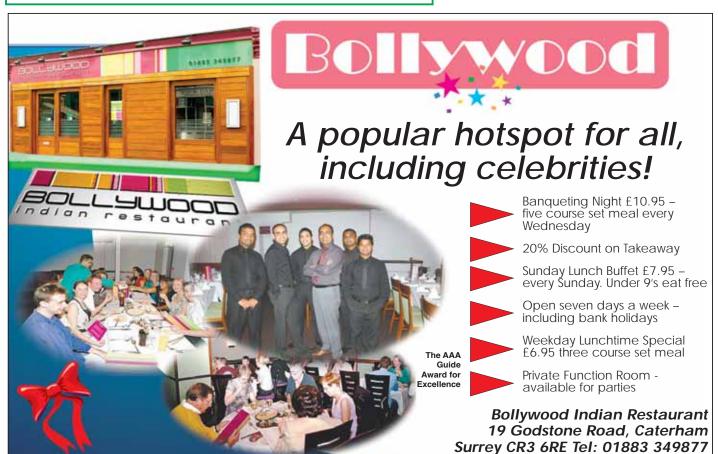
quet Night every Wednesday, serving a four course meal for £10.95 per person for a limited period. Thev also serve a Sunday Lunch Buffet when you can eat as much as you like for £7.95 (£4.95 for children and under fives eat free).

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by Alec Herbert

#### **Food and Drink**

- 1. What name is given to the Mexican drink made from the juice of the agave nlant?
- 2. "Smokies" originated in and are principally associated with which Scottish town?
- 3. Yarg is a Cornish cheese wrapped in what?
- 4. From what is a Pontefract cake made?
- Which soup's name translated literally means "peppered water"?

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customers.

Steve said: "I am really pleased the shop is selling cameras again and am looking forward to being able to advise our customers and help them with their camera problems.

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Marie Curie Cancer Care are holding their annual Lights to Remember event at 4pm on Sunday 5th December at St John's Church, Clareville Road, Caterham.

Everyone is welcome and the service will include Christmas carols sung by Woodlea Primary School.

#### **Christmas Concert**

East Surrey Choral Society is performing its 50th season Concert Christmas at 7.30pm on Saturday 11th December at the United Reformed Church, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham. The concert will feature Rutter's When Tricles Hang'. Vaughan Williams' `Fantasia on Christmas Carols' and other seasonal songs. Tickets cost £10, £5 for children and include a free programme. To book tickets please call 01293 786358.

#### **Munch with Music**

The next Munch with Music is on Wednesday 1st December at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley.

The programme is presented by Woldingham School and

features their Amaris Choir. Admission is free. Coffee is served at 12.15pm and the performance is 12.45-1.30pm.

#### Santa Run

St. Catherine's Hospice is holding a Santa Run starting at 10.30am on Sunday, 12th December at Whyteleafe Recreation Ground in Hillbury Road, Whyteleafe. The race consists of three 1km laps with no pressure to finish them and dogs on leads are welcome.

For registration forms or further information, log onto www.stch.org.uk/christmas or contact Jen Wickham on 01293 447364.

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and finishes at 5pm. Entrance is free.

For more information please call Sally at the King and Oueen on 01883 345303.

### Readers' Letters

#### Thank you

On behalf of the cadets and staff of the Caterham Sea Cadets, I would like to thank the management of the Church Walk Shopping Centre and all those who supported them at the Pirates Day event on 25th September. During that event and in street collections in Caterham Valley. Warlingham and Oxted the Sea Cadets raised £478.15 the whole of which will be used to effect much needed refurbishment works at the unit's building in the Grove, Caterham.

If anyone would like to receive further information about the Sea Cadets, please contact me on 01883 335945.

Tony Skilbeck,

To view more local events, go to 'What's On' at www.caterham-independent.co.uk Chairman of the Management Team of Caterham Sea Cadets.

### Views sought please

It can be questioned these days, are older people given a fair representation in today's press? Or, is the contribution they give to society nowadays not acknowledged enough by the media? I am researching this subject for a school project and would welcome views from readers please, to provide evidence for or against this argument.

Remembrance Sunday was a reminder of the sheer bravery our older generations displayed in warfare over the past years. This is one of the reasons why they should undoubtedly be entitled to a decent level of respect. We believe that some national newspapers fail to show this respect.

Most common in the tabloid papers, comments are still being made that devalue the lives of older people, and fail to consider the many ways they help out in

the community.

After an exchange of letters, MP for East Surrey, Sam Gyimah told me: "There is no doubt in my mind that the elderly contribute a vast amount to our society. Yet sometimes they do not get the credit they deserve in the media." In our project at school, it is our mission to get this issue raised amongst the community and our group would happily welcome responses from all members of the local area on what they think of the topic. Please can you e-mail your views to me at robo.hughes@gmail.com or write to me c/o The Caterham and District Independ-Street, 33 High ent, Caterham, Surrey CR3 5UE. Robert Hughes, age 15, Warlingham.

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### Whyteleafe FC

by Andy Runacres

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Chris O'Flaherty in action

to their winning ways next match when they beat Chipstead away 2-1 (revenge for the home defeat!), before losing 1-0 at home to Sittingbourne.

December sees home games against Fleet on the 18th and Dulwich Hamlet on the 27th (a perfect excuse to get some fresh air after the Christmas festivities). Both games are 3pm kick offs.

You can view the latest news and results from Whyteleafe FC by visiting: www.theleafe.co.uk

### World Championship success for local Tae Kwon Do team

Three members of Caterham TAGB Tae Kwon Do have won medals in the 9th Tae Kwon Do World Championship 2010. The event, held in Telford, was huge with over 17,000 competitors from 23 countries taking part, including eight students from Caterham TAGB Tae Kwon Do. Caterham's Colvin Frost became World Champion in the Blue Belt Pattern after competing against competitors from Poland, South Africa, Argentina and the UK.

Another member, Allan Cameron aged 43, won a bronze medal in the Blue Belt Heavyweight Sparring division. Allan, who started training just 18 months ago, fought four rounds against competitors who were much younger than him. He has also won various medals in the English and Welsh championships this year.

The third medal winner was 15 year-old Jordan Frost who teamed up with two



The tam from TAGB Tae Kwon Do: (From left) Amelia Borley, Carley Stubbs, Allan Cameron, Colvin Frost, David Lock, Mark Ingram, Natasha Greenslade and Jordan Frost.

boys from Wales and Ireland to win a silver medal in the boys Blue Belt Tag Team. Jordan and his team fought very well.

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The final was a close match with the boys losing narrowly by just one point. Jordan has won various medals (individual and team sparring) in the English, Welsh and Midland Championships.

Caterham TAGB Tae Kwon Do instructor, Wing Lee, said: "The standard of the contestants was very high in all the divisions. The Caterham team gave an extremely good performance, mostly achieved by hard work, determination and self belief. It is a daunting task to compete in a major event such as the World Championship. As their instructor I am very proud of their achievements.

For more information about Caterham TAGB Tae Kwon Do visit www.caterhamtaekwondo.co.uk or call Wing Lee on 07981 244551.



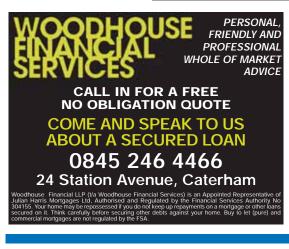
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