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## Here comes summer!

### The Rotary Bunny Fun Run marks the start of an exciting line-up of summer events!

On Sunday 17th April, hundreds of runners took part in the Rotary Bunny Fun Run and 5K Race in Queen's Park, Caterham in aid of St. Catherine's Hospice and Rotary charities (see page 5). On the same day a rescue pony from Chaldon called Tinkerbelle carried seven year-old Tianna Moon to the cricket green at Caterham Barracks in Caterham-on-the-Hill to be crowned Caterham May Queen.

Both these events helped to kick-start an action-packed line up of events taking place in and around Caterham this summer.

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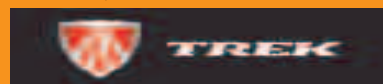
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## 'Green Belt' development could hold key to solving Rose & Young problem

For the last two years a small group of local business people has been in dialogue with Tandridge District Council ('TDC') to try and find a resolution to the problem of Caterham's notorious 'eyesore', the old Rose & Young building in Croydon Road. The group encouraged developers to come forward following assurances from TDC that they would pursue a Compulsory Purchase Order if necessary to secure the site for new developers. Building contractors, GB Development Solutions ('GBDS') came forward at the beginning of the year stating they had a scheme they wanted to progress for the site, comprising a four-storey block of flats. However, the Rose & Young group have learned that a planning application has still not been submitted to TDC by GBDS.

Following our lead article last month about the hundreds of new dwellings planned for Caterham, local property developer, Nigel Greenhalgh of Village Developments, wrote a letter to The Caterham and District

Independent. Mr Greenhalgh says in the letter that he agrees wholeheartedly that Caterham has been given the lion's share of development, whilst Oxted gets away with contributing very little, and no releases of Green Belt.

Mr Greenhalgh owns Green Belt land in Oxted, similar to the land in Whyteleafe Road, Caterham, that used to be Green Belt but is now earmarked for development.

With regard to the Rose & Young site, Mr Greenhalgh outlines a proposal that could resolve the problem, saying: "We of course have a vested interest, but there is no doubt that our site in Oxted is the most highly sustainable site in the district. However, despite offering considerable incentives, including providing funds to buy the Rose & Young site for a car park, funds to decommission the gas holder in Oxted, provide a car park in Oxted for com-



muters including contributions towards education, libraries etc., the idea of development is resolutely dismissed by Mr Evans (Head of Planning at TDC), and the Oxted councillors. We also proposed to provide the land free of charge to the Council and they hold it as leaseholders, such that we could provide market housing for sale to young people at 30% less than the prevailing market."

Mr Greenhalgh went on to provide some worrying statistics.

- Tandridge propose to build in the next 15 years no more than 1,500 houses.

- The amount of affordable housing provided in 2006/7 was 256 (mainly coming out of sites released in the Green Belt e.g. Kenley Aerodrome in Caterham).

- The amount of affordable housing calculated to be re-

quired in the Housing Needs Survey produced by the council is 449 per year.

- The number of households on the council's waiting list - 1661. At eight units per year, most of them will be dead before they will get a home!

Mr Greenhalgh concluded: "To meet the needs of the community in Tandridge, the percentage of Green Belt would have to drop by just 1.5%. The phobia surrounding the Green Belt has unfortunately been used as a political football instead of a grown-up debate. It cannot be right that young peo-

ple and families are forced to move out of the area, taking cheaper homes in other areas, or being forced to commute long distances." Chris Windridge, Chairman of ABC (A Better Caterham) said: "With the local elections coming up, Caterham residents need to urge their councillors to address this situation more robustly. Residents should be urging the council to consider releasing land from Green Belt in order to take the pressure off Caterham for housing and get the Rose & Young site developed at the same time."



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## Ridge Radio celebrates its official online launch



MP Sam Gyimah gives the thumbs-up to Ridge Radio at their official launch party. On Friday 1st April The Arc in Caterham-on-the-Hill hosted the launch party for Ridge Radio, the new on-line radio station for Tandridge. Youngsters enjoyed a lively disco while the adults were given guided tours around the radio station and had the opportunity to meet the presenters.

Mark Jones, founder of Ridge Radio, said: "It was a fantastic evening. The community really turned out for it which makes us realise that a community radio station was needed. It was lovely that our MP Sam Gyimah came along. He even did a live broadcast for us, congratulating us on the launch! We have just got to keep Ridge Radio going now."

The station broadcasts a range of

music and chat to suit all ages and tastes. The shows start at 7am and go right through until 1am, seven days a week. The DJs, technicians and engineers are all volunteers and the radio equipment has been donated by local businesses. Ridge Radio will be out and about this summer so you can meet the team. For more information and to listen on-line, go to [www.ridgeradio.co.uk](http://www.ridgeradio.co.uk)




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One of the 'Best Dressed Bunnies', eight-year-old Abigail Jones.

Over three hundred Easter eggs were given away at this year's Rotary Bunny Fun Run, one for every finisher in the Easter Bunny 1K Fun Run and 5K Race. The event, held at Queen's Park in Caterham on Sunday 17th April, was organised by the Rotary Club of Caterham. The large family crowd basked in the glorious sunshine and cheered on the runners/walkers of all shapes and sizes.

First home in the 1K Fun Run was George Page followed by Nathan Smith. Coming in at number 114 was Ice, a blue-eyed white buck rabbit who was a great favourite with the children.

The winner in the 5K Race was Rolf Chouton in 19 minutes 51 seconds with H C Cohen in second place and Michael Chinn in third place. The first lady home, in fifth place, was Phillis Flynn in 20 minutes 54 seconds. The Vice Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Cllr. Brian Perkins, started the race and presented the prizes assisted by Rotary Club President, Mike Smith.

The organisers would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part, and to the sponsors of the event: Ross Cycles, Catax Taxis, BCL Systems, Harestone Lops, Local Event Photos, Tandridge District Council and The Caterham and District Independent. To view the race results go to [www.rotaryruns.co.uk](http://www.rotaryruns.co.uk)



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Councillor Beverley Connolly, who ran in memory of her late brother-in-law, Pip.



Runners set off at the start of the 5K Race.  
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Cllr. Brian Perkins presents Rolf Chouton, winner of the 5K Race, with his prize.



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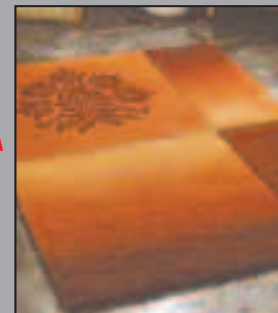
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## Local students get behind the lens to film S.T.O.M.P.

On Tuesday 5th April students from the Reigate School of Art, Design and Media teamed up with fitness coach Steve Robertson and his class to film a promotional DVD as part of their coursework. Steve, from Caterham, is the founder of S.T.O.M.P., a unique 'High Intensity Interval' training program that he is looking to expand across the UK.

Steve said: "The DVD will be a great advertising tool to help S.T.O.M.P. go forward. It is fantastic teaming up with the students. I don't have to worry about them, they just do their own thing! They know that this UK wide project will look great on their CV." The Film and TV students had access to high quality equipment and filmed the training routine from four different camera angles. Lecturer, Luke Quinn, said: "We like to give the students as much experience with these live projects as possible. This multi-camera shoot enables

the students to gain valuable experience of live filming."

Robert Jones, head of Reigate School of Art, Design and Media, said: "This is just one of our students' exciting projects in the local community. They are also helping to organise live acts at the Caterham Festival. It is hard to get kids into the film and TV industry and we can see this drive for them to get experience in real projects is paying off."

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## "de stafford is a good school", say Ofsted inspectors

The students, staff and governors of de Stafford School in Caterham are delighted that the school has made the leap from 'satisfactory' to 'good' in its latest Ofsted report.

The school was inspected on the 16th and 17th March and in its opening paragraph, the report says: "de Stafford has made significant improvements since its last inspection and is now a good school. It provides a well ordered, calm and safe community for students, who enjoy their learning and are making good progress." The shift from being 'satisfactory' to 'good' is a difficult one to make as there is a more rigorous framework in place compared to when the previous inspection took place.

Head teacher, Caroline Longhurst, said: "I was especially pleased with the way the report was so positively written. I am also very pleased that 93% of the parents said they were happy with the school."

The report stated that: "A

higher than average proportion of parents and carers responded to the inspection questionnaire. The very large majority of them are happy with their child's experience at de Stafford."

John Troake, Chairman of Governors of de Stafford School said: "We are absolutely delighted with the

momentum of change. It is quite clear now that against other local schools we are deemed as good which is important for the community around us. I am chuffed to bits with this report."

Year 10 student, Atusa Hibibian said: "I really like coming here. de Stafford has a nice community feel. You can come to school with a smile on your face!" You can view de Stafford's Ofsted report at [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)



John Troake, Chairman of Governors and Caroline Longhurst, head teacher of de Stafford School with students (from left) Jack Gillam, Hazel McRae and Atusa Habibian.

Photo by Adam Willmott

## Crocus display wins Rotary award

On Tuesday 5th April members of the Caterham Rotary Clubs presented an award to St. and St. Paul CofE Primary School in Chaldon for their winning crocus display in the 'Focus on the Crocus' competition, kindly sponsored by Knights Garden Centres and Linden Homes. The clubs ran the competition amongst local schools as part of the Rotary campaign to end polio. The school were joint winners of the primary section along with Hillcroft School in Caterham. de Stafford School won the award for the best secondary school display. The campaign by the Cater-



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“Oasis Academy Coulsdon is a ‘good’ school and ‘is providing its students with a good quality of education. The school’s capacity for sustained improvement is ‘good’.” Reverend Steve Chalke, Founder of Oasis said: “To achieve such a positive outcome, at this stage in the Academy’s development, is a great achievement. I would like to thank all the staff for their very evident commitment to each of our students and their families, because of which the Oasis vision is becoming a reality.” Students told the Inspectors that they “enjoyed being at the Academy and felt very safe”. They said that “the teachers never give up on us”. The Report confirms that the Academy’s safeguarding procedures and practices were ‘good’ and praised

the Academy for the care, guidance and support it gave to students, stating: “Students are well known to staff and receive personalised attention through the pastoral systems, supporting both their well-being, and their academic and personal development. Students receive good spiritual, moral, social and cultural guidance and are well prepared for the next stage of their lives, making good progress in learning related to the world of work.”

The Inspectors praised the students for their good behaviour and said “they made an outstanding contribution to the wider community”. Principal David Millar paid tribute to his team of staff: “We are all obviously delighted with the outcome of the Inspection. Students, parents and staff now have a sense of pride in being part of our Oasis Family. I am particularly pleased that the Report acknowledges that the improvements have been brought about by the commitment, dedication and hard work of staff. It has been a real team effort to get this far. We are now over the first hurdle with our goal clearly in sight; we are not going to rest on this and we will achieve our vision and be Outstanding.”

The Oasis Academy Ofsted Report can be viewed at [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk) from 3rd May.

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## Local youth groups receive funding

by Emma Berry

On Wednesday 23rd March the Funds 4 Youngz committee held a presentation evening at Street Youth Centre in Caterham Valley to award local groups with funding for young people.

The committee, made up of six young people from Street and CR3 Soldiers, was formed to allocate money from The Youth Opportunities Fund. Local voluntary groups for young people were invited to apply for up to £2,000 and give a short presentation explaining how the money would benefit local youngsters. Using the criteria they had drawn up, the committee decided how much each group would receive.

The groups to receive donations were the Oakhall Church Crusaders, Ridge Radio, CR3 Soldiers youth club, Caterham Pumas FC, The Arc, deFest Music Festival, 1st Caterham Scout Group and Tandridge's Got Talent.

Melissa Allen from Funds 4 Youngz said: "It's been great to be involved in helping voice the opinions of young people. We've all learnt a lot from the project."



Representatives of the youth groups who received cheques from the Funds 4 Youngz committee at the presentation evening at Street Youth Centre last month.

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## 'Rector's Ramble' helps to raise funds for new church hall

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The Reverend Duncan Swan at Canterbury Cathedral on 7th April.

Photograph by Simon Kelly

dated outside and requires modernisation inside. It provides a much-needed community function in Caterham where there is a shortage of such community facilities."

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New events this year include the Caterham Games for school years 4, 5 and 6 and a Stand Up Comedy Contest at the Whyteleafe Tavern.

Back by popular demand is the International Food Festival on 12th June in Caterham Valley, the day after the Caterham Carnival.

The Festival will have something for everyone, from music and art to sporting events and a Teddy Bear's Picnic!

For more information see the Caterham Festival leaflet or visit [www.caterhamfestival.org](http://www.caterhamfestival.org)



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A youngster at Skaterham during 'Open Caterham'.



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The event was the brainchild of Simon Edge, a local businessman who runs Caterham Communications and who has been involved in Scouting for many years. In 2010 he was appointed Assistant District Commissioner (ADC) for Beaver Scouts and set about putting the plans for the event in progress with friend and fellow Cub Scout Commissioner Andy Parr.

When asked about the event Simon commented: "In order for such a one off special event to take place I realised I needed the help of the community at large. Being a member of the Caterham BNI and the Caterham Round Table meant I had access to some of the best businesses and business people who are all about serving and supporting Caterham. All of the advertisers you see on these pages have supported me in putting on this event for the Beaver Scouts. This is why I love living and working in Caterham! Without this level of support and without these people, this event could not have taken place. Whilst the young people themselves have part funded this day, as we receive no government funding this event was made possible by the support and the generosity of the people you see on these pages."

In addition to the businesses featured on these pages Simon would like to thank The Caterham Round Table in particular Mr Glen O'Dwyer (Chairman) and Mr Andy Parr (President) for their invaluable on-going support to the Caterham District Scout Council.

The Funday is not only to celebrate 25 years of Beaver Scouting in the UK but also to give the young people an added opportunity to have fun in a safe, controlled environment whereby they can run free and enjoy themselves free from potential harm. The day allows the Beaver Scouts to try new things and the activities on offer include Mobile High Ropes Courses, Spider Mountain with 7m Tall Slide, Spiderman Climbing Wall, Scramble Net Challenge, Water Walkers, Slack Lines, Laser Quasar, Bouncy Castle, Archery, Wooden Pot Holing, Blow Darts, Air/Water Rockets, Penalty Shoot Out, Stocks & Wet Sponges, Bungee Tests, Giant Jenga, Giant Draughts, Giant Connect 4, Monkey Bikes, Badge Making, Twists & much more.

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Colairo's now offers a larger range of drinks including a great choice of delicious coffee. Prices are very competitive and all staff are Barista-trained.

An extra comfy corner with leather seating forms part of the refurbishment which has proved especially popular with customers.

The menu offers a selection of home-made cakes and pastries to enjoy with a coffee and also light lunches such as pasta and jacket potatoes. Many customers opt for a tasty sandwich, ciabatta or baguette, and all food is freshly made to order.

One of the best features of Colairo's



Lucy and Paul with assistants Faye and Dee in their smart new uniforms outside Colairo's.

is the friendly service enjoyed by customers. "We know our customers here," said Paul. "We offer the personal touch - we are not just another franchise coffee shop."

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## Green-fingered Tabitha steals the show

by Pauline Harrison

Seven-year-old Tabitha Wren stole the show at the Caterham and District Horticultural Society Spring Show on Saturday, 9th April. At the Society's first show of the year held at Hillcroft Primary School, Tabitha won five first places including the Woolwich Building Society Cup. Other winners included Mrs Fancourt, Mr P Chapman and Mr Joe Perera.

Following the presentation of the cups and awards, produce donated by the exhibitors was auctioned off to the visitors.

The Society, which has been established 125 years, holds three shows a year, gives talks and organises garden visits for its members. Their Trading Hut located behind the allotments in Westway, offers advice as well as selling seeds, bulbs, fertilisers and composts to its members.



Tabitha Wren with her array of First Prize rosettes and her winning exhibits.

Photo by Jon Harrison, www.localeventphotos.co.uk

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## Glen is new Chairman for Round Table's 60th year

Caterham Round Table have inaugurated Glen O'Dwyer as the new Chairman for its 60th anniversary year. Glen takes over from the previous Chairman, Clive Harper and Peter Dommett is Glen's Vice-Chairman.

Andy Parr is the new President, following in the footsteps of Andy Self.

New Chairman, Glen, said: "It's a privilege to be Chairman of such a great organisation that not only provides so much help for the local community, but also allows a means for us to enjoy ourselves immensely. I wish I had joined 20 years ago! In the last year or so we have raised over £50,000 for charity whilst having a great time." To celebrate Caterham Round Table's sixtieth year a 'Charter Night' dinner is being held at the Surrey National Golf Club in Chaldon on Wednesday 18th May. The Charter Night promises to be a memorable evening, with a three course dinner plus entertainment lined up



New Chairman, Glen O'Dwyer, right with the new Vice-Chairman, Peter Dommett.

for the guests.

Caterham Round Table meets twice a month at the Surrey National Golf Club in Chaldon and the usual format is a meal with drinks and a guest speaker. The members sometimes arrange a visit out e.g. for a bike ride, to build a shed, visit a fire station, organise a firework display or run an assault course. If you would like to attend a meeting to find out more about the Round Table and meet the members, call 01883 336633 and ask for Glen or Rob.

If you would like to attend the Charter Night 60th Anniversary dinner, tickets cost £25 each and are available from Glen on the above number.

## Tenth annual 'Bedrock' gig boosts funds for COAT

On Friday 1st April a lively evening of dancing to the music of local band 'Bedrock' was enjoyed by 70 energetic supporters of Caterham Overseas Aid Trust (COAT).

The dance, held at the Sacred Heart Church Hall in Essendene Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill was the tenth fundraising event for COAT to feature Bedrock. The dance raised the sum of £850 making the total raised over the years by Colin Robinson and the boys of Bedrock a staggering £9,450.

Local charity COAT was formed in 1982 and works to raise funds to help people in third-world countries help themselves out of poverty and starvation. Secretary of COAT, Phil Saville, said: "Bedrock have always been great supporters of ours. Charities have to work ever more harder



COAT members join the band on stage at the end of the fundraising dance at the Sacred Heart Church Hall.

these days to raise money and this is a very enjoyable way to do it. Thank you Bedrock!"

The icing on the cake at this year's event was a musical tribute right at the end by the band to COAT and its

work. Phil said that he hopes the song will soon be available for supporters to purchase for themselves.

For more information about COAT's work or to join their committee please call Phil on 01883 341063.

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## Whyteleafe FC

by Andy Runacres



At the time of writing Whyteleafe FC has only three games left in the season. Whilst mathematically Leafe can still be relegated, the results should not matter too much, as they look to have done enough to keep them playing in the Ryman League for next season.

The month started brightly with Leafe continuing their good run of form with back to back wins, firstly 2-1 away to Fleet and then a resounding 4-0 win against play off hopefuls Walton Casuals.

The revival in Leafe fortunes, which resulted in eight wins in 12 games, saw them move to mid table and there was even talk of a possible top half finish, but the end of March saw a reversal in fortune. Chris O'Flaherty, who has been an impressive performer throughout the season, left on transfer deadline day to join Met Police, who were bolstering their squad in a final push for the title. With Leafe seemingly safe from

the drop, a few younger players were drafted into the squad so that manager, Nicky English, could start to assess his options for next season. Whilst the youngsters performed well, Leafe unfortunately set off on a run of four straight defeats. A cruel 2-1 defeat at home to Worthing, with Worthing scoring a late winner, was followed by narrow defeats at home to Burgess Hill (3-2), and then two 1-0 away defeats against title chasing Bognor and Faversham Town, where a host of missed chances proved costly.

The season has without a doubt been a tough one, but by the time you are reading this, the club's objective of surviving in the division without a playing budget should have been achieved. Check our website at [www.theleafe.co.uk](http://www.theleafe.co.uk) to make sure!

## Quick Quiz

by Alec Herbert

**This month five on Royal Weddings**

1. In 2005, why was the wedding of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles postponed for seven days?
2. Which member of the Royal Family married on 23rd July 1986?
3. Who designed Queen Elizabeth II's wedding dress?
4. Which member of the Royal Family will marry on 30th July this year?
5. In which building was the marriage of Prince Charles and Diana held?

**Answers:**

1. Due to the Funeral of Pope John Paul II;
2. Prince Andrew;
3. Norman Hartnell;
4. Zara Phillips;
5. St Paul's Cathedral.

## Who wants to be a volunteer?

by Marion Piggott



I bet I would like Arnold. Not because of the genuine interest he takes in everything and everyone around him, or in deference to his age, but because of the way Helen warmly recounts her regular chats with him. "He's a first-rate storyteller," Helen recalled, "with ninety two years' worth of fascinating stories. Our hour just flies by!"

Like her partner, John, Helen is a Befriender with the Tandridge Befriending Scheme. John described for me his visits to Michael, a designer, who maintains his creative skills despite the stroke which affected his speech.

"He's an intelligent chap who just needs to slow down a bit when we meet so I can follow what he says," John explained recently; "He maintains his workshop, you know, using it regularly." Before I asked John and Helen about Befriending I hadn't realised the variety of things they do to make

life feel good for others. Delivering birthday goodies to one friend isolated during the heavy snow; listening to another who likes to recount and enjoy the same stories each week; and accompanying another to a games afternoon at the local church.

Helen told me how much she enjoys Befriending. "You feel you are helping, cheering people up, and it gives me quite a lift too!" For more information about Befriending and other volunteering opportunities please ring me, Marion Piggott, at the Volunteer Centre, 01883 344444, email: [caterhamvc@owen29.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:caterhamvc@owen29.wanadoo.co.uk), or visit our website: [www.surrey-community.info/tvsc/](http://www.surrey-community.info/tvsc/). Alternatively, meet me every first Friday of the month in Warlingham Library, 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

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## Allotment gardening expert Terry Walton visits Knights



Terry Walton

Radio 4 gardening expert, Terry Walton, paid a visit to Knights Garden Centre in Chelsham recently, to give demonstrations and advice about allotment gardening to customers. Terry has been tending his hillside allotment in South Wales for over 50 years.

As part of his talk Terry showed how gardeners with very limited space can utilise a free-standing vegetable trug to grow a variety of vegetables and bedding plants on a balcony or patio. "One of the most common questions I am asked is; 'What should I grow?'" said Terry. "I always ask them to decide what they like to eat first, then ask me how to grow it! It is surprising how many people waste good ground growing vegetables they don't particularly like to eat themselves."

Terry has noticed a steady increase in the numbers of people growing their own vegetables over the last five years. "What was a steady increase has now become a torrent," he said. "I don't think it is a fad - it is a long term thing. With the price of food going up and up people are realising it makes sense to grow their own vegetables and are realising that it is much nicer and cheaper to eat vegetables when they are in season." For more information about events taking place at Knights in Chelsham, call 01883 622340.

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### Bowling Club Open Days

The Caterham Bowling Club open days are taking place on Saturday 8th and Sunday 14th May. The members of the club will be available to provide visitors with some basic tuition from 10 o'clock on both mornings until around 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Sets of bowls will be provided and you can wear whatever clothes you find comfortable. Flat soled shoes would help although are not essential. The green is situated in Queens Park Road, opposite the

Dene Hospital in Caterham-on-the Hill. For further information telephone 01883 622305 or 01883 347172.

### Gatton Park Open Day

The beautiful grounds of Gatton Park are open on Sunday 1st May from 1pm-5pm featuring displays by a Newfoundland dog rescue team in the lake. Gatton Park is situated at the Royal Alexander and Albert School in Reigate. For more information call 01737 649068; www.gattonpark.com

### Munch with Music

The next Munch With Music at St. John's Church, Caterham is on Wednesday May 4th. A programme of English Song, 'Songs of the Countryside', will be presented by Nicy Robert (Soprano) with Paul Roberts (piano). Admission is free. Please bring your own 'Munch'.

### Caterham BEA launch

The launch of the new Caterham Business Executives Association is taking place on Thursday, May 19th at the Surrey National Golf Club from 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

To attend costs £25 to include a hot buffet and wine/soft drinks. For further information, please contact: Clive Wilson or Emmett Brosnan on 01883 330835, e-mail: clive.wilson@paramountwebsitedesign.com

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## Old Cats Under 9's triumph in Surrey Rugby Festival

by Colin Byron

On Sunday 3rd April the Old Caterhamians under 9's rugby team became overall champions at the Surrey Rugby Festival, held at Old Reigations Rugby Club. After drawing their first match at two tries apiece they beat their next five opponents very impressively. The front row, comprising Jasper, Lewis, Antony, Josh and Arlo formed the basis of a solid foundation with Tom as the scrum half. The Cats played the final of the competition against a

well-drilled and unbeaten Reeds side. During the first half Reeds were doing all of the attacking. After an inspiring team talk given by team captain Connor, the Old Cats started the second half as if they wanted the job finished in a hurry with Thomas diving into the maul countless times to rip the ball free. This allowed Kieran and Bertie to find space to burst down the flanks and score in the corners with Rayhan tackling anyone who formed a threat. The Cats then scored three tries in quick succession. A delighted Cats side, having won 15-0, lifted the trophy, presented to them by the Surrey organisers.

## Under 12's win Surrey Festival A Plate

by Paul Blanchard

Old Caterhamians under 12's rugby team had plenty to celebrate recently when they won the Plate competition at the Surrey Rugby A Festival, held at Dorking Rugby Club. The team faced the best 25 clubs in Surrey, all much bigger clubs and still managed to emerge victorious!

The final against Richmond finished in a hard fought draw, so both teams rightly shared the spoils.

Coach Matt Day said: "We are all really proud of the boys. Richmond are a massive club with huge resources so this is a major result. The forward unit, led by our captain Jack Perry, was fantastic, with the scrum holding up against all opposition."

As a result of this win, next season Old Cats will go forward into one of the top Surrey Leagues, taking on the bigger clubs again. Coach Russell Taylor said, "Next season will be another massive challenge. We are always pleased to welcome new players at the club and cater for all abilities, beginners and seasoned players alike."

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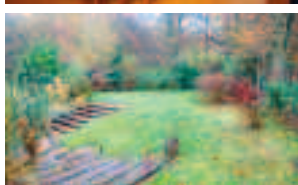
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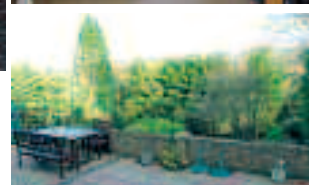
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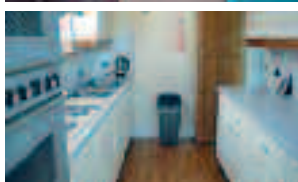
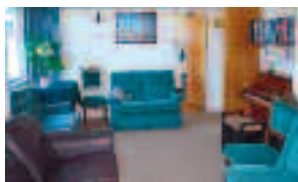
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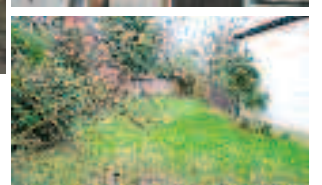
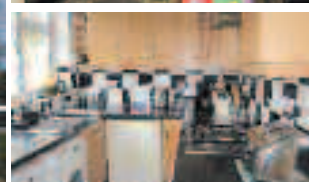
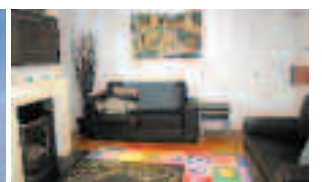
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