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Traffic flow improvement for town centre gets under way

On Tuesday 27th September preparations began for the construction of a new mini-roundabout to ease traffic congestion in Caterham town centre. Once the new roundabout is in operation, motorists driving down into Caterham Valley will be able to turn right into Harestone Valley Road at the bottom of Church Hill. The work should take two to three weeks to complete. The improvements will be a

welcome relief to the many motorists that have been caught up in traffic negotiating the pedestrian crossings and main town centre roundabout under the old system. The work is being undertaken by FM Conway for Surrey County Council in association with the Caterham ABC community group. The £65,000 project was funded by money from the South East England Development Agency, Surrey County

Council and £5,000 from Caterham School.

One of the key players in the project for the miniroundabout was Caterham resident Nigel Wilkinson, who very sadly passed away in September.

Chairman of the ABC Group, Chris Windridge, said: "We were all so shocked to hear that Nigel had died and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family. He will be remembered for everything he did in Caterham. It is so sad he is not here to see the commencement of the project he worked so hard for."



The site of the mini-roundabout under construction in Caterham.

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Caterham-on-the-Hill library threatened with closure

Caterham-on-the-Hill brary may face closure if a pilot scheme for community-run libraries is not deemed to be a success.

Surrey County Council ('SCC') has agreed plans to allow communities to take over the running of ten other Surrey libraries including Warlingham Library. The county council will continue to provide the buildina, stock, computer equipment and free Wi-Fi. The ten were ranked lowest in a league table of libraries as part of a public value review.

On Tuesday 27th September SCC's Cabinet agreed that the ten pilot community-run libraries operate for the financial year 2012-13 so their success can be assessed. Only then will the council consider extending the offer to nine more that are Ash, Caterham-on-the-Hill, Frimley Green, Hersham, Horsley, Knaphill, Lightwater, Shepperton and West Byfleet.

After the Cabinet meeting on 27th September, Denise Saliagopoulos, SCC's Cabinet Member for Community Services and the 2012 Games, said: Today's decision means we are step closer to fulfilling our aim of keeping all 52 of Surrey's libraries open, while focusing resources and making best use of technologies such as e-books.

"We have been greatly encouraged by the response we have had to the plans to give people the freedom to tailor their local library to meet local needs."

Jenny Meineck is a supporter of Surrey Libraries Action Movement ('SLAM') and a Friend of Ewell Court Library, one of the first ten libraries that has to find volunteers to take over the running of the library from March 2012. She said: "SLAM is working on behalf of all the threatened libraries to try and stop the closures. We do not agree with removal of paid staff and would like a full public consultation."

To see what actions SLAM are taking visit www.savesurreylibraries.org

Leader of Surrey County Council stands down

Dr Andrew Povey, Leader of Surrey County Council has announced that he will be stepping down as Leader of the Council in October. In a statement Dr Povey said: "It is my intention to stand down as Leader of Surrey County Council at the next Full Council meeting so I can develop my business interests. I will remain leader until that meeting.

"I am proud of what the council has achieved during my leadership and firmly believe the authority is well placed to become a truly world class organisation.

"I believe the foundations we have set over the past two years mean the council can now go on to even greater things and whoever takes over as leader can look forward to my support as they continue this work."

Deputy Leader expected to take over

Shortly after the announcement by Dr Povey, Surrey County Council issued a statement concerning the deputy leader of the council, David Hodge. The statement said that on Friday 23rd September Mr Hodge had been elected as



Dr Andrew Povev.

the new leader of the Conservative group at Surrey County Council, following Andrew Povey's resignation as group leader.

The statement went on to say that Mr Hodge was overwhelmingly endorsed during a meeting of Conservative councillors at County Hall in Kingston.

Mr Hodge replaces Dr Andrew Povey as leader of the Conservative group. Dr Povey will continue to lead the county council until a meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 11th October elects a new county council leader.

Mr Hodge will be the Conservative group's nomination as county council leader and given the party's majority is expected to take over at the authority during the 11th October meeting.

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Three suspects in Whyteleafe arson attack released on bail

Three teenage boys have been released on police bail pending further enquiries into an arson attack at the Old Boatyard in Godstone Road, Whyteleafe that started shortly before 12.30am on Tuesday 20th September. A 15-year-old from Kenley, a 16-year-old from Thornton Heath, and a 16-year-old from Croydon, have all been bailed until Saturday, 5th November.

A number of police units

attended the scene along with five fire engines from Surrey Fire and Rescue who brought the blaze under control. The Godstone Road was closed for several hours while the fire was extinguished and the building demolished.

Laurence Daniels, whose back garden in Mosslea Road backs on to the railway line behind the Old Boatyard said: "It was terrifying. ´When we saw the flames leaping up to the flats next door we were horrified. We have been afraid this might happen for years.' Anyone with information regarding this arson is urged to contact DC Brunt at Surrey Police on 101, quoting reference number TD/11/4544.



The demolition crane at the site following the fire.



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Second planning application refused for Adult Education Centre site

On Thursday, 22nd September the Planning Committee of Tandridge District Council refused an application by London & Quadrant Homes to build 53 dwellings on the site of the former Adult Education Centre in Croydon Road, Caterham. Last October planners refused an application by London & Quadrant to build 67 dwellings on the site.

85 local residents attended the meeting held at the council offices in Oxted. Tandridge District Councillor for Caterham Valley, Jane Ingham, moved the motion to refuse on the grounds of too high density, lack of amenity space and too much built The motion was form. passed after over an hour of debate.

Following the decision Cllr. "I am de-Ingham said: lighted that this application has been refused. The developers have gone to great lengths to involve local residents in the planning

process and their efforts are much appreciated. Whilst these plans were a vast improvement on the last application they still do not address the impact of high density living in an area which is already at breaking

. We all want to see this site developed and not allowed to become more derelict, but it must be done sympathetically.

in keeping with the area and it must not be allowed to exacerbate the already severe parking problems that exist. The hard work and commitment that the local residents have put into defending this area against gross overdevelopment is a wonderful example of the 'Big Society' in action, and I applaud them for their efforts.

Details of the planning application can be viewed on the Planning portal of the Tandridge District Council website: http://www.tandridge .gov.uk Application 2011/688



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St. Columb, Cornwall.

Marital Status:

Happily married.

Children:

Four plus eight grandchildren.

Cars: Skoda.

Pets: None.

Pastimes:

Gardening, reading, meetina friends.

Favourite Food & Drink:

Anything that doesn't move plus wine.

Childhood hero:

Biggles. (Showing my age!)



Likes: Classical music and iazz.

Dislikes:

Pointless vandalism.

Favourite TV show:

The Virgin adverts! A combination of both TV and song, plus humour.

Favourite books:

Anything by Terry Pratchett or C. J. Sansom.

Favourite holiday destination: Peru.

Biggest influence your life: My parents.

Proudest moment:

Having the opportunity to work with the Parish Councillors whose expertise and enthusiasm I value and ad-

Most embarrassing moment:

It will be at the next Parish Council meeting after being 'In the Spotlight'!

Where would you most like to live?

On Caterham Hill.

Who would you most like to meet?

David Attenborough.

Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at?

The vandals who destroyed the trees planted by the Parish Council.

If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it?

I would spend it on my family and some special friends - and buy a new Skoda!

Sue's 'Best Garden in Britain' wins first prize

resident Caterham Baines has been awarded first prize in the Gardener of the Year 2011 competition run by Garden News Maga-The magazine described Sue's stunning garden in Burntwood Lane as the 'best garden in Britain.' Sue has twice been runner-

up in the Daily Mail 'Garden of the Year' competition and came second in the TV pro-

gramme 'Gardener's World' competition in 2009. also came second in last year's Garden News competition so the win is particularly welcome after so many near misses.

Sue said: "Looking after the garden takes up a lot of time but I love the fun of it. My husband Geoff also works very hard taking care of the heavier jobs and the building projects - he is worth his weight in gold!"

For some expert gardening tips from Sue see her column 'Diary of a Plantaholic' on page 12.



Sue and Geoff Baines in their Burntwood Lane garden with Sue's Garden News trophy. Photo by Stephanie Bourazanis.



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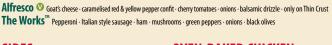
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The school reported particular success in that 35% of students achieved two or more A*/A grades. Those who deserve a special mention for gaining more than ten higher grades are Sarah Bailey, Emily Dabin, Will Johnson, Deanna Sharma and Hannah Wingrave.

Teachers and parents looked on as the excited students opened their envelopes. In between tears of joy, a delighted parent said: "The school couldn't have done any more. The students couldn't have had any more support. The teachers have been great. We are just so, so thrilled!"

Also, congratulations to Fu Kawashima, a Year 9 student, who was entered for AS Japanese and attained full marks for her work and was awarded an 'A' which is the highest grade in this exam.

de Stafford has demonstrated improvements in all areas in recent years and the last academic year was a particularly notable one for the school which achieved its best ever exam results in August 2010, was recognised by the DofE as being one of the most improved schools in the country in January 2011 and was deemed to be a 'good' school by Ofsted in March 2011.

Caroline Longhurst, Head Teacher, said: "I am thrilled that our students did so well this year and wish them all the very best for the future. It takes a huge amount of effort by many people to achieve the successes we have experienced to date. I am privileged to work alongside such a talented and committed staff who ensure our students have access to such a high quality of provision on a daily basis. The forthcoming academic year looks to be another very promising one for the school."

Councillor Sally Marks endorsed this success. She said: "To have seen de Stafford School improve over the last few years has been hugely gratifying. Now that it has staked its claim to be amongst the many other 'good' schools in Surrey it must be a school of choice for the residents of Caterham and beyond. I am very proud of the excellent work done by teachers, staff and pupils to ensure that de Stafford is both successful and vibrant. The sky is the limit with this school".



Taisy Duncon-Smith and Diana Sharma check their results







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On Tuesday 25th October, there will be a day of deathly dance, with the chance to 'Learn the Mon-Wicked!' with routines from the hit show.

There will be drama and music on Wednesday 26th vocal coach Amanda Neale to give expert guidance.

More drama on Thursday



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Official opening of new Whyteleafe play area

On Saturday 24th September the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Councillor Brian Perkins. officially opened the new play area in Whyteleafe Recreation Hillbury Ground, Road, Whyteleafe.

Tandridge District Council has rebuilt the play area at a cost of £100,000. The old play area was installed in 1984 and needed complete refurbishment.

The new play area features traditional playground equipment such as swings, slides and climbing frames, a basket swing and a central area with seating for parents. The wide range of equipment allows children of different ages to play together.

The new play area was installed by SMP Playgrounds who won the vote by local residents who selected their preferred design from a choice of four.

Councillor Tony Elias, Chairman of the Community Services Committee, said: "We are delighted to have been able to fund the new play area - it will provide local children with an exciting place to play for many vears



Members of Tandridge District Council at the recent opening, including the Council Leader, Cllr. Gordon Keymer (far left) and TDC Chairman, Cllr. Brian Perkins (far right).

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Outstanding GCSE results for Warlingham's students

Warlingham School's students achieved outstanding GCSE results this summer with 92% of its students gaining five or more GCSEs at grade C or above and 67% of its students gaining five or more GCSEs including English and Mathematics. It is the best ever set of GCSE results the school has achieved and it is the fourth successive year that results have continued to rise.

Miss Woodhouse, Headteacher, said: "The students' examination results are fantastic and they deserve success. I would personally like to congratulate all of our students, as well as thanking parents and the school's staff for their relentless support of students to help gain these outstanding results." There were some outstanding individual successes with Georgina Brown achieving 9 A*, 2 A grades, Katie Fernandez achieving 8 A*, 2 A grades and Parhum Purser achieving 4 A*, 7 A









Above - Excited Warlingham School students check out their results.

grades. After receiving such excellent results, students will be ready to join Warlingham School's 'Outstanding' (OFSTED 2008) Sixth Form.

Record GCSE results at Oasis Academy Coulsdon

Students and staff at Oasis Academy Coulsdon are also celebrating outstanding GCSE results which have smashed all previous school records. Since opening three years ago attainment levels have risen by 42% overall!

Initial reports show that the GCSE figures for 2011 are: 50% 5 A*-C including English and Maths (a 13% improvement from 2010); 93% 5 A*-C (a 10% improvement from 2010); 95% 5 A*-G (a 3% improvement from 2010); 98% 1 A*-G.

David Millar, Principal said: "This is a very good day for the Academy; our improved results are a testament to the hard work and dedication of students and staff. We have amazing students and it's wonderful to be able to celebrate so many individual successes."

Amongst the many students celebrating were:

Head Boy Annequee Safdar with 18 GCSEs all at the top A*-C grades. A remarkable achievement as

he only arrived in the UK three years ago from Saudi Arabia and although he had an understanding of English he was by no means fluent and had to learn the language!

The Academy Student Leadership Team notched up a total of 66 top grade GCSEs between them, 22 of which were A* and A grades. Head Boy Annequee from Croydon, Head Girl Ashley Joannau from Purley, Deputy Head Boy Ashley Grant from Coulsdon and Deputy

Head Girl, Hannah Peploe also from Coulsdon were all celebrating their stunning achievements.

David Millar said: "It's very fitting that these record breaking results have been achieved in what is an historic year for the Academy: we are about to move into our brand new £18.7m building and will be welcoming the majority of these Year 11 students into our brand new Sixth Form. We look forward to celebrating 'Class of 2013' A Level results in two years' time."



From left, Chloe Walton, David Millar, Principal, Anneque Safdar and Rosie King.











Rotary helps to boost hospice funds

Area fund-raiser for St Catherine's Hospice, Victoria Lawrence, was delighted to receive a cheque for £2,700 from Caterham Rotary Club at one of their recent lunches at the Surrey National Golf Club in Chaldon. The money was raised from a charity golf match held earlier this year plus half of the proceeds from the Rotary Bunny Fun Run.

Victoria expressed the charity's gratitude for the donation and explained how St Catherine's was helping people with cancer and other life threatening diseases both at home, in their hospice near East Grinstead and at Dormers Care Home in Caterham where they have access to several rooms that include a day surgery, therapy and consultation area. In all St Catherine's costs

£4.7 million per year to run and any donations are always welcome. For more information visit www.stch.org.uk. For more information concerning Caterham Rotary phone Roger Easter on 0208 763 8240 or see their website www.caterhamrotary.org.uk



Victoria Lawrence from St. Catherine's Hospice with Caterham Rotary Club President, David Mole.

QUICK

Following the recent anniversary of 9/11, five questions on New York.

- 1. What was New York originally called?
- 2. The Chrysler Building was the world's tallest building for around sixty days before it lost its title to which other New York building?
- 3. Which square was named in tribute to the New York Times which moved its offices there in 1904?
- 4. Traditionally, what colour are New York taxis?
- 5. Now known as Staten Island what was the original name of this New York borouah?

Answers:

5. Richmond. 4. Yellow; 3. Times Square; 2. Empire State; New Amsterdam;

Diary of a **Plantaholic**

by Sue Baines

The season of mists is beckoning fast - a wonderful time for autumn tints and harvesting, but mildew can be rather prevalent. Prevention is better than cure, so plant hygiene is crucial to keep borders that still have plenty of colour and interesting seed heads in good condition. Fungal sprays can help, if caught early.

It is time to sum up this vear's successes and failures. When creating a garden try to plant month by month rather than doing it in one season, this will ensure borders are vibrant right through till the frosts. Using a digital camera is a fantastic way of recording it all. In the depths of winter it is quite uplifting to review the pictures and especially useful before seed or plant ordering. If you do order plants from a catalogue, take a note of how quickly they are delivered and what condition they are in. I have



Sue Baines

found enormous variations in quality and value for money.

Cuttings are progressing nicely, as the weather has been warm and damp. It's always exciting to find a new plant emerging from a withered piece of twig. I also put cuttings into established pots, completely forgetting that they are there until autumn, so, sometimes a nice surprise awaits. A reminder to all my garden visitors, who so loved the allium christophii with its enormous metallic ball-like heads that last for ages; the bulbs are starting to appear in garden centres and catalogues and are much cheaper bought now, than individually next May/June.

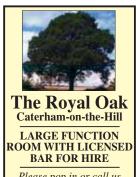


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Search is on for relatives of former war hero and Antarctic explorer Eric Norman Webb

An international search is under way for descendants or relatives of a former Caterham resident who was a distinguished World War I hero and Antarctic explorer.

New Zealand born Eric Norman Webb MC DSO lived quietly in Tupwood Lane, Caterham in the early 1980's after his retirement as an engineer who worked on major hydro-electric projects in India and Canada. His daughter (married name unknown) also lived nearby at this time.

As a magnetician, Eric was a member of the 1911-14 Australasian Antarctic Expedition (AAE), led by Sir Douglas Mawson at Cape Denison, recording for the first time variations to the magnetic field close to the south magnetic pole. Eric finished the First World War with the rank of Major and turned to hydro-electric engineering before retiring. It is understood he was a resident of Falmouth, Cornwall during the 1960's before he moved to Caterham. He died in 1984, the last surviving member of the AAE which was part of the 'heroic era' of Antarctic exploration. With the centenary of the departure



A photograph of Eric and his wife Kathleen taken in 1958.

of the AAE from Hobart, Tasmania to be celebrated in December this year, a world-wide search is under way for descendants or relatives of Webb and the other 30 members of the expedition.

Anyone who is able to assist in locating Eric's descendants or relatives is asked to contact the Mawson's Huts Foundation in Australia which is organising a centenary dinner and other events for relatives of the AAE in December this year. If you have any information about Eric's relatives please email: david.jensen@mawsonshuts.org.au

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Hundreds step out to fight dementia in Surrey

Hundreds of people from across Surrey put on their walking shoes on Sunday 18th September to fight dementia at the Alzheimer's Society's flagship fundraising event, Memory Walk.

Over 320 people stepped out to take part in one of the two walking distances available at Godstone Green and over £10,000 is estimated to have been raised to help local people with dementia and their carers.

Anita Avery, Community Fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Society in Surrey said:

"This event was bigger and better than any other year. We hope it continues like this as dementia is a condition that touches so many lives. Last year over £9,000 was raised for local services. and we're pleased to be on track to beat that figure this year."

Memory Walk 2011 was held in partnership with Bupa. Together, the Alzheimer's Society and Bupa aim to support more people living with dementia through the vital funds that are raised.

Summer makeover for **Diana Francis House**

supported housing scheme for young people with disabilities has been spruced up for the residents thanks to the Goldshield Pharmaceutical Company. Goldshield funded and provided 20 volunteers to carry out the project at the Diana Francis House in Caterhamon-the-Hill last summer. Visitors were able to see the improvements at the Open Day held at the house on Tuesday 13th September attended by the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Brian Perkins and his wife Sonia.

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As well as decorating the inside of the building the volunteers. helped bv residents of the house, carried out work in the garden and built a new barbecue.

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Support worker, Maryam Bouregaa, said: "We applied at the last moment to be considered for the volunteering project being carried out by Goldshield and were delighted to be accepted. The house and garden had become extremely tired looking and with the Open Day coming the house needed some urgent tender, loving care!

"We had a brilliant day with the Goldshield Team and the house has been transformed. They have made it look so welcoming and cared for."

During their time at Diana Francis House, residents are empowered to make choices about their future living needs. For more information contact Maryam or Sue on 01883 337218.



Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Brian Perkins with his wife Sonia and the Caterham Town Crier, Sonia Hunt. Photograph by Stephanie Bourazanis.

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Ten top tips for getting Glam and Gorgeous!

by Steve Robertson, Master Personal Trainer X-T.R.E.M.E. Training.

When it comes to being 'glam and gorgeous' I may not know much about hair styles and makeup but what I do know about is health and fitness.

I hate to say it but Christmas is just around the corner and it will soon be time to buy those little black dresses and designer suits for the Christmas parties and we shall all be over-indulging with food and drink (apart from myself of course).

But I am sure you want to be looking top dollar in those new clothes; apart from hair and makeup you want all those curves and toned bodies looking fabulous.

As some of you already know I have worked with



Steve Robertson

some top celebrities and designed lots of training concepts and diet plans to get those guys looking good for all types of occasions sch as red carpet events, photo shoots, film and theatre.

In reality not all of us can afford the time and cost to reach those types of looks but we can all work towards our own goals and achievements. To help you get toned and looking and feeling great for those looming parties that are to come I have put together some top tips to help you on your

10 top tips for a great looking body

- **1.** Train cardio, strength and your core for a well rounded training programme.
- **2.** Set goals, short term and long term.
- **3.** Remember nutrition is half the battle.
- Be consistent with your workout.
- **5.** Vary your workouts so that you don't plateau.
- 6. Make your workouts fun so you don't get bored.7. Use tools to monitor your
- workouts such as heart rate monitors or pedometers. 8. Journal your results by
- recording your workouts and keeping a food diary.

 9. Try a new sport or training class to add an element of
- challenge to keep you motivated. **10.** Reward yourself with those new clothes when

you reach your goals. See you all on the dance floor! For more information about X-T.R.E.M.E. Training by Steve Robertson visit www.x-tremetraining.co.uk or e-mail: info@ x-tremetraining.co.uk

'Blush' celebrates five years of business on The Hill

Blush Hairdressing Salon in Banstead Road, Caterhamon-the-Hill is celebrating its five year anniversary in October. Owner, Diane Walker, is amazed at how quickly the first five years has gone by but very proud of the achievement. She said: "I want to say thank you to all my clients for their continued custom and for making the last five years such a success."

Diane said that as a 'thank you' she will not be putting her prices up this year and they will remain very reasonable. She will continue to offer down to earth hairdressing without the hard sell or intimidation, in a relaxed and very friendly salon. Diane added: "I aim to make my clients as comfortable as possible and I always listen very carefully to what people want to achieve with their hair. I look for-Caterham and will always welcome new clients."



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NHS gives burial ground to Chaldon Village Council

Two years into the restoration project of the burial site for patients from the former St Lawrence's Hospital in Caterham-on-the-Hill, the Surrey and Borders NHS Trust have given the area to Chaldon Village Council.

Following the closure of the hospital in 1994, the burial ground became overgrown to the concern of local residents and walkers. They feared the original purpose of the site would become buried under scrub and bramble.

Chaldon Village Council decided to act and with the aid of grants from Tandridge District Council and Surrey County Council and hours of volunteer help from local people and the Downlands Management Countryside Project, the area has been transformed.

The restoration has included the installation of a chainsaw carved seat, bird boxes and a memorial board that tells visitors about the burial around. Several cub and



The gate at the entrance to the St. Lawrence's Hospital burial ground before the renovations took place.

beaver scout groups have visited the site to learn about the historical and environmental work taking place.

The future of the burial ground and its wildlife has now been assured. One young couple, observing the changes over the last two years said: "This is what a burial ground should look like".

Images of the work carried out can be viewed at the Downlands Trust Facebook Site. If you would like to get involved with the environmental work please contact Julia Thomas sandj.thomas@tiscali.co.uk

Residents meet to discuss future of Chaldon Mead

At a public meeting held in Chaldon Village Hall on Thursday, 1st September, the Chaldon Mead Action Group was formed to consider the possible purchase of Chaldon Mead for the community. The site, recently home to people with learning disabilities, has been put on the market by the NHS for £1million. The 4.5 acre site could become a new community hub to replace the village hall that is badly in need of upgrading.
At a subsequent meeting on

Thursday 15th September the new Action Group drafted an expression of interest that has been put to the NHS. Funding in the region of £2.5million is being sought from a variety of sources.



Chaldon Mead

Another great year for the Chaldon Village Fête

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'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines' photographed at the Chaldon Fête in 1967.

On August Bank Holiday Monday the Chaldon Village Fête held in the field of St. Peter and St. Paul's School raised about £6,000 for local charities again this year.

Rob Richards, the Chair of the School Governors, together with Roger Davies from Chaldon Village Council, is one of the key organisers of the event. He was delighted that the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Brian Perkins, accompanied by his wife Sonia, had returned to open the fête having done the same last vear as Vice Chairman. This hugely popular event began during the Second World War as part of the war effort raising money for campaigns such as 'Wings for Victory' and has continued almost without a break since then. Pictured above is a winning fancy dress competition entry for 1967 entitled 'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines', the creation of Tony Fowler who was associated with Chaldon Fête for very many years.

This year despite the death of the Polygon Dixieland Jazz Band leader some months ago, the band members got together and gave a great performance and have promised to return again next year. They have generously donated the band leader's PA system to the fête.

Rob Richards expressed his gratitude to the school for the continued use of the buildings, despite summer building work taking place to provide a new secure en-

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Visit 'The Coach House' for a great family treat

Review by Julia Church When Shaun and Michelle Higgins moved in to The Bull Inn at Chelsham Common in Warlingham two years ago they set about a complete transformation of the old pub and renamed it The Coach House bar and bistro.

The result is stunning, with a stylish new interior complete with ambient lighting and a full-lenath, marble-topped bar. It really does have the 'wow' factor when you walk through the door for the first time.

I took my friend Karen along to The Coach House for Sunday lunch recently. On entering the bar she said that one of the first things that struck her was the lovely atmosphere. We opted for the three-course lunch which costs £11.95, but there are also the options to have two courses for £9.95 or one course for £7.95.

The food is all freshly homecooked and offers a choice of three starters, Garlic Mushrooms, Wings and Vegetable both

Spring Rolls. I had the mushrooms which came coated in crispy garlic breadcrumbs with a side salad and mayo dip and Karen had the chicken wings, coated in Jack Daniels sauce with a side salad, which Karen described as "absolutely mouthwatering!" For the main course there was a choice of Roast Pork, Roast Beef, Half a Roast Chicken, Stuffed Mushroom or Lamb Shank (for an extra £2). I chose the beef and Karen chose the pork and both came with a lovely big crispy Yorkshire pudding. The meals were served with roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli and cauliflower cheese with generous portions of meat the perfect Sunday Roast! Karen descibed the desserts "three on the menu as desserts to die for!" - Homemade Bailey's Cheesecake, sprinkled with Cadbury's chocolate shavings, Apple Crumble with custard or icecream and Chocolate Fudge Cake served with custard or

ice cream. I had the cheese-

cake while Karen tucked into

a plateful of steaming hot

apple crumble and custard;

homemade

our



The impressive bar at The Coach House.

desserts were wonderful. The Coach House is perfect for a family treat, with a Kids Menu for just £4.95 for a main course, jelly and ice cream and a drink.

We stayed for the live music at 4pm, a duo called 'Kickback' who performed a variety of popular songs enjoyed very appreciative bv a crowd.It was the highlight of a thoroughly enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

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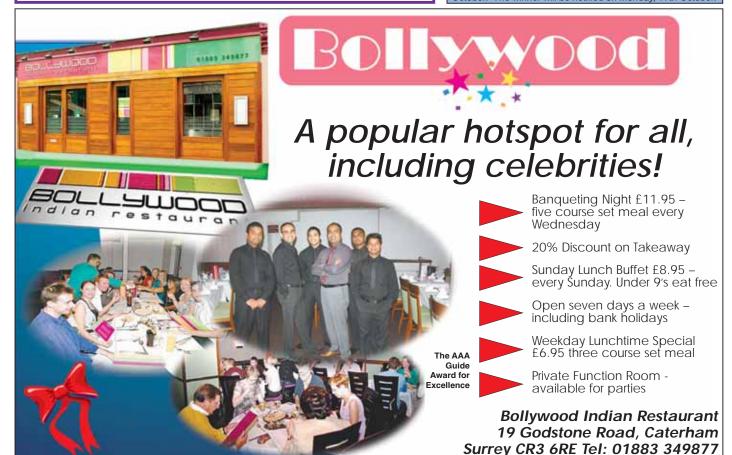
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Kebab Master first opened in Whyteleafe 15 years ago but the present owner, Yusuf Buyukertas, took over nearly two years ago when the business was being hit by the recession. Since then Yusuf has built Kebab Master back up to a bustling local takeaway. Yusuf puts the turnaround in business down to the level of service he and the rest of the team offer their customers. Yusuf said: "Apart from selling excellent quality food, I think our success is down to the way we handle our customers. We are always cheerful, but that is because we are happy in our work. I love my job!"

Kebab Master has lots of regular customers, and they all have their own favourite choices.



Yusuf (right) and Mehmet busy at work in Kebab Master.

"The Chicken Shish Kebabs and Lamb Doner Kebabs are what we sell the most of but they are all pretty popular," said Yusuf.

Other kebab choices are the Kofte Kebab (spiced and seasoned lamb cooked on a skewer), Mixed Kebab (shish, doner and kofte kebab meat and three pieces of chicken) and the Master Special Grill (shish, doner and kofte kebab meat, vegetables, chicken cooked on a skewer and slices of lamb doner and chicken doner - plenty for two!) Kebab Master recently introduced Chicken Wraps and Doner Wraps costing just £3.60 which, Yusuf said, are selling very well.

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Charity Walk

The Rotary Club of Caterham are holding a Charity Walk in aid of MEAK (Medical and Educational Aid to Kenya) on Sunday 2nd October 2011 from 'The Fox' pub, Coulsdon Road, Old Couls-The walk starts at 9.30-10.30am with a choice of a three mile or seven mile circular route.

To take part please contact Mike Fels on 07944 549749 or e-mail; meakwalk2011@ aol.com

CAB AGM

The 57th Annual General Meeting of the Caterham & Warlingham Citizens Advice Bureau will be held on Tuesday 4th October 2011 at 8.00pm, at the Soper Hall, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham. quest The speaker will be Graham Tapley, Chair of the Soper Hall Community Centre Ltd. The meeting is open to the public. Copies of the Bureau Annual Report for 2010-11 will be available at the AGM.

Munch with Music

The 2011-2012 series of 'Munch with Music' at St. John's Church, Clareville Road, Caterham Valley begins on Wednesday, October 5th featuring the Rose Duo (Harp and Flute). Coffee/tea is provided at 12.15pm and the performance is at 12.45-1.30pm. Admission is free.

Welsh Male Voice Choir Concert

The CHECK charity (Community Health and Education for Children of Kimilili) are holding a Welsh Male Voice Choir concert at de Stafford School in Burntwood Lane, Caterham at 7pm on Saturday 8th October to raise funds for the charity. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Geraint Jenkins on 01959 564772. The choir comes from the Swansea Valley where there was the recent mining tragedy.

Friends of St. Leonard's Concert

The Annual Friends' Celebration will be held in St. Leonard's Church, Church Lane, Chelsham, Warling-ham, Surrey CR6 9PJ at 2.30pm on Saturday 8th October. The concert will feature renowned classical accordionist, Sidorova. The recital will be

followed by tea and homemade cake and entrance is free, although donations will be gladly accepted. Any money raised will go towards the upkeep of the beautiful thirteenth century church.

RSVP Talk

On Wednesday 12th October, East Surrey RSPB is holding a talk at the White Hart Barn in Godstone, entitled 'The Kingfisher' by David Boag. The talk starts at 8pm until approximately 10pm. The fee is £3 for adults and £1 for children. For more information about East Surrey RSPB visit www.eastsurreyrspb.co.uk

Beechwood Women's Club Talk

At 8pm on Tuesday 18th October Beechwood Women's Club is holding a talk by Peter Durrant entitled 'The History and Humour of Fleet Street'. The talk is being held at the St. Paul's Centre next to St. Mary's Church in Church Road, Caterham-on-the-The Beechwood Women's Club holds meetings at the St. Paul's Centre every Tuesday during termtime. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Whyteleafe Village Council newsletter was distributed to homes throughout Whyteleafe recently, incorporating a questionnaire asking residents about ways in which they would like to see the village devel-

. Whyteleafe Village Council are urging residents to please complete the questionnaire to make their views known, and then return it to Action in Rural Sussex in the prepaid envelope supplied.

Action in Rural Sussex is a not-for-profit organisation that does consultancy work primarily in Sussex but also for communities and organisations across other parts of the South East.

ceived a newsletter can pick one up from the Whyteleafe Post Office and Whyteleafe Tavern.

Art goes on display at the Soper Hall

From 23rd-25th September, the Soper Hall in Harestone Valley Road, Caterham, provided the setting for Caterham Art Group's 59th Annual Exhibition.

Nearly 200 paintings were on display comprising oils, watercolours and other media and craft items produced by members of the club. The display included award-winning works by local artists Noel Cunliffe, Ian Currie (Chairman of the club), Joel Tarling and Angela Huxley. Visitors to the exhibition



were invited to vote for their favourite painting. The winner of the John Bushby Award for the 'Public Choice' was the club's Programme Secretary, John Ward, pictured above with his watercolour entitled 'Dusk Flight'.



Visitors browse amongst the exhibits at the Soper Hall. Photo by Stephanie Bourazanis.



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Whyteleafe FC

by Andy Runacres

The season is now well under way and so far it has been a mixed start for Whyteleafe FC. The team was slow off the blocks with the first three league games ending in defeat at the hands of Dulwich Hamlet (0-2), Eastbourne Town (2-3) and Folkestone Invicta (0-2). Invicta proved again to be a thorn in Leafe's side, knocking them out of the FA Cup in the preliminary round, a week after the league fixture. Leafe had actually come within two minutes of winning the game down in Folkestone but a late equaliser resulted in a 2-2 scoreline. Folkestone ended up winning 2-1 at the replay in Church Road. So with league matters to concentrate the mind, Leafe won their next two games against Godalming and Burgess Hill, both by 2-0. They then played out a 0-0 draw with Faversham before a disappointing refereeina performance played it's part in a 3-2 loss



away at Walton Casuals. The game also saw the very impressive midfield addition to the squad, Jay Garrick, sent off.

Intial thoughts are that Leafe are in a better place than they were last season. The squad, largely unchanged from last season is still young, but most of the players now have a season's experience at this level under their belt. Importantly though, Nicky English has added some new players to the side that have bolstered the midfield and provided a bit more cut in the attacking third. A midtable position at worst, looks well within their grasp. You can catch the Leafe in home action during October on the 8th v North Greenford (FA Trophy), 15th v Maidstone Utd and 29th v Walton & Hersham.

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Whyteleafe v Folkestone Invicta. Photo by Chris Layton.

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Downlands Cup croquet victory for Caterham

by Jon Male

The Caterham and Purley Bury croquet teams met at Queen's Park, Caterhamon-the-Hill on Saturday 10th September for their annual fixture to contest the Downlands Cup. This is now the third year running that the local rivals have competed for the diminutive silver claret jug and it was Caterham's turn to play host.

with fine weather and enjoyed a mixture of golf and association croquet doubles allowing 20 players at a time to play on the two courts. The honours were shared 3-3 in the association croquet but Caterham



Philip Brabazon of Purley Bury presents the cup to John Gilbert of Caterham.

dominated the golf croquet 11-1 to win back the trophy that has been won by the home team on every occasion to date.

A fine lunch and tea, provided jointly by the clubs, was enjoyed by all and everyone looked forward to next year's encounter at Purley Bury.

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