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Faster broadband for Caterham

Caterham has recently been listed by BT Openreach for a fibre upgrade to the town's telephone exchange. This will bring faster speed connections for internet use throughout the town and the current date for the upgrade is set for 1st June. Further details will be released via the Digital Caterham website, http://www.digitalcaterham.co.uk/ as the exact coverage and

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timescale is confirmed. Discussions have been active over the last six months, including partici-pation by local MP Sam Gyimah.

Chris Windridge, Chair of ABC said: "We have been working towards this for the last six months. An important event was the Meet Caterham Business exhibition at the Soper Hall on 25th November when a number of meet-

ings occurred. BT participated at the show, together with the Surrey Superfast Broadband team and several local businesses with Internet based interests. Tandridge District Council have also been involved and their support was essential.

"We will be looking at ways we can exploit faster internet for business, services and residential users them to be upgraded too."



Supporters of Superfast Broadband in Caterham outside the BT Exchange in Godstone Road, from left, Simon Flatt, Chris Windridge, Andy Parr and Graham Tapley.

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01883 346641 www.caterham-independent.co.uk East Surrey MP, Sam Gyimah,

visits Caterham Dene

Community Hospital

On Friday 20th January Sam Gyimah MP visited

Caterham Dene Community

Hospital to see the impact

of the new Social Enter-

prise: 'First Community

The hospital offers a walk-in

centre, a rapid assessment

clinic and a rehabilitation

Speaking after the event Mr

Gyimah said: "It was great

to see the passion and com-

mitment of the staff working on this new Social

Enterprise at Caterham Dene Hospital. The Hospital is truly a community hub as

well as a much needed re-

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Caterham Dene Community Hospital is the level of staff

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Revamped toddler play area for Queen's Park

Queen's Park toddler play area is set to be revamped, thanks to a successful grant application of £59,300 by Tandridge District Council to Surrey County Council. The grant will allow the Council to transform the existing area to enable children with disabilities to have far greater access and enjoyment of the facilities. The new inclusive toddler area will consist of a kinderland play point, dish roundabout, sensory orbs, curved

mirrors, seesaw, musical play items and a new sand plav area.

The new zone will also benefit from a colourful carpet of safety surfacing allowing greater access for everyone. Sutcliffe Play has won the tender to install the new play area, which it is hoped will be open by April.

Councillor Tony Elias, Chairman of the Community Services Committee, said: "I am delighted we have managed to secure another grant, as this allows us to continue to improve and maintain children's play areas for enjoy." everyone to



An artist's impression of the new play area.

Warlingham Parish Council has purchased a couple of grit bins and tools for clearing snow and ice. Their intention is to keep the pavements around The Green clear in winter weather. We are keen to find some fit young men

and women who would be prepared to volunteer to help us in this task.

Anyone who can help should please contact Gina, the Parish Clerk clerk@warlinghampc.org.uk

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"This is simply fantastic for East Surrey."





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We're bucking the trend!

A recent survey by Tandridge District Council has shown that the readership of The Caterham and District Independent in Tandridge is steadily growing against all the odds! The survey revealed that al-though readership of local newspapers has generally been in decline in recent years, with The Surrey Mirror going down by 6% and the County Border News down by 9%, the number of people reading The Cater-ham and District Independent in the Tandridge area alone has increased by 9%, bucking the local and national trend.

The figures were amongst the findings in the "Have Your Say About Council Services" survey carried out amongst Tandridge residents last year.

The survey also showed that the Council's services are generally rated highly by those that use them, in particular council tax collection, food safety and parks and open spaces. The findings



Growing in readership - The Caterham and District Independent. Last month's lead story about the Caterham F1 Team attracted numerous comments on the newspaper's website at www.caterham-independent.co.uk

included the following:

Over half of respondents (54%) feel the Council provides value for money, compared to 43% in a 2008 survey, while only 14% disagree.

The majority (85%) are satisfied with the area as a place to live.

Almost three quarters (70%) feel safe outside in the local area after dark,

while almost all (89%) feel safe outside during the day. Issues considered less of a problem than in the 2008 survey are teenagers hanging around the streets (25% from 37%) and people using or dealing drugs (16% to 6%).

The majority of respondents feel they get enough information about council services (81%) and feel well informed about how to vote (95%).

Councillor Barry Compton, Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, said: "We wanted to find out what residents think about the services we provide, the area they live and how well we communicate with them. We are pleased with the results and will be using them to review services where necessary. These are challenging times and we have to prioritise our budgets carefully. We have to make sure we provide the services residents want and value. In addition, keeping residents and businesses informed is a key objective of the Council and we want to make sure we do our best to get it right."





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Music for the Jubilee

The Tandridge Community Fund (TCF) are partnering with St. Mary's Church in Caterham to present a concert entitled 'Music for the Jubilee' this summer to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The concert will feature the orchestra of St. Paul's Church in Covent Garden who will be performing music by renowned composers Butterworth, Elgar, Finzi, Handel, Parry, Purcell, Vaughan Williams, Walton and Wood.

Jeremy Webster of the Tandridge Community Fund said: "Our open-air Classic Summer Concert in the grounds of David Gold's house last summer was very popular, but was at the mercy of the elements! We wanted to hold another fundraising concert for TCF this year but without the worry about the weather. We are thrilled that Reverend Duncan Swan has offered us St. Mary's Church as a venue for the concert, which is a fantastic gesture and we are extremely grateful."

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The concert is being held at 6.30pm on Bank Holiday Monday, June 4th when 2,012 beacons will be lit by communities across the nation as part of the Jubilee celebrations. The concert will include a 'picnic supper break' when the audience will have the opportunity to take a picnic across the road to Queen's Park. In the event of rain, picnics can be eaten in the newly-refurbished church hall. Reverend Duncan Swan

said: "I think the concert will be a great event for the community and St. Mary's Church. We are praying for good weather!" The cost of tickets and how

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International charity moves to Caterham

On Saturday, 7th January an Open Day was held by the charity International Needs UK ('INUK'), who have relocated their headquarters from South Croydon to Stafford Road in Caterham. The Christian-based charity has a vision to make a 'world of difference' in the lives of others who live in the poorest countries. INUK is part of a worldwide network that also operates out of the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The charity has education programmes and community development projects in the poorest parts of many countries including India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Africa.

INUK Trustee, Tony Tyrrell explained: "Although we are a Christian-based charity what we do is multi-faith. Through our education programmes, we build and run schools and sponsor children to pay for their schooling. We also sponsor staff in hospitals so that cheaper healthcare can be available for those in need.



Members of the INUK team (from left): Yvonne Campbell, Jane White, Philip Wolstenholme, Jane Howard, Peter Staley, Mike Thornton, Wendy Riches, Andrew Coleman and Tony Tyrrell.

The Christian-based charity had been looking around for more spacious offices and the vacant premises behind the Caterham Cars workshop met their requirements. INUK National Director, Peter Staley, said: "We are delighted to be in Caterham. The new offices give us everything we need in terms of office space and road and rail networks, and it is a friendly community. We are looking forward to getting to know the local

residents and businesses. On Saturday 11th February a 'Tango Fiesta' is being held at the Fairfield Halls in Croydon in aid of International Needs UK featuring the Croydon Symphony Orchestra with the Sambadrome Drummers and the Tango Fiesta Dancers. Tickets costing £16 and £11 are available from the Fairfield Halls Box Office on 020 8688 9291. For more information about

International Needs UK visit www.ineeds.org.uk

Please support the RAFA Wings Appeal

Caterham and Kenley Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) is looking for 100 people to each donate £4 by the end of February to launch their 2012 Wings Appeal.

Evelyn Klein, RAFA's Wings Appeal organiser said: "This would be a real kickstart for our welfare ambitions in 2012. To show our gratitude, each donor will get a copy of our 2012 wall calendar for free".

RAFA wants to become more widely known in the local area and is looking for new members to join the Kenley & Caterham Branch. Mike Roach, chairman of Caterham and Kenley RAFA, explained: "We are a friendly group of former RAF service personnel and others from different backgrounds who all share an interest in keeping memories alive of those who served in the Royal Air Force. Our voluntary welfare team supports the nationwide Wings Appeal to help former RAF service personnel and their families in times of need. In order to continue this work effec-



Evelyn Klein with the RAFA calendar.

we coupled our donations appeal with the handout of a copy of the calendar."

RAFA meets every Tuesday night from 8pm and every Sunday afternoon from 12 noon to 3pm at the Portcullis Club on Kenley Airfield. Access is via Salmons Lane West/Victor Beamish Avenue (signposted). More information is also available at 'www.rafakenley.com'.

Donations to the Wings Appeal can be made at Computer Solutions and The Royal Oak pub, both situated in the High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill. All those who make a £4 donation will be given a RAFA calendar. Alternatively donations can be made at the Portcullis Club or by phoning Hartmut Klein on 020 8668 7540 e-mail: kleihar@web.de



Send news stories and events for our website and E-newsletter to Editor@caterham-independent.co.uk

Could you be an ambassador for Ridge Radio?

Local community radio station, Ridge Radio, is seeking ambassadors to link up with all the 21 towns and villages of Tandridge. The task for the ambassadors will be to liaise with businesses, charities and community projects to provide a conduit for news and events. They will also attend local events with presenters to record material for broadcast. One of the most important roles of the ambassadors will be to ensure the studio manager at Ridge Radio is kept up to date with what is happening across Tandridge.

The station is also looking for Studio Producers to support the presenters behind the glass. The areas of responsibility will include research, meeting and greeting guests, taking phone calls and checking material for accuracy. Ridge Radio is not finan-

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cially self-sustaining from membership fees alone so fundraising is essential in order for the station to continue to be affordable to Tandridge residents. The station is therefore looking for creative people to work with the ambassadors to find local opportunities to obtain funding. Ridge Radio Station Manager, Mark Jones said: "Applicants for the volun-

tary positions will need to be self motivated, energetic and community minded. It is also important that they are willing to commit to the station as we will rely on them to turn up. In return, they will make some great new friends and enjoy the success of making a shared dream a reality!"

To apply for one of the voluntary roles, please e-mail Mark Jones at info@ridgeradio.co.uk.

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The Hawthorns pupils re-enact Britain's Medieval past

The senior pupils at The Hawthorns School in Bletchingley were transported back to the Medieval period on Wednesday 18th January.

They all took part in a morning of activities which covered gory topics such as the murder of Thomas Beckett and the Black Death.

Jo Taylor, Head of History, said: "The pupils really enjoyed watching a play in the morning. They then worked in small groups to produce their own version, along with authentic COStumes from the time!" Pictured above right is Hawthorns pupil, Jack dressed Carter, as Harold Godwinson who died on the battlefield at the Battle of Hastings after taking an arrow in the eye.

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Sisters host concert in aid of children's hospice

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A youth music evening hosted by a teenager has raised £2,241 so far for a children's charity.

14 year-old Madeline Castrey organised and sang at the event held in Chaldon Village Hall, Rook Lane, on Monday, 19th December. Her sister Matilda, 12, helped with the organisation and performed along with the other youngsters. Madeline, of Roffes Lane, Chaldon, said she wanted to give money to CHASE Hospice Care for the Children's Shooting Star Hospice in Guildford after she spent some time there because of an illness which made her skin break out in blisters.

Madeline said: "My time in hospital made me think of the lives of the children who would not get better



'Charisma'

and I was eager to do something to help.

"We have now formed our group called 'Charisma', ancient Greek for 'the ability to inspire' and plan to raise as much money as we can for this worthy charity by performing in many different places for many different people. We have set an ambitious target of raising £5,000 by the end of the year for Shooting Star CHASE and are totally committed to achieving this."

Tandridge District Councillor for Chaldon, Pat Cannon, said: "I was unaware of the Shooting Star Children's Hospice until I heard of Madeline's plight. "They obviously perform a fantastic service for young sufferers, many of whom are less fortunate than Madeline. I am proud to be associated with and support our own shooting star in her endeavours to make a difference."

Start limbering up for Sport Relief!

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On Sunday, March 25th, Purley John Fisher RFC in Old Coulsdon will be hosting the Sainsbury's Happy Valley Sport Relief Mile from 10.30am. Four events will be run on the day. Three of the events are open to everyone and will be run over a one mile, three mile and six mile cross country course through the leafy Happy Valley.

The fourth event is an invitation team challenge over the three mile course to all of the local rugby clubs in the Croydon area.

In the afternoon there will be an under 18's rugby game, a BBQ and many sporting events provided by Tandridge Trust Sport and Leisure. All monies raised from the four events will go to Sport Relief, who through Comic Relief raises money for projects both in the UK and abroad and supports a



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number of charities in the Croydon area.

Sport Relief has a unique history of dedicated people doing extraordinary things to rise to the challenge. Last September, David Walliams started Sport Relief off with an epic splash when he completed The BT Sport Relief Challenge: Walliams vs The Thames. Despite battling a nasty bacterial bug and bitingly cold water, David swam a staggering 140 miles and has so far raised over £1 million for Sport Relief.

Niel Kenny, Secretary of Purley John Fisher Rugby Club said: "This is the first Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile in this area and it's set to be a great event. So come on, pull your Sport Relief socks up, enter the Mile and do something amazing!"

Entrants can register by visiting the Sport Relief website

www.sportrelief.com/themile and entering the club's post code CR5 1EE.

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The sports hall at de

Stafford showing the

unsafe area of the floor.

We hope the sports hall,

which will also get a cos-metic overhaul from the

Tandridge Trust, will be back to full working order

and a fantastic facility for

everyone in Caterham and

surrounding areas to enjoy

New floor for de Stafford's sports hall

de Stafford School and Surrey County Council are pleased to announce that the on-going problems with de Stafford sports centre floor are on track to be completed by the beginning of March. The facility which is used by the school during the day and the community in the evenings, weekends and the school holidays has been awaiting a new floor after problems with the structure. David Hodge, the new leader of Surrey County Council has been instrumental in ensuring the school now has the financial assistance to allow this proiect to go ahead, with the school contributing towards the floor's replacement as well.

The floor is being supplied by Gerflor who have offered a generous discount to Surrey County Council and de Stafford School to be a pilot for this flooring, which de Stafford say they are delighted to accept and believe it will demonstrate the commitment Surrey County Council is providing for both the school and the local community.

A spokesperson for Gerflor "The new floor is said: Taraflex Sport M Comfort (P3). This is a point elastic sports floor that offers 48% force reduction and the highest levels of comfort on the market. It is particularly suited to younger and older players within the community, from falls, de-liberate dives, eradication of skin burns and reduction of repetitive impact injuries.

Miss Caroline Longhurst, head teacher at de Stafford, said: "The work is scheduled to go ahead in February and we are

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very soon."





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Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

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January has seen some milder days when I have been making a start on tidying up many of the perennials whose outlines are becoming a bit tatty. They will be quite hardy when winter temperatures resume (you can't move in our garage for snow shovels etc!) I always feel it is such a large garden at this time of year, so different from a few months hence when I will have sown far too many seedlings, acquired far too many plants, and have absolutely no room. I can't wait!

Sadly, the birds don't seem to be settling too well to their new feeding station that replaced our beloved silver weeping pear tree. One reason may be that a Sparrowhawk swooped down to it from nowhere, undeterred by our presence. How often he visits is hard to tell, which may explain why the bird

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count is severely depleted. However, on mild days their songs have been accompanying me, and two robins enthusiastically approve my efforts, taking it in turns to land just where I am about to work!

With all the leaves off the wisterias, I can see what I have and haven't pruned. There are still plenty of long whippy growths that need cutting back to about 3-4ins. They can easily become a leafy tangle, with very few flowers. So now is the time to show them who is boss! I shall also prune out a lot of tangled growth on the honeysuckles, vines, and 'simplify' the espalier apple trees, to let in more air and light. That is the plan this month.



A question of numbers all the answers are single numbers.

1. A moderate breeze is indicated by what number of the Beaufort scale?

2. How many completed symphonies did Ludwig Van Beethoven compose?

3. The planet Mars has how many moons?

4. How many consecutive Wimbledon Men's Single's titles did Bjorn Borg win?

5. Of which pop group were Sheila Ferguson, Valerie Holiday and Fayette Pinkney the original line-up?

Answers:

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New recycling and waste service gets the go-ahead

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At a meeting of Tandridge District Council on Thursday, 19th January, the Council gave the go-ahead to a new recycling and waste service for the district, which will enable residents to recycle more materials conveniently from home. From 1st October 2012, an improved recycling and waste service will include:

- Weekly collections of food waste from an animal proof container at the boundary of the property.

- Alternate week collections of mixed recycling from a wheeled bin at the boundary of the property.

- Alternate week collections of residual waste from the rear of properties.

Apart from providing a better and easier service, these



changes will also result in significant annual savings of up to £1m a year for the Council.

Councillor Tony Elias, Chairman of the Community Services Committee, said: "This is great news for residents and the Council. We will be sending out more details in the coming months and hope residents will welcome the new service and the benefits it will bring. The new service will meet residents' demand for more recycling opportunities, in a way which makes it as convenient as possible for them."

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'My New Hair' helping cancer sufferers

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Lorena Massoni, owner of Gerards, said: "The client comes back to us for their fitting after they have lost their hair so hopefully the hairloss is less traumatic for them."

Gerards can also help mastectomy patients with fitting pocketed bras and selecting the correct prosthesis in addition to areola reconstruction after surgery. Lorena said: "Some of the

services we offer cancer patients are also available on the NHS so we explain to them exactly what is avail-



Stylists Sam Porter (left)

would be an additional serv-

ice from us. It means they

go into hospital with a clearer

idea of what they will be of-

"We participate in various

breast cancer fundraising

events as well as volunteer-

ing in hospitals and support

groups, so if there are any

local support groups that

would like us to go in and

measure their ladies for free,

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we are happy to do that.'

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and Jayne Gordon.

fered.



for this year's Caterham Rotary Bunny Fun Run in Queen's Park, Caterham on Sunday 1st April and Caterham Rotary would like to encourage more groups to take part. Perhaps your office, school

or organisation could enter a team and raise cash for charity?

Registration costs £5 for the 5K race and £2.50 for the 1K Fun Run per person (double on the day) and all runners receive an Easter Egg at the end of the race. This year the proceeds will be going to 'Disability Challengers', although runners are welcome to raise sponsorship for a charity of their choice. Forms are available at www.rotaryruns.co.uk, e-mail to rotaryruns@ gmail.com or call 01883 346641.

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Jumbo Jubilee picnic for Warlingham

Warlingham will be celebrating the Oueen's Diamond Jubilee with a giant picnic on School Common on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd June. The whole of Warlingham is invited to bring along a picnic, spend the afternoon in the sunshine and enjoy the entertainment.

The event will also feature a stage for local bands and other performers, a funfair, activities, games, demonstrations, arts and crafts, food stalls, a beer tent and lots of other things to see and do.

The Jubilee picnic is being organised by a working group of Warlingham Parish Council, comprising councillors and other members of the community.

Working group chairman, Robin Bloore said: "Rather than have a number of scattered street parties, we want to organise an event that will attract the whole village to School Common. bringing the community together.

While we are organising lots of things to keep people



entertained throughout the whole afternoon, we also want to keep the feeling relaxed and informal.

"Over the coming days we will be sending out invitations to as many local musicians and organisations as we can think of, but I will issue this public invitation now to anyone, or any organisation, that wants to get involved to contact us as soon as possible."

To find out more about the day, or how to get involved contact Warlingham Parish Council Clerk Gina Caunt at 26 Leazes Avenue, Chaldon, Caterham, Surrey, CR3 5AH, tel: 01883 342915 or email: clerk@warlinghampc. ora.uk



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Lucky Claire wins Caterham Seven Slalom competition!

Claire Skeet from Caterham-on-the-Hill will soon be testing her driving skills behind the wheel of a Caterham Seven after winning our Caterham Seven Slalom Experience competition last month!

The prize, generously donated by Caterham Cars, was for a full day's slalom experience for two people, so Claire will be taking a friend with her to share the fun. Claire has said she will send us a photo of her day to put in a future edition of The Caterham and District Independent.

A big 'thank you' to everyone who entered the competition and sent us their views on the Caterham Seven showroom remaining in Caterham. As we anticipated, everyone who entered expressed the wish for the iconic car to remain in Caterham and here are just a few of the many comments we received:



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To read the many comments made in response to our Caterham F1 Team lead story last month, go to www.caterham-independent.co.uk and Search Site' for 'Formula 1 Fame for Caterham'.



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In the spotlight

This month we feature Chaldon resident, and **Tandridge District Coun**cillor for Chaldon, Pat Cannon.

Birthplace: Clane, Co. Kildare, Eire.

Marital Status: Married to Jill.

Children: Son Matthew.

Cars: Volvo S40 R Design Sport.

Childhood hero: Admiral Nelson, Sir Winston Churchill and Superman.

Abalone & Guinness.

Pastimes: Golf and cycling to meet? when I have time.

nation: Ningaloo Reef NW Australia.



Pat Cannon

Likes: Test Cricket especially the Ashes.

Dislikes: Injustice, bullying and nasty people.

TV Favourite show: Spooks and sport.

Favourite books: Shadow Favourite Food & Drink: of the Wind by Ruiz Zafon.

> Who would you most like Her Majesty The Queen.

Favourite holiday desti- Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at? Ken Livingstone and BBC

Business Editor, Robert Peston (would like to tie his hands behind his back!).

Favourite song of all time: There are so many but 'What a Wonderful World' ranks highly and 'Summertime' when sung by my niece Rosanna.

Biggest influence on vour life: IF' by Rudyard Kipling -

check it out.

Proudest moment:

Our wedding day and being re-elected by the good people of Chaldon.

Most embarrassing moment: There are many but none that I dare share here!

Where would you most like to live? Chaldon in summer, Perth WA in winter.

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

Ensure all my close family were mortgage free then retire and help others.



The Royal Oak pub in the High Street, Caterham-onthe-Hill has recently opened a new cafe at the rear of its premises. Alan Lander, landlord of the Royal Oak, is delighted that the new cafe is proving to be a hit with the locals. Office workers and shopkeepers can pop in for breakfast on their way to work and order very reasonably-priced sandwiches or even a hot meal to be delivered to their place of work later in the day.

The menu features homecooked food including delicious jacket potatoes. burgers, roast chicken and other traditional favourites, but Cathy and Tara who run the cafe have found it is their Full English All Day Breakfast that is one of the favourites with their customers. For more information call Cathy on 07522 912200.



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Customers in The Oak cafe.



the Harrow



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Eating Out Try the great

wonderful accompaniment to the gentle spiciness of the fish which Ali said was just right for the cold, damp weather.

Jenny had said that Chicken Korma was her favourite Indian dish, so alongside Chicken Korma, we were also served two new dishes, Wild Duck Breast Honey and flavoured Indian herbs) with plain naan bread and mushroom rice. Ali said that the duck breast had proved to be especially popular with his customers as well as the spring lamb chops.

The lovely big portions of honey duck were superb. The Momtaj Chicken had a stronger flavour, but had been flavoured by the chef so as not to be too hot for us. Jenny and I agreed that it was lovely to try something different, and we both thoroughly appreciated being introduced to such wonderful new flavours.

Jenny, a uni student, was in heaven, saying: "I can't wait to tell my friends what Ι have eaten this evening,

they'll be so jealous!" The Curry Leaf offers a home delivery service within the local area if you fancy a treat and a break from the kitchen.

Ali said that their Sunday Lunch Buffet where you can eat as much as you like for £8.95 (£4.95 for children and free for under-fives) gives diners a great opportunity to try new dishes alongside their old favourites.

restaurant provides The great service and very pleasant surroundings and would Momtaj Chicken (chicken be a great choice for a ro-breast cooked in highly mantic meal for two this mantic meal for two this Valentine's Day. For more in-formation or to book a table call 01737 558899.



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rant in The Parade, Old

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a number of exciting new

restaurant has created its

own recipes using fresh in-

gredients and my daughter

Jenny and I got to taste some

of the new recipes when we

Ali Uddin, owner of The Curry

Leaf, explained that they

have improved the choice of

the chillis they use so that

they can use less quantity of

chilli to get the same effect,

which is much kinder to the

Our meal consisted mainly of

a selection from the new

range, with Ali serving us

King Prawn Grill Suka (flame

grilled king prawns fried with

onions and peppers) and

Mass Biran (freshwater white

fish marinated with spices and pan fried) for starters.

The aromatic relish was a

dishes to its menu.

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Wine Tasting Evening

A Wine Tasting Evening in aid of C.H.E.C.K. (Community Health and Education for the Children of Kimilili) is being held on Saturday, 4th February at 7.30pm at the Community Centre in the High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill. Tickets cost £10 to include cheese and biscuits. To book tickets call Geraint Jenkins on 01959 564772 or 07835 303522 (mobile).

Caterham Carnival Quiz Night

The Caterham and District Carnival Committee are holding a Quiz Night on Friday 10th February at de Stafford School, Burntwood Lane, Caterham, 7pm for 7.30pm start. The cost is £8.50 per adult and under 14s £5, to include the de Stafford-style buffet supper. Teams of up to eight. Please bring your own drink and glasses. Book early to avoid disappointment by calling Marian or Alan Tait on 01883 344797 or e-mailing: mariantait@ yahoo.co.uk

Downland Chorale Concert

The Downland Chorale invite you to come and sing 'The Armed Man - a Mass for Peace' by Karl Jenkins on Saturday 4th February from 11am-6pm (registration at 10.30am). No previous singing experience is required. The venue is de Stafford School in Burntwood Lane, Caterham CR3 5YX. To book tickets call 020 8668 7794.

Miller Centre Production

The Miller Centre Theatre Company at 30 Godstone Road, Caterham CR3 6RA are performing 'An Ideal Husband' from Thursday 16th February to Saturday 25th February. For further information and to purchase tickets call the Miller Centre Box Office on 01883 349850, website www.millercentretheatre.org

RSPB Talk

On Wednesday 8th February, East Surrey RSPB is holding a talk at the White Hart Barn in Godstone, entitled: 'One man's view of India' by Brian Gallop. The talk will cover birds, animals and various sites and starts at 8pm until approximately 10pm. The fee is £3 for adults and £1 for children. For more information visit www.eastsurreyrspb.co.uk





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For more information about Caterham Salvation Army contact Christopher.sandford@salvationarmy.org.uk or 01883 330718.

Parking shortage

It was not surprising that late on Christmas Eve in the main centre of Caterham Valley with its choice of eateries and pubs every available street parking space was occupied. But how galling it was for those of us arriving after 11pm for the Midnight Mass at the Parish Church of St John, and searching for a space, to know that a short distance away was enough

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space to accommodate all of our vehicles in what we used to regard as our public car park. However, being in private ownership it is not available outside shop hours.

I was told a few years ago when making enquiries in connection with the A Better Caterham scheme that originally the car park was administered by Tandridge District Council from the time the shop (then Safeway) closed until midnight. It required funding by the local authority but that this had been withdrawn. It is not generally known that 25 spaces are always available in the area to the right of the entrance to the main car park but it is a quarter of a mile walk from there to the main area and to the church.

I am aware that nearby residents do not want the car park open later than at present. I do not believe that their objection is to disturbance likely to be caused by responsible motorists but the fear of trouble being caused by the disruptive minority of our community who therefore would seem to have more influence over events than the law-abiding majority.

Maybe mine is a lone voice - or do these comments resonate with anyone else? Harold Barrett, Caterham Valley.

Save Caterham Trees

When I moved to Caterham in the late '70s it was a quiet leafy village with an abundance of trees, a station car park (now Waitrose) a Station Hotel with church parking to the rear (now the shopping precinct) and leafy streets (now full of flats). The Hill was a quiet village with a barracks that people were proud of.

I wish to set up a 'Save Caterham Trees Group' to protect the precious ones that remain. If anyone is interested please email christine_greaves@hotmail.co.uk

Christine Greaves, Caterham Valley.

Please send your letters to The Caterham and District Independent, 33 High Street, Caterham, CR3 5UE or email: editor@caterham-independent.co.uk

Who wants to

be a Volunteer?

by Rosemary Banks

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Christmas has come and gone and whether you celebrated a religious or the winter festival, I suspect that it involved lights and presents. As a child Christmas was so exciting that I could hardly sleep but that seems a lifetime ago and as I have aged expectations and mv Christmas experiences have changed.

One of the many ways in which my Christmases have changed is in giving back. For several years I have been involved in providing Christmas lunch and entertainment for people who would be on their own or are unable to attend/prepare/afford a Christmas dinner.

With a New Year and a fresh start, I wonder if you are thinking about 'giving back' by using your personal gifts - your skills, your time. There are so many small ways in which

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You can email caterhamvc@wanadaoo.co.uk or call 01883 344444. I strongly believe that between us we can find a way to use your personal gifts by giving back in whatever way you can.

The crazy hat in the photo was given to me as a humorous 'thank you' and I'm sure that finding new ways to use your skills could give you as many smiles and as much fun as the hat gives me!





sending off of frustrated captain Fleming near the end. However the losing streak The last two games of this run, though, did see some was ended in the next game when Leafe survived the much improved perform-

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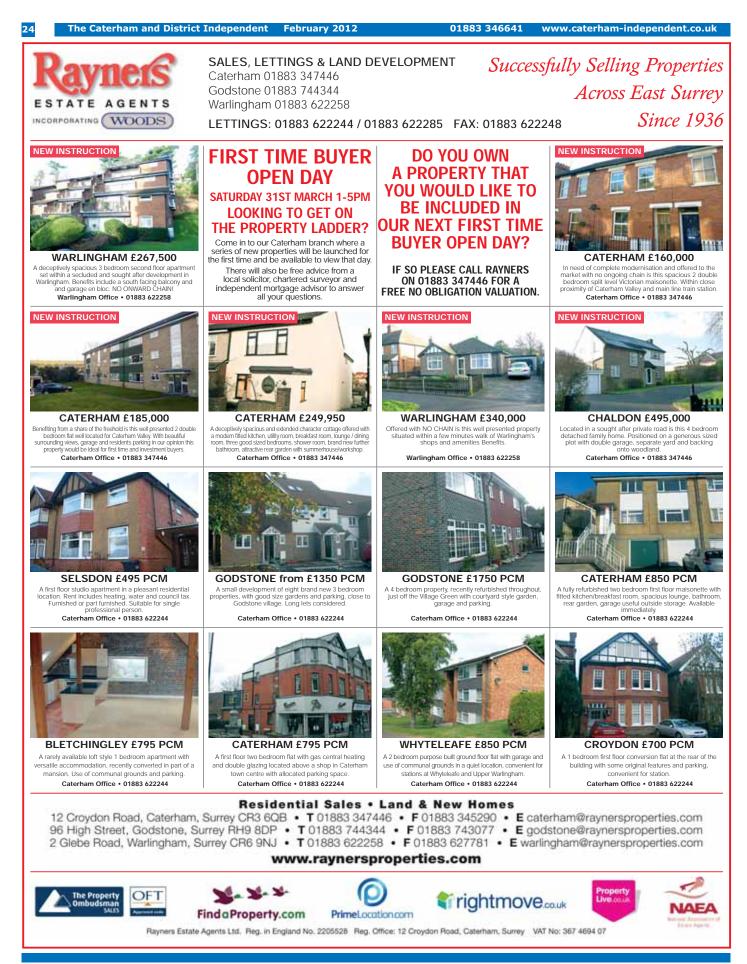
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