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# GCSE GRADES UP AGAIN AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The GCSE results for de Stafford School, Warringham Secondary School, The Oasis Academy and Caterham School are all higher than last year, despite the national trend for slightly lower grades this year. The anxious wait for students ended on Thursday 23rd August when the results were published. At de Stafford School in Caterham the school continued its upward trend, with 55% of students achieving five or more

A\*-C grades including English and Maths. Lydia Gatward, Robert Clark, Kayleigh Gillings and Rachel Harper were among those who performed exceptionally well, achieving 14 or more GCSEs, with the majority being A\*/A grades. Lydia Gatward from Chaldon was thrilled to achieve 16 passes, including 3 A\*s and 9 As. Lydia said: "I am going to go on to study the Sciences at Reigate College. I want to

go into stem cell research; I find it fascinating!" This year the school celebrated especially good results, with an 11% increase in the number of students who gained GCSE Maths. Caroline Longhurst, Headteacher, commented: "Our results this year show an improvement on the percentage of students leaving school with 5 or more A\*-C grades including English and maths which is a key indicator of a school's performance." **Continued on pages 8-9 with more GCSE good news from other local schools.**



Happy de Stafford students with their GCSE results, from left, Lydia Gatward from Chaldon, Atudsa Habibian from Caterham Valley, Connor Cooper from Old Coulsdon and George Gasson from Old Coulsdon. Photo by Emma Berry.

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## Developers launch appeal for redevelopment of Caterham Cars showroom

On Monday 20th August, Churchill Retirement Homes made an appeal to the Secretary of State in respect of 32 Station Avenue in Caterham, the site of the Caterham Cars showroom and workshop. The appeal follows the refusal back in June by Tandridge District Council for 35 sheltered apartments and 128 sq m of commercial floor space to be built on the site. The proposal was refused on the grounds that the proposal would result in a loss of employment; the proposed development would lead to a concentration of accommodation for the elderly in the locality; the proposal failed to demonstrate that the design and layout would be safe and secure and failed to provide satisfactory refuse and recycling facilities but Chief Planning Officer

Piers Mason pointed out to the officers that the issue of whether or not Caterham Cars should stay in Caterham was not what they should be considering. The Appeal will be heard at a Hearing later in the year. Comments regarding the appeal can be made through the Planning Portal at [www.planningportal.gov.uk/pins](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/pins), by e-mailing the case officer's team at [teamp16@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:teamp16@pins.gsi.gov.uk) or by writing, sending three copies to the Planning Inspectorate at Room3/10, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. All comments must be received by Monday 1st October. The Appeal Reference number is APP/M3645/A/12/2180593/NWF.

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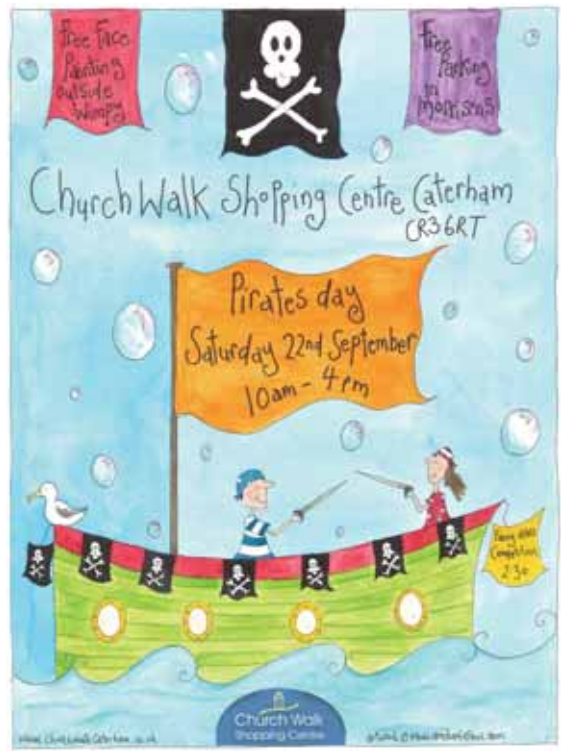
Robert the jester entertained the crowd. The winners were:  
 1st - Knight, Sir Alfie Spring aged 5 from Caterham who attends St. Peter and St. Pauls School.  
 2nd - Princess Darcie-Rose Southon aged 2 from Godstone.  
 3rd - Knight, Sir Ben Cox from Chaldon, celebrating his 8th birthday.  
 All the children who took part received colouring books and a bucket and spade donated by WH Smith and the winners received goodie bags.



Robert the jester, Maid Helga, members of The Far Isles and Ben Cox, Alfie Spring, Darcie-Rose Southon and Ewan Key.

### Calling all past members of Caterham Sea Cadets!

Caterham Sea Cadets ('TS Zephyr') are 70 years old this year and to celebrate their platinum anniversary they are holding a special reunion on Saturday 29th September. Invitations have been sent out to past and present members but there will be many past members whose contact details have been lost over the years, and the organisers would very much like to invite them. Until about 1945 the unit met at Caterham County Secondary School (now Hillcroft Primary) in Chaldon Road, Caterham. The unit is now located in The Grove, near the old Caterham Barracks. If you were a cadet at TS Zephyr or if you have a friend or relative that used to belong to the unit, please call 07775 947902 or e-mail info\_caterham@yahoo.co.uk for more details about the anniversary event.



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Representatives from Lidl were present to answer questions from local residents who turned out in force to express their views. Many of the residents voiced their concern over the location of a new store close to three schools and did not believe the area needed a new supermarket. In their invitation to the event, Lidl assured residents that their comments would be taken into consideration when finalising the design of the store. Further developments will be reported in The Caterham and District Independent.



The size of the old Good Companions pub in Hamsey Green.

## Entries being taken for the Titsey Trail 10k Race 2012

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## In the spotlight

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Neil Burtenshaw.

**Birthplace:** Redhill.

**Marital Status:** Married to Geraldine.

**Family:** Two boys, Mark and Michael.

**Cars:** Ford Focus and Ford Transit van.

**Pets:** None.

**Childhood hero:** Chelsea FC legend Peter Osgood.

**Pastimes:** All sports and camping.

**Favourite Food & Drink:** Real Ale, red wine and sausages.

**Likes:** Crawley Town FC.

**Dislikes:** People that use their mobile phones while driving.

**Favourite TV show:** 'Inspector Morse' and 'Lewis'.

**Favourite books:** Dick Francis novels.

**Favourite holiday destination:** The Lake District.

**Biggest influence on your life:** My friend Ray Bristow.

**Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at?** People who cut down woodland for housing.

**Favourite song of all time:** Dire Straits 'Brothers in Arms'.

**Proudest moment:** When my mixed scout team won both the football and the netball competition against 60 other teams from across the world during 'Peak 2010', the five-yearly scout jamboree that was held at Chatsworth House in Derbyshire.

**Most embarrassing moment:** When my leg went into spasm and I collapsed in a pond in Cambridge.

**Where would you most like to live?** In a woodland.

**Who would you most like to meet?** Phil 'The Power' Taylor.

**If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it?** I would look after my family and friends and buy a campsite.

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## Continuing the upward trend at de Stafford

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Miss Longhurst added: "I am, as always, delighted for our students who have worked so hard to achieve this well deserved success. This could not have been accomplished without the support of parents/carers and the commitment and dedication of the de Stafford staff who encourage, support and inspire our students to do their very best."



Lydia Gatward and Robert Clark.

## Outstanding results again for Warlingham School

Warlingham School's Year 11 students achieved their best ever set of GCSE results with 96% of its students gaining five or more GCSEs at grade C or above and 70% of its students gaining five or more GCSEs including English and Mathematics. The school's outstanding results are a credit to the students, staff and parents who worked together relentlessly to support this incredible standard of achievement. It is the fifth successive year that results have improved.

Miss Woodhouse, Headteacher, said: "I am so proud of our Year 11 students achieving so brilliantly. Our Year 11 mantra of 'every grade matters' has supported this amazing set of results."

There were some outstanding individual successes: Dariya Nikitin achieving 10 A\* and 1 A grade; Ella Oven-den achieving 5 A\* and 8 As and George Perry achieving 3 A\*, 7 As and 1 B grade.



(From left): de Stafford students Claudia Spicer, Eloise Jones, Christy Marie Williams-Wilsdon and Sophie Wells.

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## A record number of top grades for Caterham School

The 138 Caterham School pupils who took their GCSE exams produced another excellent set of results and a school record was broken again with 44% of the grades being A\*. 99% of pupils achieved five or more A\*-C grades including English and Maths. Headmaster Julian Thomas said: "These are an excellent set of results. It is pleasing that another school record has been surpassed particularly when it has been reported that the number of top grades at GCSE is likely to fall this year. These pupils have

worked extremely hard and have participated in a wide range of co-curricular activities, showing once again that a broad and varied education can be enjoyed whilst still achieving academic success. Of critical importance is that, beneath the headline figures, there are numerous notable personal achievements with many pupils exceeding their expectations. Universities have made it clear in recent months that GCSE results will be hugely significant in their admissions processes, so it is pleasing that our pupils have laid a firm foundation for the next stage of their education." *Full results can be viewed at [www.caterham-school.co.uk](http://www.caterham-school.co.uk)*



Fraser Kenny (10A\*) from Limpsfield, Findlay Williams (12A\*) from Woldingham and Chris Bishop (13A\*) from Caterham.

## GCSE results soar at Oasis Academy Coulsdon

GCSE results have soared dramatically at Oasis Academy Coulsdon this year with 66% of students achieving 5 A\*-C GCSEs including Maths and English, a 17% increase from last year.

Academy Principal David Millar said: "I am absolutely delighted for our students and staff celebrating today. It's been a real team effort and by working together, determined to succeed, we have smashed all previous school records". In the summer of 2008, GCSE results had slumped at the predecessor school to an all-time low of 35% of students achieving 5 A\*-C grades including Maths and English. "When we opened in September 2008 we promised students, parents and the community that we would raise achievement and be a school of which they can be proud. Our results today, prove we are delivering on our promise and we will continue to drive up attainment levels," said David Millar.

Amongst the successful students was Lucy Earl-Day from

Old Coulsdon, who achieved 17 GCSEs including 3 A\*s and 4 As. One of the top achieving boys was Dheeren Somarchand from Caterham who achieved a total of 18 GCSEs, 10 of which were A\*-C grades, including Maths and English.

David Millar said: "We are fully comprehensive and take students of all ability levels. A significant number of this particular year group joined us in Year 7 with below average attainment in English and/or Maths but have worked incredibly hard and are celebrating today."



Five Oasis students including Dheeren Somarchand (pictured above) opened their results live in front of the cameras at the Sky News TV studios! They had to be ready at 4.45am to be driven to the studios with Oasis Principal, David Millar.

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## Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 26th September 2012, 7.00-9.00pm

Principal's Presentation: 7:15

"I've had so many opportunities in the Sixth Form, I'm a much more confident person now".

Joanne, Sixth Form Student

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'Charisma' (from left): Emily Burrell, Matilda Castrey, Flynn Marks, Madelaine Castrey and Jodee Hodge-Bright.

## The Chaldon Fête 2012

One of the many events happening on August Bank Holiday Monday was the popular Chaldon Fête and Fun Dog Show at St. Peter and St. Paul CofE School in Chaldon. Last year the event raised over £6,000 for local charities. The entertainment this year included a medley of songs by 'Charisma'. The young singers aged from just 13-15 have raised over £4,000 for CHASE children's hospices through their performances. For more information about Charisma visit <http://cmpwebsiteproduction.wix.com/charismasingers>



The winners in the 'Best Child Handler' category of the Fun Dog Show.



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## Hillcroft Sure Start moves to bigger premises

Hillcroft Sure Start Children's Centre in Caterham-on-the-Hill is delighted to announce the expansion of their services to a new location in The Village. The new premises are on the first floor of The Old Naafi above Little Treasures Nursery opposite The Arc on Weston Drive.

The centre had outgrown its previous venue at Hillcroft School due to the popularity of its sessions. The room at Hillcroft School will continue to provide information and advice weekly and will have an Outreach Worker available to meet with parents.

Lydia Parker, Centre Manager said: "The move ensures access for all the community and the four rooms and office space allows us to provide new and exciting projects for more people. Our team of Midwives and Health Visitors also provide Baby Clinics and Discharge Clinics that enjoy their own dedicated enhanced space. We are



The new Hillcroft Sure Start Children's Centre in The Old Naafi, Weston Drive.

looking forward to working closely with The Arc in the future."

Sure Start centres are aimed at families with children under five and offer a variety of services and activities. Hillcroft currently runs Stay and Play, Baby Club and Childminders sessions on different days of the week and are hoping to offer afternoon activities including Messy Play and Sing-along sessions.

For details of sessions during the move call 01883 343987. For details about Hillcroft Children's Centre please see the advert below.

## Take your 'Little Monkeys' to The Arc this September!

Monkey Music, the award-winning music class for babies and young children has a great new venue in Caterham from September. The classes will be held in the soft play area in The Arc at 39 Weston Drive, Caterham CR3 5XY in the old army barracks. The venue is close to local amenities and has ample parking.

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**Kestrels Children's Centre**  
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<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.00 - 10.30 <b>Stay and Play</b> Come and have fun together. 0 to under 5 yrs.	12.30 - 1.45 <b>Baby Clinic</b> Come along, weigh your baby and meet the Health Team.	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Drop In</b> 8.45 - 9.15 Advice & Information	<b>Stay &amp; Play</b> 9.15 - 11.15 Parents & carers with children under 5 years
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.00 - 11.00 <b>Talk With Tatty</b> Interactive story adventures and activities to develop communication skills. 2 to 5 yrs. Starting 12th Sept	1.30 - 3.00 <b>One Step at a Time</b> Friendly, play session for children you have or may have additional needs. 1st and 3rd week of each month. 0 to under 5yrs.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Drop In</b> 8.45 - 9.15 Advice & Information	<b>Childminders Stay &amp; Play</b> 9.15 - 11.15 Come along and meet other registered childminders
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## 84 mile walk along Hadrian's Wall raises thousands for 'Louise's Challenge'

On Friday 6th July a team of 30 walkers set off from Newcastle to walk 84 miles along the length of Hadrian's Wall and completed the walk in just over three days, on Monday 9th July. The walk was in aid of 'Louise's Challenge 2012' to raise money for research into adrenal tumours. In June 2010 30-year-old Louise McVaddy from Caterham passed away suddenly when she was 32 weeks

pregnant with her first child. The tragedy came as a devastating shock to her husband Regan and family. Louise and her unborn baby, Michael, died just five hours after Louise fell ill during a family barbecue. Over the last two years Regan and Louise's family and friends have been raising money for the European Network for the Study of Adrenal Tumours (Ens@t) to help fund their research.

Speaking about the Hadrian's Wall walk, Regan said: "We did the walk in just over three days which is half the recommended time for the walk. We also walked it from East to West, the opposite way to most other walkers. It was very hard going but it is not a challenge otherwise! Everyone made it, which was great."

The walkers had six family members on the support team including Louise's parents, Irene and David Plumb. Irene said: "I worked out I drove over 500 miles driving



Louise McVaddy on her wedding day in 2009.



Supporters of Louise's Challenge gather for a photo before setting off on the walk.

up and down Hadrian's Wall during their walk! We are very proud of them all. It was a very tough three and a half days but good fun."

Last year supporters of Louise's Challenge raised over £48,000 from various fundraising projects including the Three Peaks Challenge. The Hadrian's Wall walk has so far raised nearly £10,000 of the £14,000 target. Another fundraising event, a sponsored skydive held in May, raised almost £2,000. For more information about the fundraising events for Louise's Challenge and to make a donation in support of the group's recent walk along Hadrian's Wall, visit [www.justgiving.com/louiseschallenge2012](http://www.justgiving.com/louiseschallenge2012)



The group relaxing at their camp after a long day's walking.

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# Caterham Valley Parish Council

Caterham Valley Parish Council forms an important additional link between residents and the District and County Councils. It also has its own projects and initiatives – but there is more to do. It will soon have a role in developing, with residents, proposals for new local planning policies that will influence planning applications and developments for many years ahead.

There are six Caterham Valley Parish Councillors – three for Valley Ward and three for Harestone Ward. They are all Caterham Valley residents who are committed to serving their community.

The Parish Council is working closely with Church Walk and Croydon Road traders to ensure the shopping experience for residents is more cohesive. The Parish Council has been able to negotiate for the new Christmas lights and be involved in the town centre improvement schemes amongst various other projects.

The switching on of the Christmas lights in Church Walk and Croydon Road is being performed on Friday 23rd November. As many traders as possible will stay open late that evening to allow shoppers the opportunity to undertake some Christmas shopping.

## COUNCILLORS FOR HARESTONE WARD

**MARGARET DEAN**



Margaret has been a resident of Caterham for the past 15 years, and a Parish Councillor for four years. She and her husband run their business from their Caterham base. Margaret's son went to de Stafford College and this resulted in her having a keen interest in helping in any way that she can to ensure that all our local schools continue to improve. Margaret is passionate about the Green Belt and feels it is sacrosanct. Margaret strongly believes that future development in Caterham should be limited to only what is needed for the people of Caterham and not what is requested by the developers.

**JACKIE SERVANT**



Jackie Servant has lived in Caterham for over 40 years and was elected as a Parish Councillor four years ago. Her three children attended local schools, and two still live in Caterham. Jackie is a retired midwife and is now a trustee of the Le Personne almshouses and an active member of several other local organisations. She says: "As a Parish Councillor, I've enjoyed the last four years as this has enabled me to represent residents' views on inappropriate planning issues, and get involved in local community projects that the Parish Council supports. The town has seen improvements recently, but more needs to be done".

**MICK LINCOLN**



Mick is Chairman of Caterham Valley Parish Council and has lived in Caterham for many years and runs a business here as well. Mick has served on the Parish Council for the last four years, having initially become involved because of his deep concerns with the overdevelopment of our area.

Mick remembers when we had the Soper Hall gardens to enjoy and the free public car park to use; something has to be done to keep the few remaining amenities.

## COUNCILLORS FOR VALLEY WARD

**PETER ROBERTS**



Peter has lived in Caterham Valley for 18 years where he has brought up his family. He is a freelance iOS app developer and trainer.

Peter has run campaigns to change road layouts, have lighting and litter bins replaced, hand rails fixed and planning applications stopped, as well as removing graffiti. He stood as a councillor as he felt that Caterham was slowly declining from where it had been ten years ago. Peter feels that decline is not inevitable and can be reversed if the people of the Valley work together.

Peter would like the Parish Council to have a very active role in the Valley. He wants to get the various interests in the Valley to work together so that their resources can be more effectively used. Also he will oppose unscrupulous development, campaign for better services, and stand up for Caterham residents and business interests.

**MARK JONES**



Mark is Vice Chairman of Caterham Valley Parish Council. Mark lives in Stafford Road and has worked in Caterham for 11 years. He has been involved in many community initiatives – the deFest music festival, the Caterham Festival and Ridge Radio to name just a few. He was also involved with the start of Street youth centre. He is a parent-governor at Marden Lodge School.

Mark recently won a Tandridge Chairman's Recognition Award presented by the East Surrey MP Sam Gyimah for founding Ridge Radio. He has a deep commitment to making Caterham a better place to live. Mark says: "I love Caterham and I love the community feel of Caterham".

Mark is a father of three children attending local primary and secondary schools and believes that local schools should be for local children and of course, local jobs for local people.

**JENNY GAFFNEY**



Jenny Gaffney has lived in Caterham Valley for 15 years and is secretary of the Downlands Trust. She is an enthusiastic supporter of the town and its economy and believes that Caterham will thrive if its residents support the local shops and events. She supports the regeneration of Caterham, but feels a lot of recent development has been out of step with what Caterham needs. She has been a vocal campaigner to get better building developments in Caterham. With Jackie Servant, Jenny is representing Caterham Valley on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee with Caterham on the Hill, Chaldon and Whyteleafe. Jenny believes that the Parish Council should work with local residents and have a real input into what happens locally.

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Gifford Wright and his Singer outside the Savoy Hotel with Chief Doorman, Tony, who was in charge of the car during its stay.

Gifford Wright from Caterham is the proud owner of the 1.5 litre Singer le Mans that won Olympic gold at the Berlin Games in 1936. During London 2012 the car took pride of place at the Savoy Hotel as part of the hotel's Olympic celebrations.

Gifford said: "I wrote to Seb Coe to ask if he would like the car to feature at the Games but was very disappointed that he turned down my request. It seemed such a shame as the car is the only automotive winner of an Olympic gold medal and is an iconic piece of Olympic and British motoring history."

In 1936 Elizabeth Haig took part in the 2,000-mile-cross-Europe Olympic Rally, the only Briton in 125 entrants. They were the first car to finish, beating the pride of the German automotive industry!



Phil tries out the starting blocks at the Olympic stadium for size.

Phil Charrington has been playing a vital role in the athletics stadium during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. As a Games Maker, he has been part of a team making sure that all the athletics events ran smoothly. One of his main duties has been to help make sure the hurdles were all in place in time for the races.

Phil said: "It was great fun but I got a bit nervous sometimes. On the last Friday of the main Games I was putting up and taking down hurdles for the 100m mens semi-final, the 400m ladies final and then the 110m mens final which meant rushing from one side of the track to the other to make sure the hurdles were in the correct position for each race. It could have been disastrous if we made a mistake!"

Phil has a unique souvenir of the event, a damaged hurdle cross-bar that was given to him after one of the races.

# LONDON Olympic Games Remen

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The Paralympic Beacon on Westway Common with lanterns in the foreground spelling out '2012'. About 200 people attended the impromptu event organised by Andy Parr. Photo by Mike Stephens.

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Andy Parr, far right, with his fellow 'vicars' before the Closing Ceremony.

Andy Parr has had a busy schedule throughout the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games as a volunteer 'Location Manager' at Gatwick Airport while also rehearsing for his role as a vicar in the Closing Ceremony! Andy said: "It has been great fun working at Gatwick, there are so many great ambassadors I have been working with. We get so many positive comments from people from all over the world." Andy described the Closing Ceremony as one of the best experiences of his life. "We had a practice in the afternoon then in the evening we could hear 80,000 people screaming: 'Five, four, three, two, one!' then we were on show in front of everyone in the stadium and millions watching on TV! It was fantastic. Closer to home Andy has been busy putting a display of Olympic Rings at the top of Church Hill in Caterham and on Monday 27th August he re-lit the beacon on Westway Common to celebrate the Paralympic Games.



The Olympic display at the top of Church Hill in Caterham celebrating the success of Team GB.



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## Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

Now is the time I take stock of the garden (before wind, hail and rain, if possible). Any gaps mean a trip to the garden centre and taking a photo of the border beforehand to take along makes choosing easier. I like to get perennials, shrubs or climbers so that area will look good next year too. I try to have a garden for all seasons, and if a shrub is out of flower I grow a clematis through it (about 6-8ft, as you don't want to smother everything). The Hydrangeas are living up to their early promise and are a gorgeous deep blue in the back garden and lilac in the front. There are so many different types, but Annabel which has enormous white flowers, is definitely my favourite, and most reliable. If she has one fault, and I have learnt the



hard way, it's that she can flop and break at the first sign of bad weather. We have made a support for her using builder's reinforcing grid, which is unbelievably versatile. It also covers the ponds whilst the grandchildren are small, acts as a fence to keep deer out, is painted and placed on top of the pergola and made into obelisks to support our many climbers. Of course it is also used to reinforce the patio, which is what it is designed for, as it keeps everything in place and strengthens the concrete. Handling the grid is a nightmare, but once in place it is great.

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by Alec Herbert

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2. Golden girl Jessica Ennis is from which Northern city?
3. Team GB won their first gold medal on day four, in which sport?
4. In which sport did Team GB win the largest percentage of its gold medals?
5. Which 54 year old was appearing at his sixth Olympic Games and won his first gold medal?

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## Horticultural Society shows off summer produce

by Emma Berry

A taste of summer came to town when The Caterham and District Horticultural Society held their Annual Summer Show on Saturday 7th July. The show at Hillcroft School, Chaldon Road, Caterham exhibited a wide range of home-made and home-grown produce including flowers, vegetables and cakes as well as a display of artwork. The event was very well attended, with people of all ages turning up to admire the displays and enjoy the refreshments before the presentation of cups and awards. After the awards the produce was auctioned off to raise money for the Society.

Barbara Hoosen, Honorary Secretary of the Society said: "The show has gone really well and the cookery entries and hanging baskets are especially good. The Brownies entered for the first time this year and their



The Brownies' model of the River Thames.  
Photo by Emma Berry.

table display is so good that it will be going on display in the library after the show." Jacky Hughes, Vice Chairman of the Society said: "There's been a good turnout and a very high standard of entries. We've also had lots more people coming to see their own entries on display, which is nice."

Preparations are now under way for the Autumn Show on Saturday 8th September which could be the Society's



A prize-winning display of begonias.  
Photo by Emma Berry.

last show. Society member, Helen Mouldsley, explained: "We are delighted that the Summer Show was so well supported by entrants and by the general public. However, the Autumn Show may be our last for a while as we urgently need more helpers for the shows and our other activities." If you would like more information about Caterham Horticultural Society please contact Helen Mouldsley on 01883 340093 or via the website at [www.caterhamdistricthorticulturalsoc.weebly.com](http://www.caterhamdistricthorticulturalsoc.weebly.com).

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will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Surrey, West Kent and South London areas and Chris is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success.

He says: "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I have done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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## Eating Out

### Come on up to 'La Fiaba del Mediterraneo'!

Review by Julia Church

'La Fiaba' restaurant in Caterham Valley has moved to the High Street in Caterham-on-the-Hill and been re-named 'La Fiaba del Mediterraneo'. Front of house you will find Paul Falkner who has teamed up with Costa and Francesco to help make the transition to the new location a resounding success. My friend Jill and I went along there recently and immediately felt at home in its friendly, relaxed atmosphere. As we browsed the menu we were given a complimentary bowl of olives to enjoy with our pre-dinner drinks, a lovely touch.

The restaurant was already busy with a large party out celebrating and people were also seated outside the restaurant enjoying the warm summer evening. Jill chose 'Bianchetti Fritti' (whitebait) from the selection of 'Starters and Tapas' and I chose one of the day's specials, the 'Funghi al Aglio' (garlic mushrooms) which came in a lovely sauce made with cream, garlic, white wine, a touch of Parmesan and herbs. Jill said her generous portion of whitebait had a 'real sea flavour' and I could see exactly what she meant when I



tasted some myself.

The food is very reasonably priced with a good choice of freshly prepared pasta, pizza, fish and meat dishes. I chose the 'Risotto Di Mare' (Italian rice cooked with seafood) and Jill had one of the specials, the 'Sirloin Steak' with peppercorn sauce and fresh vegetables.

Both our meals were gorgeous. Jill's steak was beautifully tender and my risotto was full of tasty mussels, prawns and squid.

The finishing touch was literally la crème de la crème with Paul recommending we have a 'San Pedro'. He discovered this wicked drink/dessert in South Africa which he said was too good not to bring back! It is his speciality, made from whipped vanilla ice cream and double cream, vanilla liqueur, 16-18 year-old single malt whisky and Galliano drunk through a straw from a large wine glass. Sumptuous! You will not find it on the menu - just ask Paul. Don't miss their September special offer - see their advert for details.



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Scott with his coach, Master Dean Gibbs. before the competition and his extra fitness shone through." Scott, who is a green belt in Taekwondo, is coached by Master Dean Gibbs at Chung Yong Taekwondo club based at Oakhyrst Grange School in Caterham-on-the-Hill.

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Two years ago, I passed my Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and now I am currently doing my Gold Duke of Edinburgh. Employers really need to give a huge thought about giving a certain individual out there a job. I don't think it is fair that so many people with special needs don't get any jobs. I just wish that lots of employers out there give individuals with special needs a job!

Anna Holder, Caterham.

### Thank you

On behalf of Cancer Research UK I'd like to add my thanks and congratulations to United Grab Hire for their amazing achievement in raising £12,056 for us from their Golf Day and Ball, as featured in your August issue.

Don Davis, Chairman,  
Cancer Research UK  
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### Free Bridge Taster Sessions

A free Bridge taster session is being held at Caterham Bowling Club, Queen's Park Road, Caterham on Monday 17th September at 10.00am and at the Sanderstead Methodist Church, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead on Thursday 27th September at 4.15pm. For more information call Tony on 01883 730304.

### RSPB Talk

At 8pm on Wednesday 12th September, East Surrey RSPB is holding a talk at the White Hart Barn in Godstone, entitled 'Memoirs of an Orchid Twitcher' by David Johnson, an autobiography of one man's search for all British

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The Surrey Memory Walk is taking place in Godstone on Sunday 16th September to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. To sign up for the walk visit [memorywalk.org.uk](http://memorywalk.org.uk) or call 0870 417 0192.

### Tandridge Photographic Society

At 8.15pm on Thursday 13th September The Tandridge Photographic Society starts its new season with an Open Evening and Programme Review. The meeting will take place at its new venue at the White Hart Barn adjacent to the White Hart Pub in Godstone. Entry is £3 for visitors.

[www.tandridgephotographicsociety.org.uk](http://www.tandridgephotographicsociety.org.uk)

### Horticultural Society Show

The Caterham and District Horticultural Society is holding its Autumn Show on Saturday 8th September at Hillcroft School, Chaldon Road, Caterham starting at 2.30pm with presentation of cups and medals at 4.30pm. Refreshments will



Netherne Hospital.

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[www.caterhamhorticultural-soc.weebly.com](http://www.caterhamhorticultural-soc.weebly.com)

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A sponsored walk in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care is taking place on Sunday 23rd September. Start any time between 9.30am and 11.30am from The Fox Pub, Old Fox Lane, Old Coulsdon CR3 5QS. There is a choice of two walks of three miles or seven miles. Entry fee is £10 for adults, £5 for children under 16. To enter

visit [www.happyvalley-walk.org.uk](http://www.happyvalley-walk.org.uk) or call 07783 763526.

### Netherne Staff Reunion

A reunion of staff who worked at Netherne Hospital (pictured above) is taking place on Wednesday 5th September from 1.30pm onwards at the new Netherne cricket pavilion. There will be limited parking at the rear of the pavilion. Please bring a chair, a picnic and any old photos you may have of when the hospital was open.

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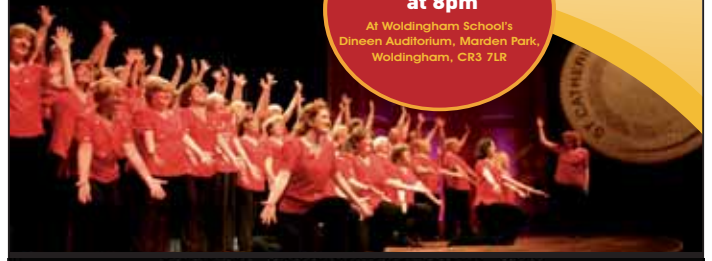


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by Jenny Morgan

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Under our young enthusiastic conductor, Adam Assen, we sing both classical and contemporary repertoire. We hold three concerts a year, as well as a workshop in February. In 2012 we attracted 130 people to the event to sing Karl Jenkins' Armed Man. We also take part in charity events such as singing in a local residential home and we look

forward to carol singing in the Whitgift Centre this year. From time to time, we arrange overseas tours, this year's tour taking us on a spring visit to the Netherlands.

In September 2012, the Downland Chorale is very pleased to be hosting a free Learn to Sing course. Sponsored by Making Music, the six week course, managed and run by the British Association of Barbershop Singers in partnership with Choir of the Year is designed to encourage more people, both young and old to take up singing. It is aimed at both newcomers and those who have not sung for a while. The six week course

will take place at St John's Church, Canons Hill, Old Coulsdon CR5 1HA from 8pm until 9.30pm and begins on 17th September. You can register online now at:

[www.learnintosingsurrey.co.uk](http://www.learnintosingsurrey.co.uk) or telephone 07729 618226.

There is no better time to consider a return to choral singing or to embark for the first time on this enjoyable pastime. The ability to read music is useful but not initially essential; more important is a willingness to learn, with support from choir members.

At the end of the course, the Downland Chorale would be delighted to welcome new singers, particularly altos, tenors and basses.

Further information about the choir is available on our website - [www.downlandchorale.org.uk](http://www.downlandchorale.org.uk) or from our chairperson, Anne on 01737 550143.

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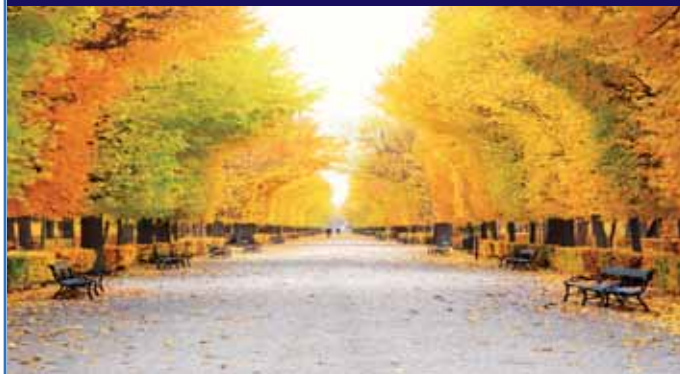
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