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Google experts come to Caterham

On Friday 7th December the Soper Hall in Caterham hosted a fantastic event for local businesses when the 'Google Juice Bar' team came to town. The event was organised by Sam Gyimah MP as part of his Getting British Businesses Online campaign. The Google experts spent the day giving free one to one sessions for business owners on how to get online and build up their web presence.

Almost thirty businesses were able to attend,

including a website designer, online shoe retailer, electrical outfitter and even a local school. Attendees were advised on a wide variety of topics such as how to set up a website, effectively make use of social media, and even optimise web pages to improve search engine hits.

Sam Gyimah said: "These sessions offer a great opportunity for local businesses whether they are well-established online or thinking about setting up a website for the first

time. With the £32.8 million contract announced in September between Surrey County Council and BT to rollout superfast broadband across the county, this is an exciting time for local businesses and a chance for our area to become one the best-connected parts of the country. My thanks to Google for putting on this event, and to Chris Windridge, Chair-man of A Better Caterham and founder of the Fast Fibre Hubs project, for all his tireless work to support this event."

See the centre pages for more events held at the Soper Hall recently.



Sam Gyimah MP at the Google event with a local businesswoman and a member of the Google Juice Bar team. Photo by Charlotte Jacobs.

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Residents invited to have their say over future of Rose & Young

Local residents are being invited to consider four different options for the regeneration of the old Rose & Young showroom in Croydon Road, Caterham Valley. At an exhibition being held at the Soper Hall in Harestone Valley Road by Urban Designers, Kember Loudon Williams LLP (KLW), the four potential schemes will be on display showing a) Commercial re-use of the site; b) Mix of commercial, retail and residential; c) Large scale retail only and d) Small scale retail with residential.

After reviewing all the comments received during the exhibition and making revisions to their proposals, if

necessary, KLW hope to submit a full planning application this spring.

Head of Planning at Tandridge District Council, Piers Mason, is encouraged by the news of the exhibition. He said: "I think this means we are getting somewhere at last. have been putting pressure on the owner of the site with the Section 215 Order that requires him to clean up the site or demolish it by \dot{h} the end of February. I think this is what has brought him to the table with proper architects and planning consultants effectively trying to deliver a viable scheme.

"The owner of the site knows that the council's interest in getting the site redeveloped is not going to go away and we are pressing for something to happen. The Rose & Young site is so high on my list of corporate objectives - we will be keeping a very close eye on it.'

In the meantime, local resident, John Harvey, has launched an online petition to urge Tandridge District Council to demolish the Rose & Young building if the owner fails to meet the deadline to clean up the site or demolish the building to meet the requirements of the Section 215 Order. To sign the online petition go http://petitions.tandridge.gov.uk/DemolishRY/ before 31st January 2013. The exhibition at the Soper Hall will be open on Monday 14th January between 1pm-5pm and Tuesday 15th January between 4pm

and 7pm. The event will be

attended by professionals

who have been working on

the project who will be able

to answer any questions.

Please send your views about the future of the Rose & Young building to editor@caterham -independent.co.uk for publication in the February edition.



The Rose & Young building in Croydon Road, Caterham. Photo by Simon Flatt.



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Loved ones remembered at All Saints' Church, Warlingham.

On Thursday 6th December All Saints' Church in Warlingham was the venue for a Christmas Memorial Service sponsored by Pinks Funeral Directors.

The service was conducted by Reverend Michelle Edmonds and Lav Reader Mark Lanyon.

The congregation sang Christmas carols and listened to readings, including a beautiful poem entitled 'Christmas Without You' read by Civil Funeral Celebrant, Jenny Gibbs. Richard D Van-Nes Ostj went on to read 'The Candle Prayer'. The service continued with prayers, quiet reflection time and the singing of more carols.

At the end of the service the members of the congregation had the opportunity to light candles and place messages on the Memorial Christmas Tree in memory of their loved ones before enjoying refreshments in the vestry.



Richard Van-Nes Osti reading a prayer during the service.



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Woldingham by Charlotte Jacobs

Before going off to study Animal Biology for three vears at Gloucestershire University, Robert Sel-don had a Saturday job at H20 Habitat, the aquatics shop in Knights Garden Centre in Woldingham.

Now a graduate, Robert has returned to Woldingham and taken over the aquatics centre, updated the layout of the shop and brought in 11 different species of tropical fish, all in the last two months!

Robert has many innovative ideas for the business. He said: "Many people have asked if I can help them set up their tanks and help with maintenance. I have decided that next year I will close the shop on

range of tanks in all different shapes and sizes as well as plants, ornaments, filters, tropical and freshwater fish. They also sell fish food and pond food.

H2O Habitat is currently having a pre-season pond goods sale. All special offers and events can be seen on their website www.h2ohabitat.co.uk. Alternatively contact Robert at H2O Habitat on 01883 652777.



'H20 Habitat'. Photo by Charlotte Jacobs.

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A Continental flavour for Clifton Hill's Christmas Market

by Caroline Radford

On Tuesday 4th December the students and staff at Clifton Hill School in Caterham-on-the-Hill set up their very own Christmas Market with a continental theme. Stalls included German hot dogs and stollen, French cheese and biscuits and a special mulled punch. There were also some

lovely activity stalls where the students could go and make a decorated ginger biscuit, a sock snowman or traditional Christmas cards. The students were given two tokens each and could choose which stalls they wanted to spend them on. The event went really well and was enjoyed by the students immensely.



Clifton Hill students, Beanie, Tom and Georgie, with their handmade Christmas cards.







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Brave Peter hobbles 26.2 miles to raise money for cancer charity

The President of Caterham Rotary Club, Peter Georgiades, completed the 26.2 mile Florence Marathon recently in aid of the South East Cancer Help Centre in Purley despite being diagnosed with severe achilles tendonitis a week before. Speaking after the marathon in November Peter said: "As I ran over the start line I felt as though someone was trying to hammer a nail through my foot. However I was determined to persevere. I got used to the pain and hobbled along for five and a half hours. To my wife Gail's disappointment I managed to survive!"

Peter aims to raise £2,620 for the cancer help centre that started up in 1983. The centre started off in a small home in Caterham. However, in order to accommodate the growing numbers of attendants the centre is now located in the Gatehouse of the old waterworks in Purley. The centre brings cancer patients together allowing them to provide emotional support for each other whilst undergoing treatment or



Peter Georgiades wearing his Florence Marathon medal.

following the diagnosis of cancer. During his time as President of Caterham Rotary some of Peter's other objectives are to organise a Caterham half marathon to raise up to £100k for Shooting Star Chase, a Surrey children's hospice. He also wants to work closer with Harestone, Oxted and Titsey Rotary clubs and attract younger members to Rotary.

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Marital Status: Married for over 40 years.

Children: Three grown up sons - Scott 40, Ryan 35 and Grant 31 and three grandchildren by Scott.

Cars: Audi A8.

Pets: None.

Childhood hero: King Constantine of Greece.

Favourite Food & Drink: Grilled fish; Beer and red wine.

Pastimes: Entertaining my grandchildren; Rotary involvement especially in organising fundraising events and taking part in district sports; running, cycling and swimming; learn-



ing foreign languages.

Likes: My work and working with people.

Dislikes: Rudeness and lack of consideration for others.

Favourite TV Shows: 'Only Fools and Horses' and 'Drop the Dead Donkey'.

Favourite books: John Grisham novels written in foreign languages (French, Spanish, Italian, German, Russian etc.)

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

Favourite song of all time: 'That's Amore' by Dean Martin.

Favourite holiday destination: Anywhere warm and sunny with sandy beaches.

Biggest influence on your life: My army training as an officer getting me accustomed to substantial responsibility at the age of

Proudest moment: Becoming a father and second proudest becoming grandfather.

Most embarrassing moment: Coming last by far in a father and son swimming

Where would you most like to live? Near my children and grandchildren.

Who would you most like to meet?

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If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it? I would give it all away to my children and some to charity.



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Lily Anna Merritt was a beautiful little girl and despite being given days to live, she graced this world with eight months of life. The Lily Foundation was built on Lily's strength and inspired by her fighting spirit. It was founded to give hope, answers and support to the many other children and families that face the challenges of Mitochondrial Disease for which there is no treatment or cure. One of the organisers of the Bunny Fun Run, Richard York, said: "The Lily Foundation is a fantastic charity. However runners can also get sponsorship

for whatever charity they choose. We encourage charities to put together their own teams to take part in the race and raise funds.

Last year both the 1st Caterham Scouts and the Sutton & Croydon MS Therapy Centre put in teams and raised about £2,000 each, having great fun doing it.

Richard said: "We saw over 400 participants enjoy excellent weather and a party atmosphere in Queen's Park last vear. Come and join us in 2013 and help increase the £15,000 donated to charity so far."

The theme is Easter Bunnies and many competitors in the 1k and some in the 5k dress up in a wide variety of Bunny outfits. The 1k run is mostly in the park and along Wood Lane with no roads to cross and marshals at each turn. The 5k race is over an undulating course of grass, pathway and track through Chaldon and Caterham-on-the-Hill and while the last competitors came in hand in hand munching biscuits after well over an hour the course record is 17 minutes 19 seconds. Can you The Chair of Tandridge District Council, Sakina Bradbury, will be attending to start the runs and present the prizes.

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A registration form and fee is required for each runner to reserve a place at the start of the race and a finisher's egg. The registration fee (non refundable) is £5 for the 5k race and £2.50 for the 1k run. Registration taken out on the day is double the pre registration cost. Enter online or by using the form below. You can request extra forms via www.rotaryruns. co.uk, by email request to rotaryruns@gmail.com, by post from 'Rotary Runs', Queen's Park Road, Caterham, CR3 5RB or by telephone during business hours from The Caterham and District Independent on 01883 346641.

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Hannah Killick (left) and Ellen Berry, both aged 12, at last year's Bunny Fun Run.

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Star Stepping out for charity

In the run up to Christmas, local children put on their pyjamas and managed to raise £246.00 for the charity DEBRA, who offer support to those affected by the genetic skin blistering condition Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). The money received by DEBRA goes towards caring for those with EB and also supports research into developing effective treatments.

All the members of Star Steppers classes in Caterham, Reigate, Cheam, Stoneleigh and Oxshott came to class in their pyjamas and generously donated money to

Hannah Everitt, one of the directors of Star Steppers said:
"It was a lot of fun! There was a wide array of wonderful nightwear - from bunny-suits to Spiderman pyjamas. It was great to do something a bit different to make a difference."

To find out more about DEBRA or to make a donation please visit www.debra.org. uk and for more information about Star Steppers dance, drama and singing classes please contact Anna and Hannah on 07445 030500, e-mail info@star-steppers.com or visit the website www.star-steppers.com



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A Christmas Carol



in Merstham On Wednesday 5th December the shops stayed open late in Merstham for their traditional Dickensian Fayre.

The smell of mulled wine, roasted chestnuts and mince pies filled the air while children from Merstham Primary School sang carols to get everyone into the Christmas spirit. The Mayor of Reigate and Banstead, Roger Newstead and his wife Mary were the guests of honour.

One of the organisers, Jacqui Wills, owner of 'The Salon' said: "We are very grateful to the shopkeepers for their generous raffle prize donations and to Shanley Homes, Bellway Homes and The Feathers pub for their kind sponorship, as well as Councillor Frank Kelly who has been very helpful.

"All the proceeds from this evening will be going to Cancer Research."



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Jacqui Wills, owner of 'The Salon' and Richard Haines, owner of 'Antiquites'.



Santa in his grotto in 'Potters Music Shop'.



Children from Merstham Primary School singing carols to entertain the shoppers.

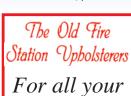


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Whyteleafe Events Committee raises thousands for Help for Heroes

On Monday 17th December the Whyteleafe Events Committee celebrated Christmas at Costa del Sol Spanish restaurant in Whyteleafe. The Committee was also celebrating raising a total of £5,276.50 for Help for Heroes from the proceeds of the Fun Day held in Whyteleafe Recreation Ground on Sunday 16th September.

Tandridge District Councillor and Whyteleafe Village Councillor Tom Dempsey said: Fun Day was a marvellous achievement for the Events Committee and I hope there will be many more events in the New Year. When times are tough the people of Whyteleafe have still come out and given a resounding 'yes' to the Armed Forces. Thank you very much to everyone who helped make the Fun Day such a fantastic success.



From left: Surrey County Councillor Sally Marks, Col John Lowndes, Mr George Gadd and Landlord of the Whyteleafe Tavern, Cllr Tom Dempsey at the Costa del Sol restaurant.



From left: Sister Penny Morgan, Draw Promotor Ken Rawson and League of Friends Committee Member Anthea Gower.

The League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital announce winners of **Grand Draw**

On Saturday 15th December the League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital invited Sister Penny Morgan to pick the winners of their annual Grand Draw, which raised £880 for the charity. The first prize winner was M. Bruce who won £300. The second prize winner was I. Schofield who won £200 and the third prize winner was A. Lund who won a Hornby Train Set.

All the money raised will go into the League of Friends' fund to buy specialist equipment for the Caterham Dene Hospital. If you would like to be a member of the League of Friends (Annual membership is £5) please contact Anthea Gowar 01883 342270.



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Singer, John Lazenby.

The Soper Hall in Caterham Valley, now owned by the community and run by the Soper Hall Community Centre Ltd. hosted a diverse range of events in December. In addition to the Google event for local businesses, featured on the front page, the building also hosted a traditional Christmas Fair and a Volunteer Fair.

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day. The entertainment was provided by an 80-strong Rock Choir, The Biggin Hill Concert Band, local singer John Lazenby and Ridge Radio. 'Spot the Hog' served freshly cooked food, the Whyteleafe Tavern offered festive mulled wine and Tandridge Trust provided the teas and coffees.

With roast chestnuts and controlled snowfall everybody was in festive mood as the Vice Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Beverley Connolly opened the Fair supported by Caterham Town Crier, Sonia Hunt.

Afterwards, Soper Hall Manager Tony Blyth said: "It was good to see so many smiling faces and the community enjoying themselves!"

On Wednesday 5th December volunteer groups from across Tandridge set up their stalls in the Soper Hall for a Volunteer Fair organised by the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Sakina Bradbury supported by Tandridge Voluntary Service Council ('TVSC'). Some of the local voluntary organisations looking to recruit volunteers at the event were East Surrey Museum, Whyteleafe Helping Hands, Community First Responders, The Samaritans, Cruse Be-



Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Sakina Bradbury with members of Whyteleafe Helping Hands at the Volunteer Event.

reavement Care, the Royal Air Force, East Surrey Carers Support Association and East Surrey Community Mediation. The event was also held at the Hurst Green Community Centre on 4th December and Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre on 6th December.

Clir. Bradbury said: "For many people finding the time to volunteer or being prepared to commit to a long term project is difficult, but whatever time, skills and experience you have, there is always something you can do to make a difference. It's a great way to meet new people, as well as learn new skills."

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Look who visited Ridge Radio!

by Charlotte Jacobs

Friday 7th December marked a special day for Radio presenter Roger Easter. Father Christmas took time out of his busy Christmas schedule to talk to Roger on his morning radio show. Roger asked Father Christmas where he will be meeting children and how they should behave if they would like Christmas gifts.

Whilst on the show Father Christmas told children: "You must be good if you want Christmas presents. Also you must go to sleep early because I cannot deliver your presents whilst you are awake."

Father Christmas Christmas wishes to some local children who had written in to the show. He also asked if children could leave out some carrots for his hard working reindeer.

In the week of Monday 10th December, Caterham Rotary Club and Father Christmas went around the local streets with their Christmas float to raise money for local charities and allow Father Christmas to meet some of the children who had sent him Christmas lists and check whether they should be on the good or naughty list!



Father Christmas at Ridge Radio. Photo by Charlotte Jacobs.

Polish community celebrates the arrival of Santa



Mr and Mrs Steele with their children Mel and Nathan with Santa and his little helper.

According to Polish tradition, 'St. Nicholas' comes to visit children on 6th December so the Polish Community in Caterham held a children's Christmas party in the Community Centre, Caterham-on-the-Hill on Saturday 8th December to celebrate his arrival.

One of the organisers, Alexsandra Cybulska-Mad-docks said: "The party was a great success and everyone was in good spirits and we had a visit from Santa with presents for the children. A big 'thank you' to Ridge Radio for lending us a music system!"

What's On

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 in the Community Centre, High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill at 7.30pm on Saturday 26th January. Entry costs £10 to include wine tasters and nibbles. For more information and to book tickets call Geraint Jenkins on 01959 564772.

RSPB Talk

The East Surrey branch of the RSPB are holding a talk at 8pm on Wednesday 9th January at The White Hart Barn in Godstone. The talk is entitled: 'The Long Journey North' by Danny Green. A lavish Audio Video show from some of the remotest parts of Northern Europe, including Scotland, Finland, Iceland and Svalbard will be featured. The fee is £3 for adults and £1 for children. All welcome.

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Munch with Music

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Eating Out

The Carvery at The Village Inn the perfect winter warmer

Review by Julia Church

The Sunday Carvery at The Village Inn in Coulsdon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill re-opened recently after a temporary closure, and my son John and I went along for a relaxing meal in its own for £9.95 (£6.95 for chilfestive preparations.

As it was a special occasion we decided to have a starter before up my street!"

John decided to have the Soup of the Day which was Brocolli and Brie, one of his favourites, and I chose the Whitebait with who don't wish to have the My starter - Whitebait with garlic and lemon mayonnaise. Both starters were home-made and both tasted very good. My and hot, and the dressing was perfect. John's soup was nice and thick and came with buttered crusty bread. The other choices for starters were duck and liver paté and prawn cocktail.

Diners can have the carvery on



The Carvery at The Village Inn.

the midst of all the last minute dren) which would be plenty. When we went up to the carvery we both had turkey, pork and beef along with crackling, a Yorkthe carvery. The choice of shire pudding, stuffing and a starters was, John said: "right lovely selection of freshly cooked vegetables. Their honey-glazed parsnips are a speciality and one of our family favourites!

There are other choices for those carvery, including Lasagne, Chille garlic and lemon mayonnaise. Con Carne and Scampi.

Whitebait was lovely and crispy but they had a mouthwatering selection of traditional favourites on the menu including Pecan Pie, Apple Crumble, Rich Chocolate Cheesecake and Eton Mess,

Throughout our visit the service was excellent and the atmosphere was warm and welcoming.



We could not manage dessert During the remainder of the week The Village Inn serves traditional, home-cooked pub food at very reasonable prices but due to popular demand the carvery is now also available on Thursday evenings.

For more information and to book a table call 01883 341871.

Win a meal for two and a bottle of wine at The Village Inn Carvery

Janine, Simon and Brian of The Village Inn Carvery would like to celebrate the New Year by offering a Carvery meal for two and a bottle of wine as a competition prize! To enter the competition, simply read Julia's review and answer the following question:

The Village Inn Sunday Carvery is so popular it is now also available on which evening of the week?
a) Tuesdays; b) Wednesdays; c) Thursdays.

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Danny Saadany

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- In which country is Aladdin traditionally set?
- 3. What is the name of the cow taken to market by Jack in Jack and the Beanstalk?
- 4. In which pantomime is the first scene usually set in the kitchen of Hardup Hall, sometimes known as Stoneybroke Castle?
- Which former England cricket captain appeared in Cinderella at the London Palladium in the nineties?

5. Ian Botham, 2. China; 3. Daisy (Traditionally); 4. Cinderella; 1. Dick Whittington;

Rayners Christmas Hamper won by Warlingham resident



Rayners are delighted to announce that the winner of this year's Christmas Hamper is Warlingham resident Angela Berry. Entry forms were given out at the Christmas lights ceremonies on the 23rd and 24th of November at Caterham and Warlingham along with Rayners balloons for children. The £100 John Lewis 'Sparkle' Hamper was presented to Angela by Peter Gottelier, Managing Director of Rayners at the Warlingham branch (pictured above) on Monday 3rd December.

Whyteleafe FC

by Adam Wilmott

Leafe continued to enjoy an upturn in form and have been on an impressive unbeaten run in the Hurlimann Kent Premier League. The final game of November saw a 2-2 draw at home to Corinthian, Leafe fighting back from 2-1 down to claim a late equaliser. December opened with the longest trip of the season to Deal Town. Despite missing a first half penalty, Leafe ended the match comfortable 3-0 victors, in a game which saw Deal reduced to nine men. Leafe's unbeaten league run was stretched to seven games when they travelled to Corinthian and were able to see off their opponents with a 2-1 victory, thanks to a goal apiece from Dos Santos and Ferdinando. The eagerly anticipated home game against unbeaten league leaders Erith Town, scheduled on the 15th December, was unfortunately postponed following a pitch inspection. The referee deemed the pitch unplayable following heavy overnight rain and the fixture will now be replayed at a later date.



Leafe's Surrey Senior Cup campaign ended at the first hurdle as they lost 5-2 away at Sutton United of the Conference South. introduction of younger players graduating from the successful youth team has added energy and encouragement with good competition for places.

Leafe currently sit third in the table, nine points adrift of leaders Erith Town but having played three games more. Home games in January are scheduled on Saturday 12th vs Sevenoaks Town and Saturday 26th vs Rochester United

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Local Walks -Marden Park

by Ruth Sear

Marden Park in Woldingham has areas accessible to the public although part of it, Woldingham School, is obviously out of bounds. It is delightful to wander through the fields and woods of the Park. You are rewarded with stunning views in this beautiful and peaceful area. Park at Woldingham Station, or at the nearby public car park in

Woldingham Road, or in Church Road. From the latter road cross the railway bridge then proceed south to the Great Church Wood Nature Reserve. Extend the walk by crossing Gangers Hill to the Woldingham Nature Reserve and Hanging Reserve. Wood Nature When returning home take the footpath at the rear of Woldingham School that leads past Marden Park Farm, then cross over the railway bridge and join Church Road. The mileage can be varied, but six miles is probably the maximum

described here.

You can extend your walk to Marden Park from Manor Park in Whyteleafe, near Burntwood Lane. Enter the pedestrian walkway of Wapses Lodge roundabout and take the exit for Woldingham Road. Before the viaduct, walk to the driveway that leads to Woldingham School, but take the left turning to Marden Park Farm. This will add a further two miles to your walk in the Park.

Refreshments are available in Knight's Garden Centre in Woldingham Road.



Marden Park, Woldingham. Photograph by Ruth Sear.



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