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Businesses count the cost of the flood by Julia Church

As the country slowly recovers from the worst floods in living memory, businesses in Whyteleafe, Kenley and Woldingham are counting the cost of the local damage caused by the flooding of the Bourne River.

At its height, the flood water, contaminated with sewage, was spilling into commercial premises along the A22, Godstone Road, and the road had to be closed for six weeks, causing traffic chaos. In order to alleviate the flooding in Whyteleafe and protect the water treatment works in Kenley, huge dams were built in Woldingham to hold the water back in temporary lagoons. The combination of flooding and engineering works resulted in the closure of the Woldingham Road in addition to the A22.

One of the Woldingham businesses affected by the closure of the Woldingham Road was Knights Garden Centre, that had been gearing up for what should be its busiest time of the year. Owner of Knights Garden Centre, David Knight, said: "We have been on this site for 43 years and we employed 47 people but because of the flood we

have had to make two redundances and shorten the working hours for our other staff. We will survive, but we have to build the business back up again."

Mr Knight said that the road signage during the closure has not helped matters.

"Our customers can still get to us via Bug Hill in Warlingham but Surrey Highways put a 'Road Ahead Closed' sign at the top of Bug Hill, which was misleading. In the end we put up our own signs saying that access is still possible to Knights Garden Centre, which has helped things. We are also doing superb 'Road Closed' offers for the customers who have made the effort to get here."



Open for business! Owner of Knights Garden Centre in Woldingham. David Knight, with Julie Cahillane (left) and Vicky Dver.

"We lost a lot of customers but we are being positive. People need to support their local businesses."

Steve Cottrell, Premier Heating, Whyteleafe.









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Businesses count the cost of the flood

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After hearing the concerns of residents and business owners at a public meeting in Woldingham, the leader of Surrey County Council. David Hodge, said: "There is no doubt that the people of Woldingham have been hadly affected over the last few weeks and we at Surrey County Council are doing all we can to open the road by Monday 7th April. I would like to thank all the residents and business owners for their patience during this difficult time."

One very positive thing has been the demonstration of community spirit since the River Bourne burst its banks in February. Landlord of the Whyteleafe Tavern, councillor Tom Dempsey, gave accommodation to residents forced out of their homes by the flood and provided a meeting room for Flood Information sessions. The Whyteleafe Flood Appeal, launched by Reverend Tim Goode and councillors Tom Dempsey and Sally Marks has so far received over £15,000 in donations. The money is giving immediate financial assistance to the victims of the flood who are struggling to cope in the aftermath of sewage-contaminated water entering their properties.

Speaking at one of the Flood Information sessions held at the Whyteleafe Tavern, Paul

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Hendy from the National Flood Forum, said: "The fact that the flood in Whyteleafe is sewage is just diabolical. The only good thing is that the community spirit here is so strong. It is really exciting to see the community rising to the challenge. I haven't seen anything like it anywhere else during the floods."

Speaking about the aftermath of the fllood, Sam Gyimah MP said: "The water may be receding, but this is still a very frustrating time for residents and businesses as they wait for the cleanup operation to complete, the allocation of financial support, and for life in our community to get to back to normal. The full reopening of the A22 is another reminder that progress is being made,



Paul Hendy of the National Flood Forum with Kim Reygate from the BP Garage in Whyteleafe.

but the job is far from done. There has been an effective and well-coordinated response from Surrey County Council, Tandridge District Council, the Environment Agency and others helping with the recovery, and I will continue to liaise closely with all involved as we move forward.

The time is now right to look for permanent solutions. For example, Surrey County Council and Croydon Council have put in a strong bid to secure funding to build up permanent reservoirs near Woldingham and Kenley, and these efforts have my full support."

Keen to share some good news, Surrey County Councllor, Sally Marks, said: 'Surrey succeeded in getting £5.8m to help support big structures to deal with future flooding. It is the third largest grant in the country. £100,000 is being made available from Surrey Highways to help improve the drainage in Whyteleafe, in particular the area around the BP garage.

Sally said that she has been doing her best to gee up the local community.

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have got to do what they can and not rely entirely on the local council, which is doing its best. For the most part people have realised that this has been a huge crisis but we have just got on and done the best we can. It is a lot about self-help and making our local businesses robust for the future."

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Awards evening celebrates local **'Community** Champions'

On Friday 21st March, volunteers from across Tandridge district congregated in the Soper Hall in Caterham for the annual Civic Reception for the Voluntary Sector.

Over 200 people attended the event to celebrate the efforts of all those who give their time, completely free of charge, to improve the lives of others in the Tandridge district.

The main highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Beverley Connolly's 'Community Champions'.

This year there were four awards to present to volunteers who had made a significant or outstanding contribution to the community.

In her speech before presenting the awards, Cllr. Connolly said: "The whole idea of the Chairman's Community Champions Awards is to thank all the wonderful



From left: Andy Self, Cllr. Beverley Connolly, Liz Parr, Matthew Leadbetter and the Chief Executive of Tandridge District Council, Louise Round, representing Paul Barton.

people here tonight, and to celebrate what people are doing in our community today."

The winners of the Awards were:

'Community Champion' for selfless service to a voluntary body or the community Andy Self, for all his voluntary work for a number of organisations over many years including the new . 'Team Caterham';

'Community Partner' for someone supporting a partner or colleague in the work they do - Liz Parr, for her devotion and support for her hushand Andy Parr in the work he does in the community:

Chairman's Award for Excellence, an overall winner picked by the Chairman -Matthew Leadbetter, for his organisation of many local fundraising events;

Chairman's Special Recognition Award for outstanding work in the community -Paul Barton of Tandridge District Council for all the tireless work he and his team at the Council have done to help Tandridge residents during the flood crisis.



To view more photos from the presentation of **Community Champions Awards visit the photo** gallery at www.caterham-independent.co.uk





Mayor of Croydon opens new ICT Suite at Warlingham Park School

On Friday 14th March Warlingham Park School was delighted to welcome The Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Yvette Hopley, to open their new ICT Suite. The Mayor is a Trustee and Governor of the independent primary school that is in the borough of Tandridge and borders the borough of Croy-She was joined by pupils, staff, trustees, local councillors, Reverend Blunden from All Saints Church in Warlingham, Joe Dowbiggin, Managing Director of Acuity Unified Communications and members of the Parents' Association. The event was organised to celebrate the culmination of an investment project that has transformed the school's IT infrastructure and IT provision. The brand new data network enables data to travel around the whole building at an incredible speed (1Gbps). Each pupil benefits from their own login and private directory, allowing class work to be stored in a structured format for the duration of their time at the The award-winning school choir greeted the Mayor

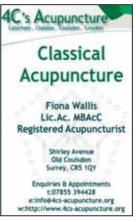


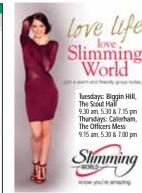
The Mayor of Croydon, Cllr. Yvette Hopley with Headmaster, Mr Mike Donald and pupils of Warlingham Park School in the school's newly-opened ICT Suite.

on arrival with a chorale rendition of "Computer Crazy" before the Headmaster, Mr Donald, escorted the Mayor into the new ICT Suite. ICT teacher, Mrs Gravett, and some of the pupils proudly demonstrated the new all-inone PCs so that the Mayor could see for herself how they are transforming the school's ICT curriculum.

In his speech, Mr Donald said: "The fruits of this project are the result of a remarkable joint effort and we are very grateful for the tireless efforts of both Acuity Unified Communications and our Parents' Association. We have now widened the future opportunities of every pupil in the school."

Rev. Blunden then blessed the ICT Suite before it was formally opened by the Mayor. In her speech the Mayor said: "Providing outstanding IT provision for the next generation of learners is so important. I confident that the school's IT infrastructure and ICT Suite will be instrumental in helping Warlingham Park School support this very important goal.'





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Whyteleafe residents have their sav at Neighbourhood Plan **Consultation Day**

On Wednesday 5th March a Consultation Day was held in St. Luke's Church Hall in Whyteleafe to give local people the opportunity to learn about the Neighbourhood Plan being put together by members of the CR3 Forum. If implemented, the Neighbourhood Plan will give residents of Caterham, Whyteleafe and Chaldon a lot more say in local planning issues and service provision in areas such as education, transport, health housing, and For example, leisure. with the population predicted to grow by 15% in the next 20 years, local schools and doctors' surgeries will have to be expanded to meet demand. The members of the CR3 Forum have been thoroughly researching the current provision and displayed their findings at



CR3 Forum member, Sarah Burningham, chats to a visitor at the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Event in Whyteleafe.

the event.

CR3 Forum Steering Group member, Mark Bristow, said: "We hope to bring to the attention of the community that there is a Neighbourhood Plan and we would all very much like to receive feedback about what they would like to see and not see and help shape the way they live. With the population rising, there are a lot of important decisions to be made concerning the future." Visitors to the event were invited to leave feedback forms with their thoughts

and ideas for the future of the CR3 area and were able to speak to representatives of the CR3 Forum who were present. Another Consultation Event is being held in Chaldon on Saturday 12th April.

For more information about becoming a member of the CR3 Forum and working with the Neighbourhood Plan teams, e-mail info@cr3 forum.org.uk or telephone 01883 577008. For more information go to http://caterhamareaforum.wordpress.







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Diary of a **Plantaholic**

by Sue Baines

The signs of spring are everywhere, and my long spell of hibernation is over! Suddenly there aren't enough hours in the day, which, if the sun is shining, starts before breakfast, as I just have to see which new seedlings have emerged in the propagators. As usual space will be scarce, but I am moving plants out of the conservatory (although fleece and bubble plastic are always to hand, as I cannot believe there will not be more frosts).

Lots of my summer flowering bulbs are starting to emerge, but there is still time to plant gladioli, as planting every couple of weeks will keep flowers coming throughout the summer. They are best planted about six inches deep on light soil, as the flowers are quite heavy.

Thanks to the good summer last year, there are plenty of buds and flowers on the shrubs this year. There are two shrubs near the house that are particularly sumptuous. One is the Ribes Icicle. The pink form is common,



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but in my view the white is lovelier by far (I grow Clematis through it throughout the summer months). The other is Corvlopsis, This has racemes of pale yellow drooping flowers about 1-2 inches long. It is such a dainty plant that is surrounded by Pulmonaria in a mix of pink, white and blues. My favourite Pulmonaria is Royal Ensign, a rich blue that doesn't set seed as the others do. They are great in a fairly shaded spot and the Corvlopsis appreciates a bit of shelter and soil enriched with leaf-mould.

Pruning has ceased on some of the larger shrubs, as we are seeing the birds dive in and out in a very industrious manner. Yes, it's true, summer is just around the corner!

Get fit this summer with the Caterham Sunday Walkers!

Local resident Vivienne Newman has started a new walking group to join her on walks around Caterham and the surrounding areas. The group is called the Caterham Sunday Walkers and they meet once or twice a month. Vivienne said: "I thought of setting up a local walking group to meet new people who would join me on some Sunday walks to help me in training for a trek that I have registered for. I am taking part in the Iceland Fire and Ice trek over five days in July to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital."

A number of people have already joined the new Caterham Sunday Walkers Facebook page where details can be found of

Vivienne's next Sunday Walk.

Alternatively, e-mail Vivienne at vnewman@ironmountain.co.uk



Vivienne Newman, third left, with some of the other



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In the spotlight

This month we feature Caterham resident Janette Ralph. Janette works in Customer Service Tesco, Caterham-on-the-Hill. She has been involved in local guiding for 19 years and is and is the Acting District Commissioner for Caterham and Chaldon District Guides.

Birthplace: Scotland.

Marital Status: Married 34 years to Rowland.

Children: Two girls, Michele and Lisa and one Favourite TV show: boy, Tom.

Cars: Ford Fiesta.

Pets: Boxer dogs.

Childhood hero: My parents.

Favourite Food Drink: Lamb/fish and chips; Apple juice.



lanette Ralph.

Pastimes: Guiding and all crafts.

Likes: Spending time with my family.

Dislikes: Rude people.

Time Team and Mrs Brown's Boys.

Favourite holiday destination: Italy

Biggest influence on your life: My husband.

Proudest moment: The birth of my children.

Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at? Mark Almond (from the band Soft Cell).

Favourite song of all time: Somewhere Over The Rainbow.

embarrassing Most moment:

Pointing out someone who I thought was a celebrity in London to a group of guides who ran up to him for an autograph, only to find I was mistaken!

would you Where most like to live? In the countryside.

Who would you most like to meet? The Queen.

If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it? I would see my family and a few close friends are OK, donate to worthwhile charities and build my own house.



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Marden Lodge School in Caterham Valley has joined forces with Caterham Valley Library to launch a new book club called 'Chatterbooks' for the Year Six pupils.

club meets The lunchtime once every six weeks when the children discuss the latest books they have been reading,

loaned to them by Caterham Valley Library.

Teacher, Mrs Debbie Perry, who runs the book club said: "The book club was the children's idea. When they heard that I belong to a book club they asked if they could start a book club of their own. Caterham Valley Library have helped greatly by

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aiving the children lists of books that enable them to make appropriate selections. They have also allowed the children to select books that have ten or more copies within the library system. The staff at the library are very encouraging because they feel the club is a great initiative."

Library Assistant at Caterham Valley Library, Jane Keynes, said: "Book clubs are good for primary school age children from age 8 to 9 upwards. Oxted Library is the only other library in East Surrey involved with a local school's book club and we would like to encourage more schools and libraries to start a

After reading their books at home, the children take their books along to the book club to share their thoughts about the story and its author with each other.

Year Six pupil, Olivia, said: "I think it is a good thing for children to express which authors they like and I would recommend a book club to other schools."

Teachers wanting to start a book club for their pupils can visit Caterham Valley Library for more information.

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Debbie Perry discusses the book club's latest chosen books,

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When Warlingham resident Betty Loveland went shopping at Waitrose in Caterham recently she was surprised to find a piece of artwork taped to the shop window. On closer inspection, she saw a message saying that the finder of the artwork could keep it.

Betty said: "The message said that it was part of a worldwide movement called 'Free Art Friday' and I wondered if it was genuine. I looked around and felt almost guilty as I took it. But it is genuine and I was thrilled. The more I look at it, the more I like it, like when I go to a gallery."

The artwork entitled 'Black Lady with Pink Earring' was produced by Warlingham artist Bogdan Zarkowski. Bogdan produces artwork using photographs that he has taken of torn posters on advertising billboards all over the



Betty Loveland with artist Bogdan Zarkowski and her free artwork entitled: 'Black Lady with Pink Earring'. Behind them is another artwork by Bogdan entitled 'Cryptic Triptych'.

world. As he explains on his website, expired posters.com, The layers upon layers of partially exposed and torn posters create dynamic images

As part of Free Art Friday, Bogdan leaves hand-signed, limited edition prints of his work in public places on Fridays for people to find and keep. After Betty found her artwork, she e-mailed Bogdan to thank him.

Bogdan said: "It was lovely to receive an e-mail from Betty because she was the first recipient that I heard from. Not many people have heard of Free Art Friday so I want to encourage local artists to take part and to get together. It would be nice if more types of art were left for the public to find, like poetry."

Bogdan says that creating the works of art is his hobby. He is a designer by trade, and his work includes album covers and merchandise for many famous artists including Led Zeppelin, Michael Jackson, Frank Sinatra and Rod Stewart.

Look out for more Free Art displayed around the area every Friday.

Every picture tells a story ...

The Portcullis Club in Kenley has a stunning new painting taking pride of place on the wall, thanks to the generosity of well-known artist and illustrator, Edgar Hodges.

The painting is of a Sunderland flying boat over the English Channel with the Cunard liner, Aguitania, converted to wartime troop carrier, below. It was spotted by Edgar's friend and Kenley RAFA (Royal Air Forces Association) member, Graham Smith, who said he felt quite 'spooked' when he first saw

Graham said: "Although I

loved the painting, my two oldest friends both indirectly featured in the painting. My friend Geoff Aspinwall was in Coastal Command during WW2 and Art Schmitz, an American GI, came over on the Aquitania in 1944.

"I asked Edgar to offer me first refusal if he ever sold it because I would like to acquire it for Kenley RAFA and he very kindly said he would let me have it for free."

The artist, Edgar Hodges, said: "Graham has given me an opportunity in some tiny way to give back to those who gave so much. I feel honoured that anything of mine is looking down on a splendid set of people, those we should be grateful to."



The painting of the Sunderland flying boat and the Aquitania by Edgar Hodges.





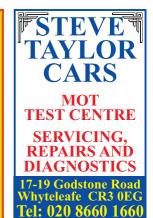


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Eating Out

La Fiaba del Mediterraneo - all the ingredients for a fabulous night out

Review by Julia Church

La Fiaba del Mediterraneo in the High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill has established itself as one of the most popular nightspots on the Hill. Its regular music nights featuring singers such as John Lazenby are firm favourites, offering a fixed price three course menu and superb live music. My son John and I went there on a week night recently, which had a guieter atmosphere than the lively music nights. The terracotta floor, the plants and general ambience have certainly created a languorous, Mediterranean feel. We were seated at a table by the window and looked after superbly all evening by our waitresses, Mina and Teddy.

The menu has a great choice of starters, tapas dishes and mains and also had some 'Specials of the Day' on a separate black-board to choose from. John chose a tapas dish from the menu for his starter, Patatas Bravas with Chorizo, a tasty potato dish with slices of spicy

Chorizo sausage. John said it was 'awesome'. I chose the Funghi all Aglio - sautéed cup mushrooms in a garlic, white wine and cream sauce with salad, which was dreamy - definitely something I will choose again. There was also the option to choose a starter-size portion of a pasta dish for £5.25 (apart from the Linquine di Mare which is £7.95).

The main course choices consisted of meat, fish, pasta, pizza and risotto dishes with some salads to have either as a main course or side. The prices are reasonable with the pizzas, for example, ranging from £7.50-£13.50.

Having recently switched to a vegetarian diet I chose the Crespoline di Ricotta for my main course - a pancake generously filled with Ricotta cheese and spinach served with cheese sauce and tomato - wonderful! It was just the right temperature and was very filling.

John chose the Vitello Napolitanapan-fried veal escalope cooked with a garlic, oregano, capers, olives and white wine sauce, finished with tomato and a touch of cream and a separate serving of vegetables. John said the veal was just right and was a real treat. We ended our meal with some gorgeous desserts. John chose the Tiramisu, a dessert consisting of savoriardi biscuits soaked



Mina (left) and Teddy with our desserts.



Funghi all aglio.

in coffee and amaretto liqueur and filled with mascarpone cream. I had a 'special', Limoncello Sorbet, which was very refreshing and palette-cleansing. The restaurant offers excellent lunchtime pizza and pasta deals. For more information call the restaurant on 01883 337719 or visit www.lafiaba.co.uk







Caterham **Festival AGM** hosts 'Best of Fest' awards

On Tuesday 25th February the Caterham Festival AGM awards presentation and evening took place in the Soper Hall in Caterham Valley.

Andy Parr, Chairman of the Caterham Caterham Festival, announced that last year's Festival was the first Caterham Festival to make a profit.

During his speech he said: "I am delighted that last year's event was so successful and profitable. So long as the Festival continues to make a profit we will be able to keep it going and run free events for everyone to enjoy."

The Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Beverley Connolly, was Guest of Honour at the meeting which was packed with members of the Caterham Festival team and supporters.

people who had made a special contribution to last year's Festival were awarded to:

'Festival Food Hero' Chantal Baker;



From left: Caterham Festival Chairman, Andy Parr with Best of Fest award winners Lorna Dommett, John Soffe (The Arc), Simon Edge, Peter Dommett and Chantal Baker.

'Festival Event that wasn't in the Festival' Floral Gallery; 'Festival Supporting Group'

The Arc; 'Festival Trade Supporter' Vi-

vace Pianos; 'Festival New Event' Peter and Lorna Dommett for the Great Bake-Off.

The piano left on Westway Common by Vivace Pianos for the public to play was a real hit at last year's Festival (above). Budding pianists can enjoy a free lesson at Vivace Pianos on 'Learn to Play Day'. See their advert on page 14 for more details.









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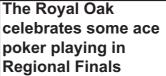
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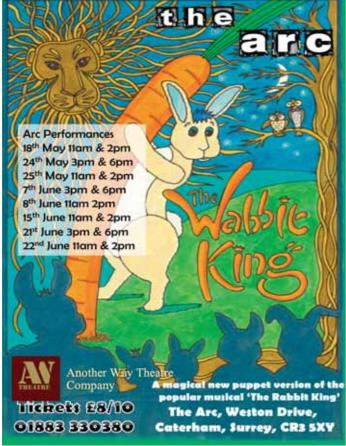


A brand new trophy is taking pride of place in The Royal Oak pub in the High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill as four of its customers were winners in the recent Red Tooth Poker East London Regional Finals. The pub hosts Poker Nights every Thursday evening and they have proved very popular with its customers.

Proud landlord Alan Lander is pictured below standing behind the winning players (from left) Mike Skudder, Paul







Quick Quiz

by Alec Herbert

With the arrival of April and April Fool's Day – five questions with a `fool's[;] theme.

- 1. Which British knockabout comic actor is associated with the tune 'Don't laugh at me (cos I'm a fool)'?
- According to the saying, a fool and his (what?) are soon parted?
- 3. Which King was described as 'the wisest fool in Christendom'?
- 4. What is the more common name given to iron pyrites often found in coal séams?
- 5 Born Flaine Bookhinder and one of Britain's best selling female artists of the '70s and early '80s, under what stage name did she have a big hit with "No More the Fool"?

Answers:

5. Elkie Brooks. 4. Fool's Gold; James VI of Scotland); 3. James I (of England or ζ. Money; 1. Norman Wisdom;



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Munch with Music

The next 'Munch With Music' is at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley Wednesday 2nd April. Coffee will be served from 12.15pm and the performance featuring voice and accoustic guitar duo 'Greensand Ridge' takes place from 12.45pm-1.30pm. You may bring your own 'munch'.

ABBA Magic

The Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions Club are hosting an 'ABBA Magic' tribute show on Saturday 5th April at Caterham School, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham CR4 6YA. The concert starts at 8pm.

There will be a licensed bar from 7pm and ample free parking. Tickets cost £16 (unreserved seating).

Contact John Quincey on 01883 742680 or Tony Skilbeck on 01883 335945 to book tickets. All proceeds will benefit victims of flooding in the Tandridge area and Lions Charities.

Spring Show

The Caterham and District Horticultural Society is holding its Spring Show on Saturday 26th April at Hillcroft School, Chaldon Road, Caterham. The show will be open to the public from 2pm, with presentation of cups at 4.30pm. Entrance is 50 pence.

Tandridge Photographic Society

On Thursday, 17th April, Tandridge Photographic Society are holding a fun evening featuring a team contest to 'Match-a-Projected Image'.

The meeting takes place in the White Hart Barn, Godstone at 8pm. Entrance is £3. For more information visit www.tandridgephotographicsociety.org.uk

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A Quiz Night is being held on Friday 4th April at the Old Cats Rugby Club in Park Avenue, Caterham-on-theHill. Tickets cost £10 to include food. There will be a licensed bar. For more information and to book tickets e-mail Vivienne Newman vnewman@ironmountain.co.uk

Music Workshop

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Downland Chorale will be hosting a singing workshop on the music of ABBA on Saturday 26th April from 11am-6pm at de Stafford College (CR3 5YX).

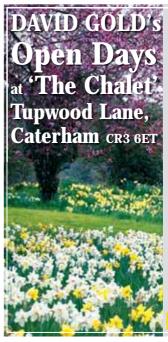
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Whyteleafe Ladies' Fellowship

On Wednesday 9th April the Ladies' Fellowship in Whyteleafe is hosting a talk by Malcolm Newman entitled 'The Six Wives of Henry VIII' at St. Luke's Church Hall, Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe. The talk starts at 8pm and entrance is £2.

New members are very welcome to join the Ladies Fellowship. For more information contact Diane on 020 8660 5341.

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Who wants to be a Volunteer?

by Rosemary Banks

Wondering whether one hundred years ago, the young men who volunteered to go to war and fight for King and Country would have called at the Volunteer Centre, I called into the jewel that is The East Surrey Museum in Stafford Road, Caterham Valley.

The King's Proclamation was posted at Caterham Station and on the August Bank Holiday special trains ran from Caterham and Upper Warlingham taking local volunteers and those from other parts of the UK and the Colonies to join their battalions. Apparently they were 'the exceptionally superior class of gentlemen who had enlisted who do not mind rubbing shoulders in the ranks with city clerks, shop assistants and mechanics'!

Caterham women formed a Voluntary Aid Detachment of the British Red Cross and the trenches were dug at Willey's Farm as part of London's defences against the threat of invasion.

There are some fascinating photos in the museum including The Grand Combined Recruiting March of 1915 showing some buildings still recognisable today. Sadly



Rosemary Banks

recruitment took place at the old Drill Hall in Godstone Road which is now the derelict community centre close to the Croudace building. I had hoped it might have been from Soper Hall where my office is based, and that this link might encourage you to consider doing your bit for Queen and Country by following a 100 year-old tradition of volunteering in the same building. Caterham is in some ways the same place. It is our community, populated with people who have time and talents to share and those who would appreciate some help and support.

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Readers' Letters

Team Caterham

The 'man in shorts', Andy Parr, has come up with a great idea with `Team 'Caterham' in the March edition of The Caterham Independent. He has already served our community for many years in countless ways, varying from Chairman of the Caterham Festival tο cooking dinner at the Douglas Brunton Centre for those who are alone on Christmas Day. All that he does is in a voluntary capacity. I am sure he is right in thinking that there are members of our community who want to serve the community but are unable to commit themselves to regular dates and times. I hope that Team Caterham is a great success.

Douglas Martin Caterham-on-the-Hill

To register as a volunteer with Team Caterham email teamcaterham@outlook.com

What's On

Moonraker Walk

The annual Moonraker 'Walk at Twilight' organised by Titsey and District Rotary Club is taking place on Saturday 12th April in the gorcountryside geous Chartwell in around Westerham. Teams of four or more can follow an organised route of about six miles, with refreshments provided, all

in support of the Orpheus Trust and other local charities supported by Rotary. Teams can choose whether to raise sponsorship money or just do the walk for fun for a small entry fee. For more information and to register a team, visit www.titsev.org.uk or call the event organis-

ers on 01883 717131. **RSPB Talk**

On Wednesday 9th April from 8pm-10pm, East Surrey RSPB are hosting a talk in the White Hart Barn, Godstone following

a short annual general meeting. The talk is called 'Giving Nature a Home' by Chris Corrigan, Regional Director of RSPB Southern Region. who will be providing a campaign update. Refreshments will be available at halftime. Entrance to the talk is priced at £3 for adults and £1 for children. All, including non-members of the RSPB, are welcome to attend.

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