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Paralympian athlete inspires sporting leadership at Oasis

As part of a Sky Sports initiative 'Living for Sport', students at Oasis Academy Coulsdon will get the opportunity to take part in a programme to develop sports leaders, and have been assigned Team GB Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby Captain Steve Brown as their mentor for the project. Steve

launched the project on Friday 28th November when he spent the afternoon with the students at the Academy, giving an inspirational talk drawing on his own experiences and enjoying a mini rugby session followed by lunch together. GCSE PE students from Year 9

are taking part, with a focus on building confidence, leadership, communication skills and team work with young people who may not otherwise get this sort of opportunity. Students involved commented after their afternoon with Steve that they thought he was: "Really inspiring and a fantastic role model". They also said they thought the project is: "A great opportunity to grow as individuals and we are really



Oasis Academy Coulsdon students with Paralympian athlete, Steve Brown during his recent visit.

excited about the year ahead". By the end of the scheme the students will organise and host a primary school sports day with up to ten local primary schools.

Andy Brown, Oasis Academy Principal, said: "This is a fantastic project and will benefit

not only the students taking part, but also the local community. I am extremely proud that our students will be taking part in this initiative and share their enthusiasm for developing this programme with the mentoring of one of the country's top athletes".

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MP supports Whyteleafe Road development protestors

On Saturday 6th December, Sam Gyimah MP joined a group of local residents in Portley Ward, Caterham-on-the-Hill, to voice concerns about further development in the area, following approval of a controversial planning application by Village Developments on Whyteleafe Road. The East Surrey MP came at the request of Clive Manley, organiser of the Portley Residents Alliance. The gathering followed the Planning Inspectorate's approval of the development, which will allow one house and three gardens to be converted into 13 houses. The group of residents are concerned that the decision will reduce the ability of the local community and Tandridge District Council to resist inappropriate development, and be used as a precedent to support future

applications. Sam Gyimah MP said: "Residents in Portley and across Caterham are rightly concerned about the proposed development on Whyteleafe Road, and the negative precedent set by the Planning Inspector's decision. "Having made the concerns of the community clear to the Inspectorate, this is a disappointing result, but rest assured I will continue to fully support residents in their fight against further developments that would threaten

the Greenbelt and the character of our area. No-one can deny that we need new houses to be built, but developments should be part of a balanced and strategic approach that takes account of the pressure placed on local infrastructure including roads, schools and hospitals. It must be driven by the needs of the community, not the interests of developers." Clive Manley of the Portley Residents Alliance said: "Over the last 20 years, Caterham-on-the-Hill has seen a 34%

increase in the number of houses, with the construction of large new developments and a host of infills. Residents rightly feel that they have taken more than their fair share. That is why Portley Residents Alliance and I will work to protect our area from any further developments that are inappropriate to the needs of our community, and I am very pleased that we have the support of our local MP."

Nigel Greenhalgh of Village Developments said: "This is just the predictable response of the local MP playing to the gallery of local residents. The development will, like so many others of a similar type in the district, cause no significant harm and as with so many of our developments, most residents acknowledge afterwards that their original perception of harm was entirely misplaced. Local councillors wasted an enormous amount of council time on the two developments on the opposite side of

Whyteleafe Road that replaced unattractive properties with new development.

"The new development will not be on Greenbelt land. The council had designated the land we are using and the remaining eight acres as reserved housing land, a designation they removed without any influence from ourselves that resulted in the council having to pay a significant amount of money towards our appeal costs. I understand another firm of developers has the option and no doubt sooner or later will build 100 plus houses on that land, that has nothing whatsoever to do with ourselves. The irony is that had the council accepted our proposal instead of this enormous waste of resources, the reserve housing land may still have been protected."

A letter from the owner of the house being demolished to make way for the new development is on page 15.



Sam Gyimah MP with the group of protestors in Whyteleafe Road.

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Residents flock to meeting about controversial plans for Warlingham Green



The packed meeting in Warlingham Rugby Club.

On Wednesday 26th November almost 400 people turned up at a meeting at Warlingham Rugby Club to make their feelings known about proposals to restructure Warlingham Green.

The meeting, organised by a group of concerned residents calling themselves the Warlingham Home Guard, was aimed at informing local people about the plans being put forward by Warlingham Parish Council ('WPC').

These plans include introducing two-way traffic around the Green, a 'shared space' feature and a number of other significant changes. The WPC has already spent more than £15,000 on developing proposals.

The vast majority of those attending the meeting said that they did not want to see two-way traffic introduced and many accused the Parish Council of a lack of transparency over the

proposals. One parish councillor attended the meeting.

Louise Keith, spokesperson for the Warlingham Home Guard, said: "We were absolutely delighted with the turnout. One person who left Warlingham 20 years ago is so passionate about the Green that she travelled up from Devon just to attend!"

"It was clear from people's comments that the majority of Warlingham people would not support the WPC's proposals as they stand. We don't want to create an 'us and them' situation but it is important that the WPC understands the depth of feeling that residents have about the future of the Green. It is an integral part of our lives in the village, so

everyone should have a say about what happens to it." In a statement, the WPC said: "The plans for Warlingham Green are an ongoing piece of work and there has already been a significant level of public consultation and there will be a public vote on any final proposal before being taken forward to the relevant authorities."

"WPC has been open about the project from the beginning and continues to address issues that have been raised by the public. We are aware of a self-appointed opposition group who are unwilling to wait for the final proposal. They have not formally engaged with WPC, so their actual position and motivations are unclear."

The public is welcome to attend scheduled WPC meetings, which are held in Warlingham Community Library on the first Wednesday of the month.

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Families, friends, seasoned sprinters and casual runners looking for a different kind of challenge, all donned Santa suits to race around the three kilometre route. Runners raised money and awareness for St. Catherine's Hospice, a charity which provides free end of life care for people in Caterham and across Sussex and Surrey.

Louise Brown, Events Fundraiser at St. Catherine's Hospice, said: "We couldn't be happier with this year's Santa Run. It will cost £180,000 for St. Catherine's Hospice to provide free, vital hospice care for local people when they need it most. Having over



Sam Gyimah MP gets ready to start the Santa Run in a very wet Queen's Park! Photo by www.localeventphotos.co.uk

100 Santas join us at Queen's Park with the aim of helping the charity is fantastic and it will be a huge help in raising the money that we need."

Bob Toon, Managing Director of Gatwick Group, sponsors of the St. Catherine's Hospice Santa Runs, said: "Many of our staff have had personal experience of the incredibly important work that the hospice does and we have sponsored the Santa Runs for two years now. The number of people who join in to show their support and help raise

important funds is truly inspiring. That's not to mention what an impressive sight it is to see so many Santas running around the courses by themselves or with friends or family! It's an honour to continue supporting St. Catherine's Hospice through sponsoring these events. We couldn't be happier that this source of income is growing, with the addition of the new Santa Run venue at the K2 Leisure Centre in Crawley". For more information about the work of St. Catherine's Hospice, visit www.stch.org.uk

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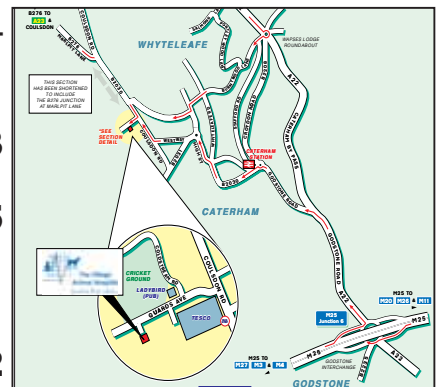
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Register now for the Rotary Bunny Fun Run 2015!

by Richard York, Caterham Rotary Club

It is the morning the clocks go forward but we are still starting the eighth Bunny Run at 10am for the 1k. Have some exercise; maybe join in with some friends and raise some money for charity then reward yourself with an Easter egg on Sunday 29th March in Queen's Park, Caterham. The Rotary Club of Caterham is holding the Easter Bunny Fun Run with a 1k Fun Run starting at 10am and a 5k Race starting at 10.30am. Runners/walkers may choose to raise money for their own charity or for Rotary charities. Every finisher is given an Easter egg with the prize winning best dressed bunnies and fastest runners getting larger eggs. We encourage charities to put together their own teams to take part in the race and raise funds. In previous years group teams

have raised about £2,000 each, having great fun doing it. Usually many competitors in the 1k and some in the 5k dress up in a wide variety of bunny outfits! Last year saw over 500 participants enjoy excellent weather and a party atmosphere in Queen's Park. Come and join us in 2015 and help increase the £17,500 donated to charity so far. The 1k Run is 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 have been known to come in hand in hand munching biscuits after well over an hour, the course record is 17 minutes 19 seconds. Can you beat it? The Chair of Tandridge District Council, Elizabeth Parker, will be attending to start the runs and present the prizes. A registration form and fee is required for each runner. The registration fee (non refundable) is £6 for the 5k Race and £3 for the 1k Run.



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The event was bigger this year with an open air ice rink amongst the list of added attractions. Stalls selling crafts, hot food and drink and Christmas goodies lined the Brighton Road and there were fairground rides and a visit from Santa for the children. There was also an excellent line-up of live music being performed on the temporary stage throughout the weekend and most shops stayed open for the visitors.

Thanks to Croydon Council giving the organisers permission to close the Brighton Road for the Fayre, attendance was up on last year and feedback has been very positive. One of the main organisers

of Coulsdon Yulefest, Chris Thairs, said after the event: "It went really, really well and in terms of the attendance and attractions we put on, we certainly exceeded what we thought we could do and the feedback is that it was a lot better than last year. Yulefest made a loss when we held the first one last December, but this year we made a small profit and it looks like we can sustain it for years to come. All we need now is for sponsors to come forward to help meet the cost."

The organisers have decided that Yulefest will be held at the same time each year, the first weekend in December, so that people can put the date in their diaries in advance.

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Caterham School Student Wins Gold for Great Britain in Brazilian Paralympic National Schools Championships

On Wednesday 26th November, 16-year-old Caterham School student, Melissa Berry won gold for Great Britain in the T13 1500 metres race at the Paralympic Escolares 2014 held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Melissa, from Caterham, had to produce an amazing sprint as, with 120 metres to go, she was 40 metres behind the leader but she stormed through to finish with a time of 5.31.04.

Overall, Team GB had a very good day winning nine golds, two silvers and one bronze medal.

Caterham School Director of Sport, Rob Clarke, said: "Competing in a significant sporting event like the Brazilian School Olympics, against quality international competition, is an amazing and unique opportunity for the young athletes. Melissa has high hopes of



Melissa Berry on the podium at the National Schools Championships in Brazil.

representing GB at the 2016 Paralympics in Rio and this gave her the chance to experience how it might feel to be part of an event such as the Olympic Games. I am really thrilled for her. This is a great achievement."

Ninehams Gardens to be redeveloped

Tandridge District Council, in partnership with Durkan and Circle Housing Mole Valley, has agreed the £7 million re-development of 1-20 Ninehams Gardens, Caterham on the Hill. The properties were built in 1946 and are in need of substantial repair. Structural surveys have shown a comprehensive re-development scheme is the most cost effective option.

The Council owns the freehold to the land, with 12 of the 20 two bedroom flats owned by leaseholders who bought through Right to Buy. The other 8 properties are currently used by the Council for temporary accommodation. The proposed new homes will be a mixture of affordable rent and shared ownership and will be owned and managed by Circle Housing Mole Valley. A legal agreement is in place to ensure the new homes will be available to people on the Council's housing register.

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Could you become a foster carer?

By Kath Lyall

The number of children coming into care has been increasing every year, but there are not enough foster carers able to give them a safe home. A child comes into care and needs a foster home every 22 minutes in the UK, so more foster families are needed urgently to provide a warm and loving environment to vulnerable children in the community.

Some children need a safe place to stay for only a few nights, whilst others might stay in long-term foster care until they are grown up. It is important that children who require care have foster carers who can meet their needs, so foster children are matched very closely with carers to help ensure that the placement will be successful.

Could you make a difference and become a foster carer?

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Sophie's story:

My name is Sophie. I am 42 years of age and a single parent to one daughter, aged 22. I have been a foster carer for eleven years and have been with my current agency for five years now. I became a foster carer because I wanted to make a difference and support vulnerable children; I felt as a parent I was naturally equipped with motherhood, so caring for less privileged children came as second nature.

'For me, the best part was knowing that I could make a positive impact in the children's lives and help them change things for the better'

My first foster child stayed with me for only a short time, but the trust and love that developed between us remains today. She still visits regularly as a part of our family, now with a child of her own! I then became a long-term foster carer to three brothers, Christopher (11), David (10) and Billy (7). All of the boys are now grown up and living independent lives.

I cannot say it was always easy – there were many difficult times – but perseverance, persistence and patience became rewarding. For me, the best part was knowing that I could make a positive impact in the children's lives and help them change things for the better. Seeing the children grow into independent and intelligent individuals has brought me satisfaction and helped me to become a better person.

All of this would not have been possible had it not been for the support network around me – my family and friends, and my supervising social worker, Cathy. Her wealth of knowledge and professionalism has helped me enormously. I recently completed 5 years of service with the National Fostering Agency and was presented with an award at a ceremony in London! I would like to thank my agency for their support, and express my gratitude to all those carers who take the time to make a difference.

Ben's story:

I was brought up in care and I moved away from my family when I was 10 years old. I didn't have a great time to start off with; I moved a lot and also changed schools, which was pretty rubbish at the time. When I was 13, I moved in with some foster carers that I really liked! They listened to what I had to say and really cared about me. I was at a new school with loads of new friends, and I really wanted to stay.

After a few years at school I got my GCSEs and they were really important to me, as I wanted to get into college and study for my A-Levels. I now have my A-Levels under my belt and I'm looking to go to university soon.

I really like to exercise and I'm always out and about – running, swimming and going to the gym. I love boxing and do it at least four times a week; it's great exercise. When I'm not exercising or working you will find me in the living room playing FIFA or Call of Duty with my foster brother... and he always beats me!



Sophie, 42
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From left: Paul Jackson, David Simmonds, Michael Lane and David Warren.

Console support people in suicidal crisis and those bereaved by suicide, through professional counselling, support and helpline services. Paul Jackson is walking in memory of his younger brother Robin, who tragi-

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Seafood is the main diet of coastal Kerala, whereas vegetables are the main diet in the plains of Kerala and meat is the main course among tribal and northern Kerala. The land and the food are rich with coconut, though one can't imagine Kerala food without spices, curry leaves, mustard seeds, tamarind and asafoetida.

Traditionally in Kerala food is served on a banana leaf and almost every dish prepared in Kerala has a unique combination of spices to enhance the flavour of locally-sourced food. This gives it a sharp pungency that is heightened with the use of tamarind, while coconut gives it its richness, absorbing some of the tongue-teasing, pepper-hot flavours!

The Cochin team put to good use local, seasonal food and the result is a marvelous cuisine that is simple yet palate tickling. The Cochin restaurant in Hemel Hempstead, and the new restaurant in Caterham are both operated by a team of staff from South India. The Cochin menu has a good selection of meat, chicken, fish and vegetarian options with their own unique taste. The chef is happy to prepare the dishes as per the customer's taste with regard to the chilli element without any compromise on the flavours created by a unique blend of spices. All the dishes are prepared using chillis to produce mild to medium spiciness and we are happy to make any dish to suit your 'spicy' preference!

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The food was amazing. I ordered a Dosa (Indian pancake made of lentils and rice) and it was delicious. Of course this restaurant caters for vegetarians as well as us meat eaters and the service was great, very friendly and the staff love children so their little boy was well looked after.



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Eating Out

The Curry Leaf - Highly Commended in the Asian Curry Awards 2014

by Julia Church

The popular Old Coulsdon Indian and Bangladeshi restaurant, The Curry Leaf has been awarded Highly Commended in the Best South Asian Restaurant in the London Suburbs category in the Asian Curry Awards 2014.

It has been a great end to the year for restaurant owner Ali and his team, who are very proud of their well-deserved award.

When my friend Roger and I dined there recently, it was the start of the Christmas party season and the restaurant was looking and feeling very festive. For starters I selected the Garlic Mushroom Chutney which came with a salad. It had just the right amount of chilli in to make the food nice and spicy without being too hot.

Roger chose the Meat Samosas and when he sliced



Ali (centre) with Ruman (left) and Sami and their award.

one of the two large Samosas open, he was pleased to find it was packed with meat instead of being a mixture of meat with lots of vegetables.

For my main, vegetarian course I chose the Special Sizzler Mixed Vegetable, which was brought sizzling to the table. It consisted of a lovely selection of vegetables including peppers, carrots, aubergine, onions and potato mixed with fragrant spices and a light sauce and flambéed with cognac.

Roger chose another nice meaty dish, the Shank of

Lamb that had been slowly braised in ginger and garlic, resulting in the meat falling easily off the bone.

We shared a Sag Paneer (spinach and cream), a garlic naan and a pilau rice and there was plenty of food for the two of us. The service was prompt and courteous throughout the meal.

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Readers' Letters

Whyteleafe Road Development

A National Planning Inspectorate inquiry has approved a development at my home on Whyteleafe Road, an approval long withheld by Tandridge Planning Committee. As one of the very few people who actually attended the whole seven day inquiry I think it is a shame more Tandridge residents did not. Anyone who did would have had no doubts as to why the inspector made the logical decision he did, contrary to the various opinions but very different motives of Tandridge District Council (TDC), its Planning Committee of local Tory and Lib-Dem councillors, our local Tory MP, various Residents Associations scattered throughout Tandridge with no apparent direct relevance to the development in question, and local objectors. During the inquiry, other interesting questions emerged including:

Why has a development of 13 properties, the largest only a single three-bedroom detached, suitable for young house buyers, and incorporating land already long reserved for housing by

Tandridge, attracted such opposition when other local sites seemingly did not? Especially as the development was exhaustively designed to meet all local objections? Why do local councillors blame the developer for creating shortage of local services in Caterham, when they should champion the upgrade of such services and ensure Caterham, and not 'no development' Oxted, benefits from increased local council tax collection?

Does having 94% Greenbelt in Tandridge (more than any other UK district council), much of which would not be classed as Greenbelt elsewhere, simply cause shortage of housing land supply and force pressure on the remaining 6%?

Why are local councillors, including our Tory MP, so opposed to local housing development contrary to national directives to counter an acute housing shortage? Whose votes are they pursuing? Certainly not young househunters in what was recently classed as the fifth most unaffordable housing area in the UK.

Mark Lewis, Whyteleafe Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill.

The full version of Mark's letter can be read at <http://bit.ly/1xAR86M>

Debbie and Jacky pay a visit to Coombe Dingle

On Monday 8th December, Debbie Fox and Jacky Hughes from Caterham and District Horticultural Society paid a visit to Coombe Dingle Nursing Home in Caterham to show the residents how to make simple arrangements. They used everyday items from the home and garden. Herbs such as sage and rosemary evoked residents' memories and provided a scented backdrop for miniature baubles and decorated pine cones.



Debbie Fox (left) and Jacky Hughes with the completed arrangements.



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Review by Julia Church

A brand new salon has opened in Woldingham, which offers a range of both cosmetic and medical treatments including Facial treatments and Semi-Permanent Make Up. I enjoyed a thoroughly relaxing Image Signature Facial there with Beauty Therapist, Kathryn, recently. Parking was easy as there are plenty of free parking bays in The Crescent to serve shoppers.

The treatment started with a total cleanse of my skin with anti-aging cleanser followed by a deeper clean with cell cleanser that takes away impurities and removes dead skin and any trace of make-up still on the skin.

Kathryn then applied the first mask of the treatment, an anti-aging mask with Retinol with Vitamin C drops which had a refreshing menthol smell. This was followed by a gorgeous Vital C hydrating enzyme mask that smelt of orange blossom.

Following the masks, Kathryn gently massaged my face using the Vital C anti-aging serum, and by now my face was definitely beginning to feel a youthful glow!

Kathryn then carefully applied a cool hydrating eye gel around my eye sockets. She then moved on to my lips where she applied an Avocado



Beauty Therapist Kathryn applying the face mask during my facial treatment at Cosmedics.

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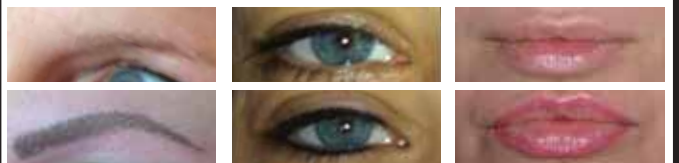


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There will be collectables for book and model collectors, airline collectables, plastic kits, etc.

The original Croydon Airport Control Tower will be open for visits.

Doors open at 10.30am. £3 entry. Children under 12 free. Free car parking.

RSPB Talk

At 8pm on Wednesday 14th January, East Surrey RSPB is hosting a talk entitled 'The Jewel Hunter' by Chris Goodie in the White Hart Barn, Godstone. The talk is about Chris's daring quest to see all the potassium of the world (32) in one calendar year. Did he succeed?

There will be refreshments at half time when RSPB goods and bird food will be on sale. The entrance fee is

New members wanted for Caterham W.I.

2015 sees the launch of the Caterham branch of the Women's Institute on Tuesday, 20th January from 7.30pm-8.30pm in the Soper Hall, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham Valley.

Caterham resident, Abigail Pendrick, has started the group and is looking for new members to support the launch and get involved in local events and campaigns.

Abigail said: "I am launching the group because I was

looking for a group within which I could be completely myself, not just 'mum, wife, business owner'!

"I want to get more involved in the community and bring people together from all walks of life to experience new and interesting things."

The meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of the month and are being held in the evening to allow for those who work full time and mums who can arrange childcare for the evening.

Abigail said: "We are hoping to show a new light on the W.I., with activities ranging

from cocktail making to theatre trips, taking part in local campaigns to nights out. We want this to be an opportunity for like-minded people to get together, try something new and have a lot of fun in the process! We hope our first meeting on 20th January will set the tone for our fun and adventurous new social club."

Anyone planning to attend the first meeting are requested to e-mail Abigail at abigail.pendrick@bessiejonespoke.com to give her an idea of the numbers that will be attending the launch.

£3 for adults and £1 for children. All, including non-members of the RSPB, are welcome.

For more information visit: <http://www.eastsurreyrspb.co.uk/>

Quiz Night

On Friday 16th January at 7.45pm a Fun Quiz Night is being held in aid of Chaldon Church in Chaldon Village Hall, Rook Lane. Teams of up to eight; bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Tickets £5 in advance from Janet Payne, telephone 01883 330785.



From left: Abigail Pendrick, Jessica Turk and Susanna Bootle at the W.I. stall at the Soper Hall Christmas Fayre.

QUICK QUIZ

by Alec Herbert

Five for Fun - Pick the right one.

1. Hugh Laurie, comedian, pianist, film and TV star and former comedy partner of Stephen Fry, rowed in the Boat Race for which university?
2. Following the break up of Oasis, which of the Gallagher brothers set up the group - Beady Eye?
3. Which of Henry VIII's wives is buried beside him at Windsor?
4. Former England netball captain, Tracy Neville, is the twin sister of which former professional footballer?
5. Which of the Brontë sisters published only one successful book?

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The first prize of £300 was won by S. Miller, the second prize of £200 was won by Mrs I. Bailey and the third prize of £100 was won by V. Bloom. The money raised will go towards purchasing equipment

for the hospital that will benefit the patients.

League of Friends Committee member, Ken Rawson, said: "On behalf of the committee we would like to thank everybody for their continued support of the League of Friends. It is a difficult time for some people, but the support has been continuous, and for this we are very appreciative. As you know all profits go to improve the comfort of the patients, so in a round about way we are helping ourselves."



Betty Burgess (centre) who made the draw in the Caterham Dene Hospital with Sister Bev Al Hilaly and League of Friends Committee members Kathy Dewiche (left) and Rita Rawson.

Old Coulsdon Camera Club

Old Coulsdon Camera Club are hosting a talk entitled: 'Air to Air Fast Jet Photography' by Geoffrey Lee on Tuesday 13th January (7.45pm for 8pm) at Cameron Hall, Canons Hill, Old Coulsdon. Entrance is £3 for visitors. The club meets each Tuesday evening and new members are welcome.

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