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Caterham commemorates WWI Recruitment March

On Sunday 12th April, representatives from the armed forces, local uniformed groups, members of the public and a number of dignatories turned out in force to commemorate the Centenary of the historic WWI Recruitment March that took place on Wednesday 14th April 1915.

The event started with a model aircraft flying display in White Knobs Recreation Ground in Godstone Road, Caterham Valley at 1.30pm.

By 2.30pm the parade had assembled in the Recreation Ground ready to march into the town centre, led by the 1st Cinque Ports Corps of Drums. After halting briefly by the old Drill Hall, the parade proceeded to the Asprey Fountain where the salute was taken, then on to the United Reformed Church in Harestone Valley Road. Crowds of onlookers packed the town centre to witness the spectacle and cheer as the parade marched by.

The march was co-ordinated by Andy Parr MBE of the Organising Committee which also included Andrew Ayling, Billy Baynham, Ken Bolton, Bob Evans, Gwyneth Fookes, Roger Packham and Jan Ward.

Tony Nash, stationed in the middle of the roundabout, provided the commentary for the proceedings.

Once everyone was assembled outside the United Reformed Church, Roger Packham of the Bourne Society welcomed everyone and thanked them for supporting the event, followed by speeches by other dignatories and a



The parade marches down Godstone Road towards The Square. Photo by Jon Harrison, www.localeventphotos.co.uk

minute's silence

During her speech, Mary Saaler, the President of the Bourne Society, paid special tribute to Gwyneth Fookes of the Organising Committee, without whose vision and determination the event would not have happened. Following the speeches, those assembled gathered inside the church for refreshments and to view an exhibition.

See page 4 for more photos of the event.



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multi-million pound redevelopment proposal for **Harestone Hill**

On Wednesday 8th April, residents of Harestone Hill and neighbouring roads in Caterham Valley packed the Soper Hall for the meeting of Caterham Valley Parish Council The residents attended to protest about a planning application submitted by Cheam based property developers, Turnbull Land. The proposed development would involve demolishing the two large bungalows currently owned by Caterham Valley Parish Councillor, Margaret Dean and 70's pop star, Tina Charles, in Harestone Hill and replacing them with a block of 19 two-bedroomed and three one-bedroomed flats. At the start of the meeting Cllr. Dean absented herself from the first agenda item due to her having a personal interest in the planning application to be discussed.

Local resident. Russell Houghton. was the first to stand up and speak for three minutes when he expressed his concerns about the removal of privacy and light for existing residents should the proposed development go ahead. He said that the development would not be in keeping with the area and with just 1.4 car parking spaces allocated per flat, Harestone Hill would be "flooded with cars" causing a restriction in the carriageway. Russell also pointed out that the development would create a precedent for the area which flouts the Harestone Valley Design Guidance adopted by Tandridge District Council in 2010 which states that any development must be in keeping with the area. Russell concluded by requesting the Parish Council's support in objecting to the scheme.

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Following further expressions of concern from members of the pubic, Caterham Valley Parish Councillor, Jackie Servant, stood up on behalf of her fellow councillors and explained that they would be objecting to the development for the reasons that are supported generally by Tandridge District Council Core Strategy policies CSP18 (Character and Design) and CSP 19 (Density) and, more specifically, by the Harestone Valley Design Guidance.

Cllr. Servant then went into more detail about the different reasons for their objections with regard to Character, Over-development, Parking Provision, Parking and Frontage, Impact of Buildng Mass and Sewerage and Drainage.

After stating the objections the audience applauded Cllr. Servant and Helen Hammer thanked her for reviewing the Planning Application in such detail.

Cllr. Mick Lincoln then endorsed what Cllr. Servant had said by reassuring everyone present that the Parish Counci would be objecting to the application in the "strongest possible way"

Speaking afterwards about the application, Tandridge District Councillor for Harestone Ward, Cllr. Beverley Connolly, said: "We are absolutely unhappy about the application. The Harestone Valley Design Guidance is all about preserving the trees and greenery in the area and we do not want great big blocks of concrete. Of course we have to have development but it has to be the right development in the right place. If this goes to the Planning Committee then one person representing the residents can stand up and make our case and I am very happy to see so many local people standing up and stamping their feet about this proposal.



Harestone Hill in Caterham Vallev.

Speaking with regard to the anger expressed by some residents at the fact that one of their parish councillors, Cllr. Margaret Dean, was involved in the redevelopment scheme, Surrey County Councillor for Caterham Valley, Sally Marks said: "A parish councillor is a voluntary role; councillors occasionally have to declare a prejudicial, pecuniary or personal interest and there are clear guidelines to follow which, amongst other things, insist that they absent themselves from any related discussion or decision. As far as I know Margaret Dean has followed these guidelines entirely properly. It is worth mentioning perhaps that Mrs Dean has been a hard working and effective parish councillor over quite a few vears. For the record, however, I am very much against this particular planning application for many reasons, not least its inappropriateness for this area."

Residents wishing to view the planning application and make objections can do so via the Tandridge District Council website. www.tandridge.gov.uk. Visit the planning portal and search for planning application number 2015/449

It's Caterham Festival time!

The seventh annual Caterham Festival kicks off this month, with the DeFest Music Festival at de Stafford School in Burntwood Lane, Caterham on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May being one of the early Festival highlights. The gates will open from 12pm-7pm with local and upcoming bands performing on the Saturday and with a vintage jive theme on the Sunday. There will also be various other entertainments, side shows and food stalls. Entry is iust £3, under fives free!

The following weekend sees the Street Party in the High Street on Sunday 31st May, featuring four music areas, Sheridan the sheep dog, the Morris Rooster Rampant Dancers and Rico the Clown amongst the many attractions. There will also be plenty of stalls including a Pimms tent and food stalls. The event will end with the popular 'foam



A young girl enjoys the foam fun at last year's street party. Photo by Jon Harrison.

party' that provided great fun when introduced to the event for the first time last year. Entrance is free but donations to help ensure the continuation of the Festival will be gratefully received so please give generously.

Festival brochures are being distributed to local households this month but the full programme of events can also be viewed at www.caterhamfestival.org



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A dose of Vitamin G

On Friday 27th March the Vitamin G Community Art Garden project in Caterham was launched under the artistic eye of Ruth Wheeler and garden designer Anita Smith.

Ruth and Anita worked with members of the Caterham community previously to get their input into the concept of the new garden. After sharing the work with interested members of the public, discussions and feedback were then held to get the garden underway.

Hayley Bull, Development Manager for Tandridge Trust, said: "The community of Caterham have had their say on what a new Community Art Garden should look like. The Vitamin G team will create a new recreational space within Queen's Park for the whole community to enjoy and contribute to but it can only happen if local people come along and have some fun gardening

and creating."

The Vitamin G team ask for no huge commitment or specific skills. Gardeners young and old, individuals or families are welcome to get involved for free on the following working days:

Friday . 22nd 10.30am-3pm - Spring Vitamin G working into dav:

Saturday 23rd May 11am-4pm - Spring into Vitamin G working day;

Sunday 21st June 11am-4pm - Vitamin G at Caterham Festival Garden Party. To see the final design please go to Arts & Sports projects special www.tandridgetrust.co.uk. To register your interest to attend please contact Havlev Bull at arts@tandridgetrust.co.uk or telephone her on 01883 724599 option 4.

Vitamin G is an Arts Partnership Surrey project in conjunction with Tandridge District Council and Tandridge Trust.

Readers will be able to see photos of the colourful results of everyone's efforts in The Caterham and District Independent later this year.

Caterham **Bowling Club Open Days**

There will be two opportunities to try playing bowls at Caterham Bowling Club in May. The club will be open to visitors on Sunday 3rd May and again on Sunday 24th May. There will be no charge and no need to book, just turn up any time from 9.30am until lunch time. No previous experience is required and members of the club will be present to provide some basic instruction. There will be many sets of bowls available to try as well as shoes to borrow, although it s recommended that visitors bring their own shoes with flat soles. Wear comfortable clothing, shorts are acceptable if the weather is hot

For more information, telephone Michael Miller on 01883 622305 or email Michael on mikepamhartley@yahoo.com. The bowling green is situated adjacent to the pavilion in Queen's Park in Queen's Park Road, Caterham.

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10th Essex Rgt., representing a Kitchener Battalion of 1914. Photo by Robert Frost.



The assembled parade outside the United Reformed Church.



The beaver scouts enjoyed taking part. Photo by John Harrison.



Standard bearers lead the parade. Photo by Robert Frost.





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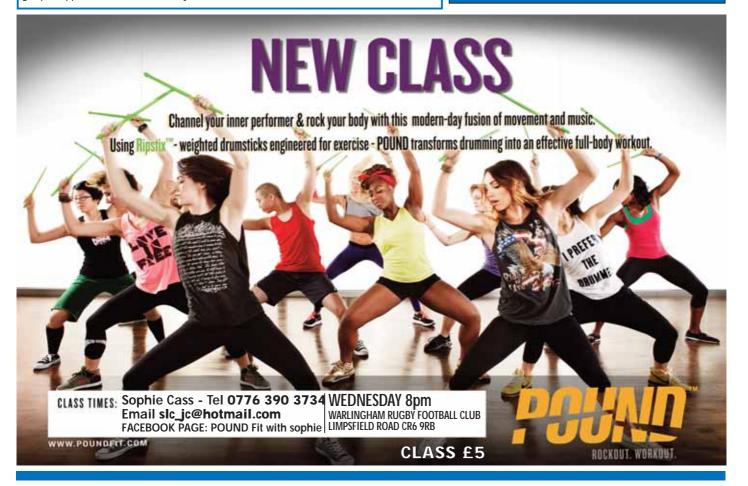
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This month we feature Caterham resident, Julie Groves. Julie, who is a professional flautist and sound artist, has given a number of charity recitals locally and is creating the Caterham Memory Tree oral history sound sculpture that will be exhibited during the Caterham Festival.

Birthplace: Redhill.

Marital Status: Single.

Children: None.

Cars: A trusty (well, generally) Fiat Uno.

Pets: Currently one elderly, wise, old chicken.

Childhood hero: Asterix (Goscinny and Uderzo).

Favourite TV show: I grew up without a TV, and still haven't got one.



Favourite Food & Drink: Coffee and Brussel Sprouts (not together, obviously!)

Pastimes: Jive dancing and... wait for it... Morris Dancing! I also love life drawing.

Likes: Dancing; drawing and painting; walking and the wind in my ears.

Dislikes: Crowded trains.

Favourite book: Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis.

Favourite song of all time: I love Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young's 'Our House' and

I have a few favourites by musician friendsoof mine which makes these songs extra special.

Favourite holiday destination:

The British countryside.

Biggest influence on your life: My mum.

Proudest moment:

Exhibiting my final installation for my Masters in Sound Art. (You can see it here: http://juliegrovessoundart.com/works/proximity/)

Where would you most like to live? The deepest English countryside, away from the madding crowd.

Who would you most like to meet?

At the moment, Richard III as I think he has been misrepresented!

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

would buy a classic Fiat 500 with a special roof to accommodate my height!

Crystal Palace star supports **Marie Curie**

On Wednesday 18th March, Crystal Palace player and Welsh international, Jonny Williams, visited the Marie Curie Cancer Care Shop in Caterham to encourage local people to donate just a few hours of their time each week to volunteer at the shops in Caterham and Redhill.

Pauline Percival, Marie Curie Cancer Care's Caterham Shop Manager, said: It's great that our Eagles favourite, Jonny, is here today to volunteer with us. We want to ask the people of Surrey to do the same and spare just four hours a week to support the Marie Curie Shop in Caterham."

Jonny Williams said: "I was delighted to visit the Marie Curie shop in Caterham and meet the lovely staff and volunteers. I first became aware of the charity when I was 15 and met Karen Green, who was volunteering selling the daffodil pins at Selhurst Park. Since then I have donated some of my old kit, which has been auctioned for the charity. Also I am aware of the close ties between the charity and Crystal Palace FC. sporting my daffodil along with my team mates at Crystal Palace FC on Saturday at the CPFC v QPR match.

"I would urge everyone to give a few hours of their time to volunteer and work in the Caterham and Redhill shops." For more information on volunteering call Pauline Percival on 01883 345335 (Caterham Shop) or Sam Williamson (Redhill Shop) on 01737 826634.



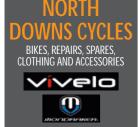
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'The Chalet' opens its grounds to raise money for charity

On Sunday 29th March and Sunday 5th April, David Gold and Lesley Manning held Open Garden days at 'The Chalet' in Tupwood Lane, Caterham to raise funds for the National Gardens Scheme and St. Catherine's

Singers Luke Carey, John Lazenby, Nicky Chambers and Louise Harper entertained the visitors who were able to relax and enjoy the music after wandering around the beautiful arounds.

Although the weather was disappointing for the first Open Garden day, it was still well attended and the following weekend saw visitors enjoying glorious sunshine.



David Gold's helicopter in the arounds of The Chalet.



May 2015

David Gold with Joe Brocking, voluntary driver for St. Catherine's and Elaine Holloway of the Tandridge Friends of St. Catherine's Hospice.



John Lazenby and Nicky Chambers.

The Royal Academy of Music comes to Caterham

Nine students from The Royal Academy of Music had the audience spellbound at a charity concert organised by the Caterham Rotary Club that took place in the Millennium Theatre at Woldingham School on Friday, 27th March.

The talent demonstrated by the young artists was sensational and they all deserve to achieve great success in the future. In the first half the brilliant, and hard-working pianist, Máire Carroll, accompanied four singers namely, Aaron Godfrey-Mayes (tenor), William Diggle (baritone), Alys Roberts (soprano) and Katie Stevenson (mezzo) with their renditions of popular opera arias, followed after the interval by wellknown songs from stage musicals.

Instrumentalists also played their part. Trumpeter Imogen



The young musicians from the Royal Academy of Music who performed at Woldingham School.

Hancock, accompanied by Jennifer Hughes, triumphed in Joseph Hayden's Concerto and captivated those present with two George Gershwin numbers. Matthew Scott (Clarinetist) with his accompanist Alexandra Vaduva, enchanted the audience with Schumann's Drie Romanzen and Verdi's Fantasia.

Rotarian David Monk who arranged the evening said "I must thank Lizzie Sambrook at The Royal Academy for her help in selecting such a collection of wonderful youth, talent and vitality. It was a joy to deal with such down to earth and genuinely nice young people . It was a privilege to have been able to showpiece an event where the quality throughout was so outstanding."

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At Oasis Academy Coulsdon, Ofsted Inspectors report: "All, including parents, are aiming for the same thing". During the nearly seven vears of its existence, Oasis Academy Coulsdon has been working towards becoming a school for the local community, and after its recent visit from HMI inspectors, Ofsted have judged that "community cohesion is exemplary", both in and outside of the Academy, and this is supported by the "increasing number of students wanting to join the Academy in Year

The inspectors visited the Academy on 4th and 5th March and following a rigorous inspection process they graded the Academy as 'Good' in all four categories: leadership and management, behaviour and safety, quality of teaching, and student achievement.

Inspectors reported that there is a "strong community that promotes tolerance, understanding, trust and re-



Delighted students and staff at Oasis Academy Coulsdon.

spect for difference" at the Academy. From meetings with students and staff during their visit they confirmed that there is a "strong sense of belonging to a community" and that students say they are "proud of their school" and "they have always felt completely safe at school".

Principal, Andy Booth, said: "The commitment of the team of staff over the past seven years has been amazing and I am very proud to be working alongside so many talented and dedicated professionals. When we opened in 2008, our aim was to raise aspirations, improve outcomes for students and restore confidence in the school so that it became the local school of choice, and this report confirms that we are fulfilling all our promises."

Andy Yarrow, Oasis Regional Academies Director for London and the South East, said: "I am absolutely delighted that Oasis Academy Coulsdon has received such a positive Ofsted inspection judgement. I am well aware of the immense amount of hard work that has taken place at the Academy over recent years to raise standards and secure such a well-deserved grading. Congratulations to the Academy's Principal, Leadership Team, staff and students. Onwards and upwards!'

Caterham Community Choir performs at le Personne Homes

On Tuesday 24th March, the ladies living at the le Personne Homes in Banstead Caterham, were Road. treated to an evening of entertainment by the Caterham Community Choir.

Jean Mallery of Caterham Community Choir said: "The ladies all enjoyed the evening and Cathy, the resident manager, and her husband David made us all feel very welcome."

Caterham Community Choir was set up in April 2013 by Tandridge Trust as a valuable resource for people in the local community and now has to become self-sufficient in order to continue. Jean said: "We are committed to growing our membership and have formed a committee to be pro-active in doing so, as clearly this holds the key to our sustainability. We share a love of singing for fun but what we actually achieve is friendship, unity and emotional well-being, not to mention a sense of purpose in the community with our free performances at local events."

For more information about Caterham Community Choir e-mail Jean at catchoir@btinternet.com or call her on 01883 345619.



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Diary of a **Plantaholic**

by Sue Baines

With everything in the garden looking more alive than dead, and growing fast, I need to think about supporting the new growth. It always remains the job I ought to have done earlier, so this year I am making it a priority. If I leave it too much longer all the gaps will fill and access becomes very precarious, both for me and the plants!

I have started to feed a lot more now. Bulbs respond really well to a mixture of tomato feed and 'Miracle Gro', but any liquid feed would work. Hyacinths respond particularly well, and after several feeds, have nice full heads the following year. Those missed look more like bluebells but are still pretty. Using the 'feeder' on the end of the hose would make it easier, but I like to cosset individuals, and check they are not ailing at the same time.

It is also time to divide in the vegetable bed.



Sue Baines

grasses, and I must remember to dig out the snowdrops too, because they will soon disappear.

I always try and sow my beans from mid April onwards. I just put them in a little damp multi purpose soil that remains at the bottom of the bag. These stay on the greenhouse floor. I will check them each day, to ensure mice or slugs are not devouring them. Once they start to root I then pot them up individually and put them somewhere they can be 'fleeced over' should frost threaten. This usually works well. I always sow many more than I need, as some years the fox is very destructive once they are

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political quiz (now there is a change!)

- Which post-war British Prime Minister was MP for Bexley and Sidcup?
- 2. In which year was the voting age reduced from 21 to 18 in this country?
- 3. Which politician was editor of The Spectator magazine from 1999-2005?
- 4. Northern Ireland politicians John Hulme and David Trimble shared which award in 1998?
- 5. An advert for Heineken Pilsner in the early 1990s had which party leader outside 10 Downing Street after becoming Prime Minister with the slogan "only Heineken can do this"?

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Another successful 'Bedrock' night for **COAT** by Phil Saville

On Saturday 11th April, members of Caterham Overseas Aid Trust ('COAT') and their supporters enjoyed a great evening with Bedrock in the superb location of Humphrey's Hall in Caterham School. £1,186 was raised on the night, every penny of which will go directly towards supporting COAT's projects in the developing world.

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at COAT would like to thank everyone who came along to this great evening and gave their excellent support especially of course BEDRÖCK, our local rock band - who have been raising money for COAT for many years.

The band were celebrating their 25th anniversary at the COAT gig so the atmosphere was definitely 'party', with the dance floor full right to the end of the evening! COAT would also like to thank Caterham School and their caretaking team for all their help and generosity.



'Bedrock' (from left): Colin, Barry, Nick and Dave.











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The Easter Bunny Fun Run 2016

by James Highsted

Over 300 people braved the wind and rain at Caterham Rotary Club's eighth annual Easter Bunny Fun Run at Queen's Park, Caterham-onon the-Hill Sunday 29th March.

Runners, walkers and bunnies participating in 1K and 5K runs, were awarded Easter eggs for finishing and for the best-dressed bunny costumes. The Chair of Tandridge District Council, Cllr. Elizabeth Parker, and Caterham Town Crier, Sonia Hunt, got both the dashes underway.

Richard York, event organiser, was thrilled with the day's events and felt the younger runners got a lot out of the day. He said: "I think it went very well. The feedback from runners, supporters and marshals was all very positive. You can see from the kids' faces when they get their eggs that they have achieved something from doing the run. It's lovely, really rewarding.

The fastest 5K runners were Adam Wright in first place, with Daniel Catt in second place and Diana Norman in third place.

Conrad Norman finished the 1K in first place, Zac Young came second and Oliver Pace came third.

The best-dressed bunny prizes were awarded to Mark Eagleton and Elvie Wright, for their floppy ears and bushy tails, by The Vet On The Hill, Ian Mathers.

The efforts of all the runners and bunnies were praised by Conservative parliamentary candidate for East Surrey, Sam Gyimah, for overcoming the poor weather. He said: "Well done to everyone who came today. You all did well, despite the rain."

Caterham Rotary Club would like to thank its sponsors Catax Ltd., Surrey National Golf Club, Ross Cycles, North Downs Hospital, The Vet On The Hill, BCL Systems and The Caterham and District Independent.

Full results are available at www.rotarvruns.co.uk.

For a further challenge, Caterham Rotary Club are organising a half marathon and 10K race on Sunday 26th July starting on Redhill Aerodrome. For more information see www.caterhamrotarvhalf.co.uk. Alternatively, look forward to next year's Easter Bunny runs on Sunday 20th March 2016.



Winners of the 1K Fun Run, Zac Young (2nd), Conrad Norman (1st) and Oliver Pace (3rd) with Clir. Elizabeth Parker.



Couch (left) and Alice Turk.



Winner of the 5K Race, Adam Wright.



Orly Wright (left) and Evie Wright with the Easter Bunny. All photos courtesy of James Highsted.

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On the weekend of 21st and 22nd March there was plenty of fun to be enjoyed at The Arc in Caterham-on-the-Hill as visitors enjoyed a host of free activities and shows put on especially to celebrate the venue's five year anniversary. The two days ended with the 'Aspire Dinner' on the Sunday evening featuring David Gold as the guest speaker. Following the celebrations, Beth Wood, Artistic Director at The Arc, said: "Thank you to everyone who performed and worked at all the events and ran the taster sessions. And thank you to all the people of Caternam and beyond who came and took part in all the myriad of activities that went on over the weekend and which reflect the nature and personality of The Arc. At the Aspire Party on the Sunday evening we enjoyed a brilliant speech by our patron David Gold and stunning performances by John Lazenby, Nicky Chambers, Lucy Devenport, Jess Fuller, Ella Richards and Sergio Taddia.

For more information about The Arc visit www.the-arccaterham.co.uk



Learning the art of trapeze was one of the free activities on offer.



A visitor learns new skills with the hoola hoops!



Dick Moran and Robin Clements of the Caterham Barracks Community Trust (outer left and right), Beth Wood, Artistic Director at The Arc, and David Gold at the Aspire Party.



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Eating Out Try the popular Sunday Carvery at Farleigh

Review by Julia Church

There is lots more to Farleigh Golf Club than just playing golf! Farleigh is also a top local choice for dining out, including its very popular Sunday Carvery.

Diners can enjoy the main course alone for £12.95 (children under 12, £7); two courses for £17 (children £10) or three courses for £19 (children £12). The seasonal starter menu has three courses alone and diners can also go back for seconds of the wonderful choice of desserts. Tea or coffee at the end of the meal is included in each option. On our visit Karen had Mediterranean Coriander Soup followed by Prawn Cocktail and Salad for her starters and I chose the Spinach and Ricotta Bake followed by Portobello Mushroom and Goats Cheese and Salad for my starters. The selection on offer looked wonderful, especially the Seafood Platter and there was also Paté and bread rolls.

Kevin the chef carved a generous portion of gammon and book a table call 01883 62771 turkey for Karen's carvery main or visit www.farleighfox.co.uk

course while I had home-cooked Beetroot and Goats Cheese Wellington with White Wine and Truffle Sauce instead of meat. We both then helped ourselves to the wonderful selection of freshly-cooked vegetables. Karen said her meat was tender and the roast potatoes were lovely. I particularly liked the honey roasted parsnips and my vegetarian option was very tasty and filling.

The selection of desserts was irresistible, including New York Cheesecake, Lemon Posset, Chocolate Torte and Victoria Sponge Cake. Karen chose the New York Cheesecake and I had a creamy chocolate mousse. All the wonderful food was cooked in house by Farleigh's team of chefs led by Ray the Head Chef.

The sophisticated dining room was lovely and bright with the tables nicely spaced out, with a gentle buzz of conversation and quiet background music. We enjoyed excellent service throughout the meal.

It is worth noting that Farleigh is also a great venue for cream teas, featuring a selection of home-made sandwiches, cakes and scones with cream and jam and unlimited tea and coffee. For more information or to book a table call 01883 627711



Chef Kevin with the carvery.



The Seafood Platter starter



The sumptuous desserts.



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Oh What A Night!

by Maria Coyle

On Saturday 28th March, The Jersey Guys put on a vibrant and glamorous show of music and dancing at Humphrey's Hall in Caterham School, organised by the Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions ('COGS').

Dubbed the UK's original, most reputable tribute show to the award winning smash hit musical 'Jersey Boys', the act certainly made an impression on the audience.

The band and its posse of Jersey gal dancers, the Earth Angels, encouraged everyone onto the dance floor to enjoy renowned hits such as 'Sherry', 'Walk Like a Man' and 'Oh, What a Night'.

Anna Langford from Caterham - a dancer in the show was delighted to have had the rare opportunity of performing for family and friends in her local area.

COGS President, Fran Pavely, said: "It was a truly fantastic night! We had very positive comments. Thank you to everyone who came along and to club members, partners and friends who helped



The Jersey Guys and Earth Angels. Photo by Robert Frost.

make it the massive success it was."

Vice-president of COGS and chairman of the Fundraising Team, Lesley Day, added: "I would like to add thanks to our guests for coming along, buying raffle tickets and enjoying the evening. And also to club members, wives, husbands and friends who sold tickets, undertook parking duties, sold raffle tickets, managed the bar and generally made sure everything went to plan."

The event is expected to have raised more than £3,000. Money raised will go to local worthy causes.

For more information about COGS please contact Tony Skilbeck at Coglions@lineone.net

Tickets are now on sale for COGS' Garden Party on Saturday 20th June; so why not treat your dad or grandfather to an early Father's Day treat or enjoy a summer afternoon with friends. Guests will enjoy a cream tea, Pimm's and musical entertainment from Julie Groves and Fiona Myall; two members of London Myriad Ensemble.

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The Soper Hall hosts its first Farmers' Market

On Sunday 29th March, Caterham's first Farmers' Market took place at the Soper Hall in Harestone Valley Road, Caterham Valley, where visitors were treated to an array of fresh local food and drink from within a 30-mile radius. Despite the rainy weather, local residents turned out to snap up the delicious produce on offer, helping to support the restoration of the Soper Hall.

Stallholders included Nut-field's Chalk Hills Bakery, Halliloo Longhorn beef from Woldingham, ciders, wines and juices from Merstham's Iron Railway Vineyard, artisan chocolates by Cocoa Bombon and handcrafted cakes from The Cake House. Bartie's Sussex Faire and Green Apron served up a wide range of jams, chutneys and preserves and Godstone's Glebe House had its home-produced honey on offer.

The event was organised by local volunteer Charlotte Drinkwater and supported by Nutfield-based organisation Local Food Britain, whose founder, Tracy Carroll, greeted



Visitors enjoy sampling the food products in the Soper Hall.

shoppers at the market.

After the event, Charlotte said: "I'm very pleased with how the first market has gone. The event is important to support local producers there is nothing like this around here and the stallholders seem keen to support it as well as to support the Soper Hall."

"It was great to see so many people coming out to support their local producers," added Tracy. "It is clear that Caterham has been in need of an event like this for some time. and we're looking forward to

seeing it grow into a successful regular market. This is not only a fantastic way for people to support small producers and their local economy, but as the proceeds are going to the restoration and maintenance of the Soper Hall, it will also pave the way for many more community events.'

The next market will take place on Sunday 3rd May. For more information events at the Soper Hall visit www.soperhall.org.uk and for more information about local food in Surrey and Sussex, visit www.localfoodbritain.com

Local badminton club supports children's charity

A charity for disbled children has had a boost to its funds thanks to a generous donation from members of Caterham Hill Badminton Club. The club donated a cheque for £1,250 to Disability Challengers who provide play and leisure opportunities for disabled children and young people aged 2-25 across Surrey, Hampshire and Berkshire.

Phoebe Day of Disability Chal-

lengers said: "Thanks to the support and kindness of Caterham Hill Badminton Club, their donation will enable more local teenagers who attend our Caterham Youth Scheme to challenge their impairments, make friends and most importantly have fun!"

For more information about Disability Challengers visit www.disability-challengers.org or call 01483 230060.



Disability Challengers Youth Leader, Angie Bamford (centre left) presents the cheque to Phyllis Taylor of Caterham Hill Badminton Club accompanied by other mambers of the Badminton Club and Disability Challengers.

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Centre Manager, Linda Smith, said: "We work with many families in the Caterham area and neighbouring communities who want to engage in some form of adult training, so we are delighted that JACE

have agreed to try a pilot with us. We recently received generous funding via Member's Allocation Fund. This will enable us to purchase an interactive white board, laptops and various other items of equipment which will allow families to access training opportunities closer to home and we are very grateful to Councillor Sally Marks for her help in obtaining this funding. Some of our families want to train

in order to increase their career prospects and provide a better income for their families, but this is difficult when the closest providers are so far out of area. "We need to remember that

the cost of childcare is already high and having to travel by public transport to Redhill or Croydon could potentially increase the cost by three hours per day. We want to provide options to make training opportunities more accessible, hence the reason for our "Opening Doors to Strengthen Families" pilot project."

Training opportunities will include two hour 'Tasters' on subjects such as sleep pattaming toddler terns, tantrums, and potty training. Parents are invited to book onto the sessions, and free crèche facilities will be provided whilst the adult learning takes place.

JACE Training are holders of many prestigious training awards and it is hoped that they will offer facilities for the community to enrol onto NVQ Training for a variety of professions such as Catering & Hospitality, Health & Social Customer Business Admin and Childcare & Playwork.

JACE Training's Managing

Director, Chris Pritchard, attended the Training & Recruitment Fayre and said she was delighted with the warm reception the event received and the opportunity to speak with visitors to the centre about delivering training opportunities and courses within the local community. For more information visit www.jace-training.co.uk Tel: 0845 241 7738 or email info@jace-training.co.uk

Caterham Children's Centre will also be working with 'Family Learning' to offer training opportunities for parents and children to attend together.

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Tennis Club Ouiz Night

Caterham and Whyteleafe Tennis Club are holding a Ouiz evening at 7pm on Saturday 2nd May in The Community Centre, High Street, Caterhamon-the-Hill. Nibbles and snacks are provided, but please bring your own drinks. Teams of up to six people per table at £7 per head. Advance booking advised by calling Sheila on 01883 652144. All profits to the Caterham Carnival Fund.

Boot Fair

RSPCA South Godstone on Eastbourne Road/A22, South Godstone RH9 8JB are holding a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 17th May from 10am-2pm. Admission is by donation to help the animals at the centre. There will be refreshments and free parking is available, with a disabled parking area.

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On Monday 18th May, Tandridge Handicraft Society is hosting a talk with examples of 'Inspirational Afghan Embroideries' given by Meike Laurenson. The talk starts at 2pm. Visitors are welcome. Entry costs £5 and includes tea and biscuits. The Society meets every Monday at the Woodhouse Centre, Hoskins Road car park, opposite Tandridge Leisure Centre, Oxted RH8 9HT. For more information visit www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk or contact Jenny Beal on 01883 620730.

Comedy Night

St. Mary's Church in Church Hill, Caterham, CR3 5RA, are hosting a Comedy Night featuring Paul Kerensa: Live & Un-`The Kneel-down Stand Up Comic' suitable for everyone from atheists to archbishops from age 12 up. The comedy takes place on Friday 5th June at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 to include a glass of wine during the interval. For more information contact the Parish Office at stmaryscaterham@gmail.comGatton Park

Open Days

Events are taking place at Gatton Park in Rocky Lane, Reigate, RH2 0TW throughout May, beginning with an Open Day of the gardens and park on Sunday 3rd May from 1pm-5pm. There will be free guided tours, free activities for children including the Wild Things play trail and the bird hide will be open. Entrance is £4 for adults, children free. For details of other events at Gatton Park in May visit their website

at www.gattonpark.com or call 01737 649066

Home-Start Quiz Night

On Thursday 14th May, Home-Start East Surrey is hosting a quiz night and question and answer session with Crystal Palace football star Julian Speroni in aid of families and children in the area. The quiz will take place at St. Mary's Church Hall, Chart Lane, Reigate and tickets, costing available £15. are at http://bit.ly/1aIaD3J. There will be a bar available.

For more information about Home-Start visit www.homestart.org.uk.

Munch with Music

The next Munch with Music at St. John's Church in Clareville Road, Caterham is taking place on Wednesday 6th May featuring Greg Tassell (Tenor) and Christopher Bundhun (Guitar). Coffee will be served at 12.15pm and the performance will take place from 12.45-1.30pm. Admission is free.

East Surrey RSPB

On Wednesday 13th May at 8pm, East Surrey RSPB are hosting a talk entitled 'Birds of the Russian Far East' by Chris Collins at the White Hart Barn in Godstone. There will be refreshments at half time. Entrance is £3 for adults and £1 for children. All, including nonmembers of the RSPB, are welcome. For more information visit http://www.eastsurreyrspb.co.uk/

Air Show

On Saturday, 30th May, as part of The Caterham Festival, an Air Show is taking place on Westway Common from 11.30am-4.30pm. See large remote controlled aeroplanes perform stunts and tricks with the return of the popular air show, organised by Caterham and District Model Flying Club. Entry is free but donations are welcome.

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