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British Airways gives a flying start to books donated to African schoolchildren

On Friday 13th November, 4,000 schoolbooks donated by de Stafford and Warlingham Schools set off from Caterham to be transported to the children of Kimilili in Kenya, courtesy of British Airways. Ex de Stafford School pupil, Jo Nutland, who is a BA employee, organised the free transportation on behalf of her old school teacher Geraint Jenkins MBE, founder of C.H.E.C.K. (Community Health and Education for the Children of Kimilili).

Martell's of East Grinstead kindly donated the use of their lorry and their driver free of charge for the day to take the 109 boxes of books to Heathrow Airport.

C.H.E.C.K. supporters turned out in force to assist with the loading of the books onto the lorry, with the task completed just minutes before the weather took a turn for the worse.

After travelling to Kenya accompanied by Jo, on Monday 30th November Geraint presented the books to the head teachers of Kimilili Boys' and Girls' Primary Schools, St Theresa's Girls' Secondary School and Kimilili's Adult Education Centre.

After presenting the books, "We, the Geraint said: trustees of C.H.E.C.K., are extremely grateful to British Airways, Martell's, de Stafford and Warlingham Schools and the Rotary Club of Caterham for making this dream of providing Science text books for the children at the schools in the remote town near the Ugandan border in Kenya come true."



Geraint Jenkins MBE (centre, holding crate-loader handle) and Jo in the red jacket with C.H.E.C.K. supporters on the back of the Martell's lorry in Banstead Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill.

For more information about C.H.E.C.K. visit: http://www.surreycommunity.i nfo/check/

See page 3 for photos of Geraint and the delighted Kimilili schoolchildren with their books.



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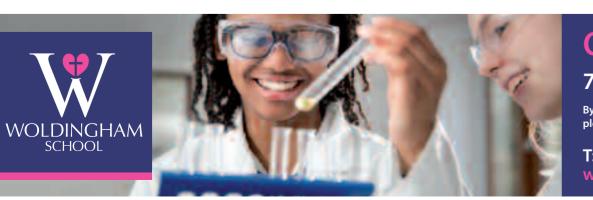
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CR3 Forum urges local people to 'have their say'

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On Monday, 14th December, the AGM of the CR3 Forum took place at the Soper Hall in Caterham Valley. Chairman, Cllr. Chris Botten, summarised the progress of the CR3 Forum so far, paying tribute to all the people on the Steering Group who had worked on the Neighbourhood Plan under Cllr. Geoff Duck's stewardship. The Neighbourhood Plan for the CR3 area, comprising Caterham Valley, Caterhamon-the-Hill, Whyteleafe and Chaldon, wiil form part of the Local Plan for Tandridge District, to give local communities more power, especially to do with future development in the area.

Once it is complete, the consultation document for the CR3 area will need to go to professional review and it is hoped that the CR3 Neighbourhood Plan will be with Tandridge District Council



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Members of the CR3 Forum Steering Group, from left: Professor Ted Howard, Clr. Geoff Duck, Maureen Gibbins, Cllr. Chris Botten, Cllr. Jackie Servant, Random Greenway, Mary Mountain, Cllr. Jenny Gaffney.

('TDC') by March.

As part of the process, TDC is asking local residents who have an interest in the area, to give their views on various approaches to how Tandridge is improved, developed and protected.

Visit www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan to register and have your say by 23.59pm on Friday 26th February 2016. The council is interested in what local residents think about:

• A range of possible approaches to meeting the area's needs over the next 20 years.

 Whether we can meet all our development needs within Tandridge.

• Affordable local housing. • Our local environment, its

greenness and openness. • The amount of schools, doctors and transport we will

need in the future. • A range of other challenges

facing our area. The final, agreed Local Plan will set out the vision for the district for the next 20 years, so it is important for local residents to express their views.



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Surrey Choices move into Caterham's **Douglas Brunton Centre**

On Monday 4th January, Surrey Choices will be moving into the Douglas Brunton Centre ('DBC') in Caterham-onthe-Hill to share the space with Tandridge District Council's staff and services.

Surrey Choices provides services for individuals with a range of disabilities. The move will bring new services to the area and an additional income for the Council, as the organisation will pay an annual fee for renting the space, which will be open at evenings and weekends.

Up to 30 Surrey Choices' customers a day will be based within the centre, accompanied by Surrey Choices' own staff. They will have exclusive use of parts of the centre.

Member of DBC, Alan Howe, expressed his concerns about the changes, saying: "I was saddened to see the changes being made to the DBC without any consultation with its users. We will lose the lounge and conservatory and only be left with the dining area for our activities. I feel that this is the beginning of the end for the DBC and I will not be renewing my membership."

Councillor Simon Ainsworth, Chairman of the Housing Committee, said: "This is a new initiative designed to make more services accessible to residents in the area, while also allowing us to make the most cost effective use of the facilities we have."

Ian Hutchinson, Operations Director for Surrey Choices, said: "We are delighted with the opportunity the DBC provides for our customers in the Caterham area and being able to further develop joint working with Tandridge District Council. We will be offering a full range of activities and services at this new location. Surrey Choices' customers will also be able to access some of the services the centre has to offer, including hairdressing and chiropody."

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From Caterham to Kimilili!

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Packing the books in Caterham ready for loading on to the lorry.



Geraint Jenkins MBE with pupils from Kimilili Girls' Primary School showing off some of their books.



Geraint with a happy crowd of pupils from Kimilili Boys' Primary School.



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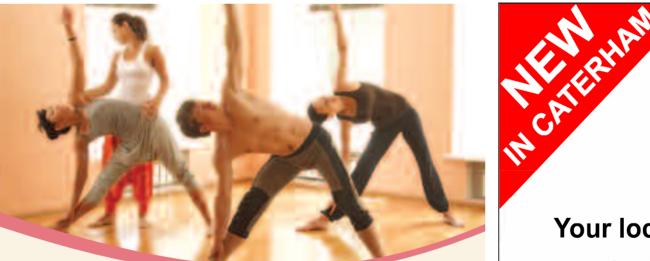
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Caterham Dene gets into the Christmas spirit

On Friday 11th December, members of Caterham Rotary Club brought a touch of festive cheer to Caterham Dene Community Hospital, performing carols and festive songs to patients, visitors and staff.

The carol singing was part of a community open afternoon at Caterham Dene Hospital. Members of local community groups were invited to join MP for East Surrey, Sam Gyimah, the Caterham Dene League of Friends ('LoF') and First Community Health and Care to hear about the importance of the services provided at the Dene for the local community. First Community Health and Care, a local social enterprise that runs NHS services from Caterham Dene Hospital, have recently invested in improvement works to the Dene including redecoration of the physiotherapy outpatient clinic, a new audiology booth and improvements to other clinic spaces. This would not have been possible without the donations from the LoF



Sam Gyimah MP (centre) sings with the choir at Caterham Dene.

who will also have a new shop opening in the reception area. The LoF was formed in 1949 and now has over 700 members. Since its formation they have donated over £500,000 for hospital equipment.

During a speech he made at the open afternoon, Sam Gyimah MP said: "We are extremely fortunate to have a facility like Caterham Dene on our doorstep, providing compassionate care at the heart of the community. Caterham Dene offers a fantastic range of services for residents, from the minor injury unit through to the elderly care and children's services that so many families rely on. It also represents real value for money, and I look forward to working with Caterham Dene to ensure they continue to receive the financial support they need to move forward.

"I would like to express my appreciation to all the staff and management who make this wonderful facility what it is."

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In the **Spotlight**

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This month we feature Warlingham resident and local artist Bogdan Zarkowski, one of the organisers of last summer's Art Funday at Gatton Park in Reigate. **Bogdan has designed** many album covers and his client list reads like theatre, reading, art and a Who's Who of the photography. music business.

Birthplace: Wales.

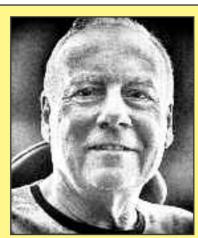
Marital Status: Married.

campervan.

called Seven (Sevvy for sense of humour. short).

Childhood hero: Buddy Holly.

Pastimes: ping logs, live music, by George Gershwin.



Bogdan Zarkowski.

Favourite Food & Drink: Nutty chocolate and real ale, both of which I've given up.

Children: Two daughters. Likes: Creating free art and fly posting it around **Cars:** Lexus 4 x 4 and a Surrey for members of the public to find and keep.

Pets: A Burmese cat Dislikes: People without a

Favourite book: The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck.

Favourite song of all Swimming, walking, chop- time: Rhapsody in Blue **Favourite TV show:** Gogglebox.

Favourite holiday destination: Rugged coastal paths and city breaks.

Proudest moment: The birth of my daughters.

Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at? All politicians.

Biggest influence on your life: Croydon College of Art.

Most embarrassing moment:

When a poser, I nonchalantly jumped off a bus backwards and landed on my bum.

Where would you most like to live? The Lake District.

Who would you most like to meet? 1950s torn poster artist Jacques Villegle.

If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it? Taking the family around the world.

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Jack Rumsey and his wife Jenny opened the shop a year ago due to the expanding number of private clients Jack was visiting in their own homes. Since opening the shop, their client base has increased with

new

area.

Jack said: "I am delighted that my previous clients have stayed loyal since Jenny and I opened our shop here in Caterham and we would like to thank all our customers for their support during our first year here. I have lived in Tandridge all my life so it felt like a natural progression to open a shop here in Caterham."

Jack is very proud of the bespoke design service offered

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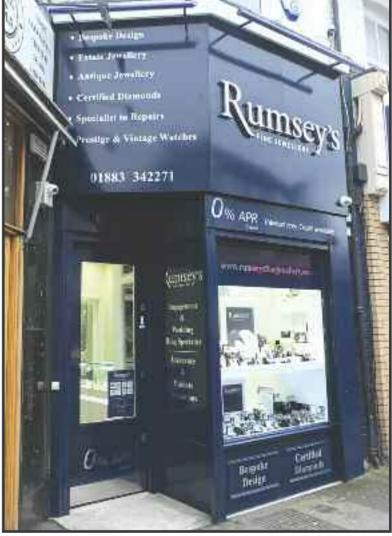
specialise in engagement and wedding rings.

Jack said: "Our part-exchange service is popular, where customers can bring in an unwanted or unloved item of jewellery and upgrade to something else. We also offer a gold and precious metal buying service."

Rumsey's is delighted to have recently acquired FCA authorisation to provide 0% finance on products from £300 up to £25,000 over five years. They have also just launched an E-commerce website at www.rumseysfinejewellery.co.uk

Broken jewellery can be repaired at Rumsey's Hatton Garden workshop and they also offer a full restoration service for clocks and watches.

January is a great month to pop in to Rumsey's as they are offering 20% off all items (excluding Rolex watches) to celebrate the New Year. Please remember



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by Thomas Byrne, Oakhyrst Grange pupil.

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We played seven games in the Group stage and our results were as follows:

Won 1-0 against Heath House;

Won 1-0 against Virgo Fidelis;

Won 1-0 against Sacred Heart;

Won 2-0 against West Lodge;

Won 3-0 against Pointers; Drew 0-0 against Lingfield Notre Dame;

Won 2-0 against Weston Green.

We did not let a goal in during the whole Group stage. Because of our good results

we topped our Group going into the semis. In the semis we met St. David's School from Purley, the current champions. It was a challenging match but in the end we came out on top with a final score of 3-0. Then in the final we played Weston Green again. Beating them in the Group stage 2-0 gave us confidence but they came back at us

harder this time. It was a tough match and during the dying seconds it was still 0-0. Then we broke and got the goal which led us to winning the match 1-0. We were the champions! During the tournament, our top goal scorer was Conrad with five goals, but the Man of the Tournament, unanimously agreed by the team, was Alex who didn't let a single goal in all day. I would like to thank Miss Dance for coaching us, Mr Vincent for his support and all the parents who came along to cheer us on.



The successful Oakhyrst Grange Squad with their shield.





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Kate Orrick MBE is honoured for her international assistance work

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Kate is currently Deputy Head of the Department For International Development Services ('DFID') in Sudan. The position means that Kate is responsible for UK Kate with her award at Windsor efforts to help those suffering from conflict receive life-saving assistance, and supporting them 91 and St. Bede's Secondary to be better prepared to deal School in Redhill from 1991-97. with future crises. She has also She then went onto Durham Uniworked in Yemen, Iraq and versity to study a BA in Arabic Sierra Leone.

said: "I am absolutely thriled to cluded a year in Syria. receive this award and would like Kate's father, Surrey County to thank my fantastic collagues, Councillor for Caterham-on-thefamily and friends. Without their Hill, John Orrick, said: "I don't help and support I could not think there could be prouder have achieved this."

Kate attended Hillcroft Primary ficult to stop walking around School in Caterham from 1984- with a huge grin on our faces!"



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Caterham residents invited to share their recollections for local oral history project

Caterham resident, Jeremy Webster, is looking for local people who used to own a business in Caterham to share their memories with him for the second part of a special oral history project he is putting together. He is also looking for people who were stationed in Caterham Barracks or who worked at St. Lawrence's Hospital before both institutions closed several years ago.

The first CD of the project contains recordings of elderly Caterham residents sharing their memories of childhood and family life; working life; wartime; local features and shops, and characters in Caterham.

The idea for the project started three years ago when Jeremy got chatting early days in Caterham.

Jeremy said: "I realised that what these people were telling me was fasci-

nating local history and if it was not recorded somehow then all these accounts of Caterham in bygone days would be lost forever".

With lots of encouragement and help from local parish councillors Sue Guage, John Orrick and Sarah Burningham, Jeremy started to make the recordings. He teamed up with another Caterham resident, Julie Groves, who was undertaking a similar task for her Memory Tree art installation in St. Lawrence's Church, which featured in last year's Caterham Festival.

Jeremy said: "Putting the project together has taken hours and hours. I started off with many recorded interviews that needed to be to residents about their edited and put into some sort of order. I was told of editing software I could use called Wavepad and that enabled me to create

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the first CD. I hope that listeners will find the CD interesting – in amongst all the recollections are one or two very moving stories which make quite gritty listening in places."

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Inaugural meeting takes place of **Friends of Chaldon**

Church by Emma Wilson

Saturday 5th December saw the inaugural meeting of the newly formed Friends of Chaldon Church ('FCC').

For many locals, knowledge of St Peter's and St Paul's stretches to it being 'very old' and housing 'that' ancient mural of the Purgatorial Ladder, and in all likelihood an assumption that it is financially propped up by cake sales and visiting ramblers.

Until now the congregation has raised much of the money for the care of the fabric of the building. Professor Edward Howard and the new FCC committee however, understand very well that the church is of huge local significance and needs a much wider and strategic approach to fundraising, if it is to last another 1,000 years. The Friends group has been formed to do just that and



Liz Bonsall speaking at the inaugural meeting of the Friends of Chaldon Church. Photo by Emma Wilson.

and care for the church that was displayed at the meeting was impressive and bodes well for this old building. Liz Bonsall, a member of the committee, made an impassioned speech about getting involved, the essential work planned to keep the church on the map and functioning as a local place of historical interest. For those people who thought they knew all about its history, Prof Ted Howard's talk revealed a rich past that dates back to before the Domesday the display of commitment Book and the feuding of

Anglo-Saxon Lords. There were photographs on display of congregational activities in the 1920's, shortly after the end of the First World War, in which Chaldon and its young men were so gravely affected. There is a plan for more activity over the next year and lots of ways you can get involved and support the Friends work. For further information please e-mail: friendsofchaldonchurch@g mail.com or write to Friends of Chaldon Church, 26 Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe, Surrey CR3 0AB.



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Eating Out

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Costa del Sol - a traditional, familyrun restaurant in the heart of **Whyteleafe**

Review by Julia Church

far to go to experience a great night out in a little gem of a Spanish restaurant in the centre of the village - Costa del Sol at 215 Godstone Road.

Nelia Inacio, provide a warm and friendly welcome for their customers, making the restaurant feel like a home from home.

a pre-Christmas meal at the tity to fill me up. restaurant recently when it was For dessert Jenny and I shared a celebrating the festive season.

After pulling our Christmas crackers, we ordered our food. I chose the Avocado Vinaigrette for my starter and Jenny chose one of the Specials of the Day, the meal. Grilled Chorizo.

We were very impressed when Joe brought the large Chorizo sausage to the table for Jenny, which was served in flames!

Jenny had chosen the spicy

rather than mild Grilled Chorizo option, which she said was perfect, and not too spicy. My avocado was ripe and creamy with a

wonderful vinaigrette dressing. For our main courses I chose two Tapas dishes, the Tres Colores Salad (avocado, tomato and Mozarella cheese) and the Beren-Gratinadas jenas (baked aubergines with tomato and cheese sauce). Jenny chose a meat dish from the a la carte menu - the Medallones Picantes Whyteleafe residents do not have (medallions of fillet steak in a pepper sauce), which came with a generous portion of sautéed potatoes, carrots, broccoli and peas. Jenny said the fillet steak was thick and tender and she was also Joe and Nelia with their Husband and wife team, Joe and impressed with the crispy sautéed potatoes.

I was very pleased with my choice as the aubergine dish, similar to a lasagne, went really well with the My daughter Jenny and I enjoyed salad and was just the right quan-

bustling with groups of friends out Tarte San Tiago (Spanish almond tart) as neither of us had ever had a Spanish dessert before. It had a subtle, almond flavour, not too marzipanny, with light pastry - a perfect way to end our Spanish

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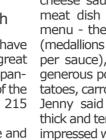
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Lions' Spanish Night raises cash for local charities by Maria Coyle

A lively Spanish Evening held in November raised over £1,000 for the Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions (COGs).

Club members and guests dressed for the occasion, held at the White Hart Barn in Godstone, with grand sombreros and flowy flamenco skirts in anticipation of the entertainment that was to come.

Guests enjoyed a three course meal, which included a luscious Spanish casserole cooked by club members, before the performance by a flamenco dancer.

It was an entertaining show by Debbie Lewington, who explained the history behind the dance and engaged some audience participation.

Lion President, Lesley Day, was among those who graced the stage to try out some moves and who finished the night thanking everyone.

Lesley said: "A very big thank you, or more appro-



Maggie Swiatly (left) and Dartford Lion, Cathy Morgan.

priately 'muchas gracias', for joining us on what has been a hugely successful event. And also thank you to those who helped organise by cooking and preparing. Through events such as these we can continue to raise money for worthy local causes."

For more information about COG Lions Club or to express interest in becoming a member, you would be more than welcome to join as a guest at one of their meet-Please ings. email coglions@lineone.net or call Tony Skilbeck on 01883 335945.



by Alec Herbert

Five for Fun - A "new" theme for the New Year

1. How many of the United States start with "New"?

2. With which record did New Order have a hit in 1983, 1988 and again in 1995?

3. In which English city is New Street railway station?

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Tandridge Photographic Society

On Thursday 7th January at 8pm, Tandridge Photographic Society is hosting a talk entitled: "Tom's Talking Reptiles" by Tom Kozel and his animal friends in Godstone Baptist Hall, Godstone Hill, RH9 8AJ.

For more information about the Society and its meetings visit www.tandridgephotographicsociety.org.uk

Old Coulsdon Camera Club On Tuesday 12th January at 8pm, Old Coulsdon Camera Club is hosting a talk entitled: "In My View" by Gerald Kitiyakara LRPS in Cameron Hall, Canon's Hill, Old Coulsdon. For more information e-mail: Lynda@oldcoulsdoncameraclub.org.uk

Munch with Music

event at St. John's Church in Clareville Road, Caterham is taking place on Wednesday 3rd February, presenting The Paul Shearing Jazz Trio.

Coffee will be served at 12.15pm and the performance is from 12.45pm-1.30pm. Admission is free. **Downland Chorale**

On Saturday 6th February the Downland Chorale is hosting its "Come and Sing Workshop" from 11am until 5pm at de Stafford School, Burntwood Lane, Caterham CR3 5YX. Enjoy a day of singing "Sing Africa" by Jonathan Willcocks with conductor, Iain Cooper. No previous experience required. Tickets cost £12.50 including score. Bring your own packed lunch. Drinks are provided. For more information call 618226 or visit 07729 www.downlandchorale.org.uk **RSPB** Talk

At 8pm on Wednesday 13th January, East Surrey RSPB are presenting a talk entitled: "Cuba - a Caribbean Wilderness" by Martin Davies at The next Munch with Music the White Hart Barn in God-The fee is £3 for stone. adults and £1 for children. For more information visit http://www.eastsurreyrspb.co.uk/

Onesie wearing at Woldingham School raises over £600

On Wednesday 18th November, Woldingham students donned their onesies in place of school uniform for a day to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation ('JDRF'). Ciamhé Percival, a Year 9 student at Woldingham School, organised the fundraiser and has so far raised £611.47.

World Diabetes Day was on Saturday 14th November, with JDRF launching the initiative to wear a onesie to school or work, both to fundraise and to highlight awareness of the condition. Jayne Triffitt, Headmistress, said: "We run a diverse proaramme of fundraising events throughout the year, with many of the initiatives



Some of the Woldingham girls in their colourful onesies.

coming from the students themselves - we do our best to accommodate their ideas. Ciamhé has shown tremendous initiative and hard work to make this a success, galvanising the entire school community to get involved".

Ciamhé said: "I was so pleased that the onesie day was a success. I couldn't believe the amount of donations that came through and

I really appreciate everyone's generosity. Not only has this day raised money to help innocent lives, but it has also made me feel much more confident about my Diabetes and showed me that it is people like us who can make a change by speaking out. I really hope that one day we can say that we live in a world without such life changing conditions such as Diabetes.

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Gold Again! Hamptons International Awarded Best Large Agency for the Fourth Consecutive Year

Hamptons International took home Gold for Best Large Agency for the fourth consecutive year at the Estate Agency of the Year Awards 2015 in association with the Sunday Times and The Times, held at The Lancaster London Hotel on Friday 4 December.

The event is recognised as one of the most prestigious events in the industry calendar and attracted stiff competition from agents across the country. It was once again supported by The Sunday Times and The Times, with the winners presented with their awards, by International rugby star and MBE Matt Dawson.

Awarding Hamptons International with Gold for Best Large Agency for the fourth year in a row, the judges commented:

"Hamptons International is a leading residential property company which offers unrivalled customer service from committed and inspired people. Clients using Hamptons will receive expert advice from highly trained, professional and enthusiastic staff. The valuers and negotiators are switched on, and are increasingly proactive in terms of progressing the sales efficiently and in a considerate manner. The culture is people oriented and the executive team has worked hard to entrench this philosophy internally and externally, so the team and the clients feel valued and appreciated. They understand that the right values are a mind-set so recruit those whose attitudes mirror those of the business, and seek to reinforce this with thorough and robust training of the technical skills of estate agency, which is aligned to the business goals. It has grown its international presence and now has partnerships with over 7,000 overseas offices. Hamptons International is a professional and polished brand whose ethics and standards have led to extraordinary levels of repeat and referral business. It is a worthy winner of the gold in this category for the fourth year running."

Hamptons International also scooped Silver for Best Training and Development and Philip Knight from Hamptons International's Caterham branch won Best Valuer. Award winners were decided following a rigorous and thorough judging process by a panel of 20 industry experts. The judging process was overseen by The Property Ombudsman, Christopher Hamer and Gerry Fitzjohn, VP of The Property Ombudsman acted as Arbiter.

Marc Goldberg, Head of Sales at Hamptons International, commented:

"We are delighted to have been recognised for the fourth consecutive year as the UK's Best Large Agency at the prestigious Estate Agency of the Year Awards.

Throughout the year we have been working hard to grow our business share, invest in our staff and above all else provide our clients with outstanding customer service. To be acknowledged for these efforts by a group of



industry experts is extremely rewarding and is testament to the hard work and dedication of our employees.

Alongside Gold for Best Large Agent, Hamptons International scooped Silver for Best Training and Development, acknowledged for our committed approach to training every employee in the business from new starter to senior director.

We are also extremely proud of our star performer, Philip Knight who received the highest of accolades taking home Best Valuer. Philip was commended by the judges for his relationships in the local community and his excellent commitment to service.

To win these categories from a competition pool of more than 6,000 estate agency offices from around the country is an enormous achievement."



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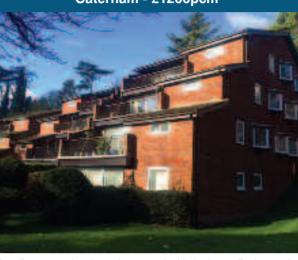
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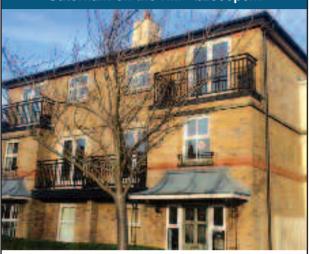
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