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## Rose & Young - the parasite in our midst (cont. from p1)

With local businesses struggling to find the thousands of pounds required to pay annual business rates, many wonder what the money is used for, as they have to pay private contractors to remove their rubbish and very little seems to be being invested in the economic welfare of Caterham.

To make matters worse, it was revealed at a recent meeting of the Caterham Valley Business Partnership that the owners of 67-69 Croydon Road ('the Rose & Young site') are not eligible to pay business rates because according to government legislation, the property is 'Not capable of beneficial occupation'.

Andrew Browne, Chairman of the Caterham Valley Business Forum, said: "We think it is incredible that the owners of this enormous site are not paying business rates like the rest of us. If they had to pay, the owners might demolish the site to avoid paying business rates. It wouldn't be ideal, but it

would be a step in the right direction. It is just awful. I think it is appalling."

Tony Jones, of Anthony Jones Photography in Croydon Road angrily commented: "Whichever way you look at it, it is just a disgrace which is a big blight on the town. There seems to be nothing available in law to stop a consortium of businessmen, through greed, hampering the prospects of a town like Caterham. There should be a way of putting the premises up for tender if they are left standing unused for a certain number of years, to the detriment of the local economy."

A Valuation Office Agency spokesman said: "The property was removed from the rating list in September 1997 because, taking into consideration the property's age and condition, it was the opinion of the Valuation Officer that no one would be prepared to pay a rent for

the property as it stood. As defined in rating legislation, this means it does not warrant an entry in the rating list, and as a consequence it attracts no rating liability."

On hearing the news East Surrey MP, Peter Ainsworth, said: "I think it is shocking. I had thought that the whole point of the new legislation is that empty properties such as these would become liable to pay full business rates. I think it is appalling that the owner of this site does not have to pay anything, at the cost of local business owners."

Mr Ainsworth wrote to the Chief Executive of Tandridge District Council, Stephen Weigel, recently about the lack of progress in redeveloping the former site, and why the Council is not pursuing a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) on the grounds that it is detrimental to the economic welfare of the town. In his reply, Mr Weigel stated: "The fact

that the site remains neglected is a source of intense frustration to all of us trying to improve Caterham. However, the District Council is limited in what it can do to compel the private owners of redundant properties, such as the Rose & Young site, to actually implement approved schemes if they decide for their own reasons not to do so .... The general principle of a CPO is that there must be a compelling case in the public interest to go down this route. Any authority pursuing a CPO should be sure that the purposes for which it is making an Order sufficiently justifies interfering with the human rights of those with any interest in the land affected." He went on to say: "I believe it is unlikely the Council could commit to a CPO without a private developer partner with a worked up scheme and finance in place."

Mr Ainsworth told us: "I think the best way forward is for continued dialogue between the County and District Council to work towards a solution, in addition to continued pressure on the owners of the site."

## Rededication of Soper Memorial



Gwyneth Fookes by the renovated memorial

Last month saw the rededication of the Soper Memorial at St. Mary's Church in Caterham-on-the-Hill, attended by benefactors and dignitaries, including the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Tony Elias. The memorial to the 'Father of Modern Caterham', William Garland Soper, who died 100 years ago, had been broken during a night of vandalism but now stands proud once again thanks to the fundraising efforts of local historian, Gwyneth Fookes, and the generosity of local businesses and organisations.

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# Party in the grounds

by Katie Barker

The lawns of St Lawrence's hospital provided the perfect venue for the last big gathering of service users of the Primary Care Trust on Friday 12th September. Organised by senior support worker Helen Rujbally and her colleagues, the event was a chance for service users to see old friends and enjoy themselves. Some of the users have moved back into the community and live as far away as Epsom so this was a great chance for a reunion.

"I realised this might be the last time we were all together and we needed to celebrate that," said Helen. There was a hat competition, a raffle and a magician alongside a DJ from Radio Mercury.

Helen stressed there were so many people who helped make this event happen and without them her idea could never have become reality. Travel Matters of Redhill gave a £100 voucher for first prize in the raffle, Arms Marquees gave a generous 50% discount, Space Work provided the table cloths and dance floor, Legal Friends of Redhill helped massively with their donation of



Helen Rujbally (centre) with the girls from Radio Mercury  
(Photo by Katie Barker)

£1,000 and Blends of Caterham provided the catering. The entertainment was provided by Radio Mercury and local singer Karley-Ann. The event would not have been possible without all the hard work of the day care staff, as well as Helen herself, to create a very memorable afternoon of celebrations.

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## Local guiding news

by District Commissioner, Charley Formosa

9th Caterham and 1st Woldingham Guide Companies reaped the rewards of their hard work for the Caterham Carnival when they received cheques from the Carnival Committee last month. The Leaders and girls from both units would like to thank the Carnival Committee for allowing them to be beneficiaries, and look forward to purchasing much needed camp equipment with the money. Woldingham Guides are particularly grateful, as it has allowed them to buy items for camp at the end of September.

Two Young Leaders, Amy Lovell and Michaela Pearce, have recently completed their Adult Leadership qualification, and we offer them many congratulations and thanks for their hard work. A special mention goes to

Amy Lovell who has also completed her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award - well done.

All units have now resumed meetings after the summer, and the programmes reflect the different celebrations coming up. Harvest Festival, Halloween, Guy Fawkes and Christmas all figure largely in most units' plans, with badge work and challenges taking second place. Camps tend to give way to indoor holidays during the winter months, with the girls enjoying proper beds and washing facilities. Strangely though, most girls still prefer camping!

We are still trying to find Leaders for the Rainbow and Guide units in South Godstone which have not re-opened after the summer holiday.

If you would like to find out more about running (or helping with) a unit, please contact Charley Formosa, District Commissioner, on 01883 653356

## Munch with Music



Jazz trombonist, Dave Hewett  
Photo by Katie Barker

Jazz musicians Dave Hewett and Len Quinell entertained over 100 people recently at the first 'Munch with Music' lunchtime session at St. John's Church in Clareville Road, Caterham Valley. The organisers were delighted that so many people attended and enjoyed the performance. The next session takes place on Wednesday, 5th November at 12.45. Admission free. Don't forget to bring your sandwiches!

## Burtenshaw's Beat

by Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector Elaine Burtenshaw



I often talk about the importance of making your valuable belongings secure. Well, thankfully for one victim they did just that! Last month officers arrested a man in Caterham, in the early hours of the morning, with a laptop and ipod in his possession he couldn't account for. A few simple checks revealed the items were security marked and had been stolen from a vehicle. The suspect, 27-year-old Aaron Bashford from Caterham, was arrested. He pleaded guilty at court to theft and we were able to reunite the victim with his valuables.

Free crime prevention advice is always available from my crime reduction officer PC John Lee or alternatively log on to the Surrey Police website [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk) for some top tips on reducing your chance of becoming a victim of crime.

This month I am sending a strong message to all Tandridge residents, including youngsters, parents and carers, that anti-social behaviour in the run-up to Halloween and Bonfire Night simply will not be tolerated. The Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Team is

taking a zero-tolerance approach towards the increase in criminal damage and anti-social behaviour that can be associated with these events. We will be laying-on extra patrols in known hot-spot areas to deal with any criminal activity and also to reassure members of the community that Surrey Police will robustly deal with those who commit offences. I am asking parents to be responsible and play your part during this time. You should know where your children are going to be on Halloween and ensure they respect the wishes of those who display a 'No Trick or Treat' sticker. Also retailers should be alert for young people buying eggs and flour as a minority of young people think trick or treating is a good excuse for throwing these items at unsuspecting victims. The Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Team will not put up with troublemakers who hijack Halloween and you can be assured that positive action will be taken.

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# “Goodbye” and “Hello”

by District Commissioner, John Andrews

We recently said goodbye to our long standing District Commissioner, Andy Parr, who has been Commissioner in Caterham for the past 11 years.

In his time Andy has overseen the celebrations of two momentous occasions, the dawn of a new millennium and the centenary of scouting. He restarted the practice of members of uniformed organisations wearing their uniform to school or work on St George's Day. He will also be remembered for often managing to attend three meetings in one evening, among his many other achievements.

We recently held a thank you to Andy for his contribution to scouting (so far) in the form of a 'This is Your Scouting Life'. It featured friends old and new who told anecdotes of some of the things he got up to over the years.



He will be sorely missed as Commissioner but luckily for us he is being recycled as Assistant District Commissioner (Cub Scouts).

He has now handed over the reins to me, John Andrews. I have been Andy's deputy for the past three years but my scouting goes back much further. I was a Cub Scout and Senior Scout with the 67th Croydon and started adult scouting in 1976 in Hornchurch, Essex. I came to Caterham as a leader some 18 years ago and in that time I have been a Group Scout Leader, Training Manager and Chairman of District Scout Fellowship. I am really looking forward to getting to grips with the job, visiting the various groups and meeting as many people as I can. Andy will be a hard act to follow but hopefully I will be able to carry on the work of Andy and his predecessor Peter Hoare.

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# Lord visits Oasis Academy

The recently opened Oasis Academy in Coulsdon played host to some esteemed guests in early September to mark a new start for the Academy. Lord Adonis, the Parliamentary Undersecretary of State for Schools and Learners, and Steve Chalke, the founder of the Oasis Foundation, took a guided tour of the school on Wednesday 10th September. Lord Adonis' visit was part of a nationwide campaign that sees the opening of many new schools and academies this September and Oasis Coulsdon was one of several funded by the Oasis Foundation. The Academy opened its doors to showcase its new programs, uniforms and positive attitude. The plans do not stop here though with more refurbishments planned over the next two years. Lord Adonis and Mr. Chalke met some of the student directors in year 11 who help with the running of their Academy. The responsibility given to the students through this new scheme gives them a sense of pride, as well as a working understanding of how a business is run. "The Academy is about instilling



Oasis Academy Principal, John Murphy (third from left), introduces Lord Adonis (second from left) and Steve Chalke to Academy students

Photo by Katie Barker

good morals into children and addressing discipline problems, something all parents would support for their children," stressed Lord Adonis.

The visit was just one of several events taking place at the Academy, which officially opened at the end of September. The opening was followed by a sponsored run by members of staff up Ben Nevis. The funds raised from the run will go towards helping disadvantaged students participate in all aspects of Academy life, including a school ski trip planned for Easter 2009.

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When asked what made August such a successful month for Cloudy2Clear he mentioned the current economic climate as one factor. "Not only are people not going on holiday as much but they are not moving house either. Instead they



'Cloudy2Clear' franchisee Chris Lucas with his certificate. Photo by Katie Barker

are improving the homes they have," explained Chris. This is not the only reason though, as he also mentions word of mouth and his returning customers as key to his recent success as well. Cloudy 2 Clear is now an established name in Caterham, and indeed across the South East.

However the original franchise started in the north of England, where most of the 11 franchises are still based. Some cover much larger areas than Chris, which makes his award for Franchisee of the Month even more impressive!

## Quick Quiz

by Alec Herbert

### Islands

1. Borneo and Madagascar are the largest islands in which ocean?
2. To which island group does the Isle of Skye belong?
3. What is the capital of Cyprus?
4. Who wrote the novel 'The Island of Dr Moreau'?
5. Who dueted on the 1983 hit 'Islands in the Stream'?

### Answers:

1. Indian; 2. The (Inner) Hebrides; 3. Nicosia; 4. H G Wells; 5. Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton.

## Build a Guy competition

This year's Round Table Fireworks Display takes place on Saturday, 8th November and local youngsters are invited to make a spectacular Guy Fawkes to put on top of the bonfire. The competition is open to anyone age 11 years old and under and the winner will get to see their beloved creation go up in flames in front of a crowd of thousands. He or she will also receive a cash prize of £100 and receive free glow in the dark products. There is a second prize of £50 and third prize of £25. Everyone who enters the competition will receive two free tickets to the firework display. Entrants should take their Guy to the Dene Field for 12.00 midday on Saturday, 8th November where judging will be carried out by the Artistic Department of the Round Table!

The display takes place at the Dene Field in Church Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill (next to St. Mary's Church) on Saturday, 8th November. The torchlight procession will leave Westway Common at 6.30 p.m. and the bonfire will be lit at about 7.00 p.m.

## Don't bank on it .....

by Jerry Connor, Director of Kenley Financial Ltd.



In the film Marathon Man Laurence Olivier played a Nazi fugitive. He was trying to find out from Dustin Hoffman if it was 'safe' to pick up the stolen diamonds he had deposited in a bank. 'Is it safe?' he asked as he drilled deep into an open tooth cavity to find the answer. This still affects how I feel about dentists today!

But 'is it safe?' is the same question millions of us are asking about the banks and financial institutions we deal with on a daily basis. Last month I wrote about the merits of spreading your hard earned cash across several capitalised institutions. Since then we have seen one of the largest banks in the world go bust (Lehman Brothers) and HBOS, once the largest building society the world has ever seen, has been taken over to create a new 'super bank' with Lloyds/TSB.

We have not seen the last of these deals yet as more will be forthcoming. Lehman Brothers, before their demise, were the third largest investment bank in the USA, advising corporations and even countries on their financial strategy. Sadly they could not save themselves. Uncertainty brings a flight to quality; people want to know their money is 'safe'. The only investment truly guaranteed is some form of national savings. Cash is only protected by law up to £35k. But most assets are

covered by some form of investors' compensation scheme so please do not be overly worried - speak to your adviser for reassurance.

Confidence will return to the market and people will feel good about investing again as that is where consistent long-term gains can be made. Warren Buffett, who has made billions from investing, said his favourite time for holding stock is 'forever'. Right now 'forever' seems a mighty long time. Let's see what the next few weeks brings and maybe things will settle down.

Hopefully I have not put you off going to the dentist, it is important to have a check up every six months - just like your finances!



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steaks from the grill, a good selection of salads and of course starters and desserts. The restaurant also offers a range of childrens meals at just £4.25. In addition to the main menu, the Bar Menu offers great value with a large choice of baguettes served with chunky chips and jacket potatoes with a selection of tasty fillings, all at just £3.99! The tasty Village Inn Burgers are served in a bap with salad garnish and chunky chips and range in price from £6.50 to £7.25.

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## A carvery that's a cut above the rest!

Review by Julia Church

The Horseshoe at Warlingham Green recently extended its Sunday carvery to seven days a week, a move that has proved extremely popular with diners. There is still the regular menu of fish, meat and vegetarian choices where the quality of the food has clearly not been compromised by this change. On a recent visit my dining partner and I were taken through the smart and spacious restaurant to a table by the window. We found that despite it being a busy Friday night, we didn't feel crowded as the tables are positioned so that you're not seated cheek-by-jowl with the other diners.

The food was superb. The meals are all prepared from fresh ingredients by the restaurant's new Head Chef, Wendy Butler. For starters I had succulent 'Fried Squid in Crispy Iceberg Lettuce with Lemon Mayonnaise', while my partner enjoyed 'Mushrooms in Garlic Cream and

Toast'. The 'toast' turned out to be toasted French bread smothered with a generous helping of mushrooms in a creamy garlic sauce. For our main course, my partner opted for the 10oz Sirloin Steak from the selection of meat dishes. The steak was served with a Madeira and mushroom sauce with chips and vegetables and in his words, was 'absolutely perfect, lovely and tender!' I decided to try the carvery that was offering beef, turkey and gammon. So, of course, I had to try some of each and returned to my table with my plate piled high with meat, Yorkshires and plenty of roasties and other vegetables. It was all delicious and I was particularly impressed by how fresh and crisp the vegetables were, not at all mushy as you so often find with vegetables served alongside a carvery.

By now pretty full, we decided to share a nice warm



Dean serving at the carvery - one of the very friendly and courteous team who serve at the Horseshoe

chocolate fudge cake with ice cream for dessert, purely for research purposes, naturally.

We chose a house wine, 'La Croix Rouge' to accompany our meal, that cost £12.50 and turned out to be an excellent choice. The carvery meal is excellent value at just £8.50 on weekdays and Saturday lunchtimes, or £6.95 for Gold Club members. Oh, and by the way, the next time I go I'm going to have a chocolate fudge cake all to myself!

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### CAB AGM

The 54th Annual General Meeting of the Caterham & Warlingham Citizens Advice Bureau takes place on Wednesday, 8th October at the Soper Hall, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham. The meeting includes a talk by Mr Bob Evans, Director of Planning for Tandridge District Council on 'Planning in Caterham'.

### C.O.A.T Talk

Margaret Deards, Chairman of the Caterham Overseas Aid Trust (C.O.A.T.) will be speaking at an open meeting of the Chaldon W.I. on Wednesday 8th October at 2pm in Chaldon Village Hall. All are welcome.

### Music Quiz

A Music Quiz Night is being held at Marden Lodge School, Croydon Road, Caterham on Friday 10th October at 7.30pm. Proceeds will go to the OAST Trust (Opportunities for people with learning disabilities) and Marden Lodge PTA.

Tickets cost £10 to include a fish and chip supper. Telephone Mark Jones on 07841 065845. Bring your own drinks.

### Barn Dance

A Barn Dance is being held in aid of Chaldon Church on Saturday 18th October in Chaldon Village Hall from 8pm. Tickets cost £6 each from Janet Payne, telephone 01883 330785. Bring your own drinks.

### Big Band Entertainment

East Surrey Scouting are holding an evening of Big Band Swing, Jazz & Popular Music with the ConChord Big Band and vocalists at the Barn Theatre in Oxted on Saturday 25th October 2008 at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £12 from Alan Osborn, telephone 01342 843489.

### Charity Quiz Night

A Quiz Night in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support is being held on Friday 24th October at de Stafford School, Burntwood Lane, Caterham, 7.15 for 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £7.50, children £4 and include a delicious buffet supper. Tel. Marion Tait, 01883 344797. Bring your own drinks.

## Carnival Committee presents cheques



**Committee Chairman, John O'Neill presents a cheque to Ben Welland (left) and Ian Tobin of Caterham District Explorer Scouts.**

At last month's Caterham Carnival AGM, Vice President John O'Neill was delighted to announce that £6,600 had been raised to distribute between this year's beneficiaries. Cheques were presented to Marden Lodge School and Kestrels Children's Centre, Caterham District Explorer Scouts and the 9th Caterham and 1st Woldingham Guides. Next year's Caterham Carnival is to be held on Saturday, 13th June 2009.

## What a show!

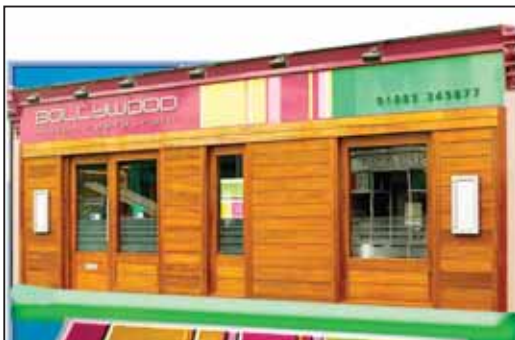
by Katie Barker

Last month saw the 56th annual Caterham Art Group Exhibition, and the standard was higher than ever. The Soper Hall was transformed into a gallery of wonders, with two rooms packed full of paintings inspired by all aspects of life and many different countries. Four awards were contested, three decided by a judge and one was the people's choice, voted for by all those who came to view the exhibition. The theme this year was 'Entrances' and with 13 entrants competing

for the Sherrington Legge Award the judge had plenty of talent to choose from. She eventually decided Rosemary Seymour's 'The Studio, "Lukesland" Dartmoor' in watercolour deserved the accolade. The Harold Jones prize for best oil painting went to Ian Currie for his 'Norfolk Trees' with the Laurence Clark award for best other media going to Edwina Downs for her 'Bluebells at Kingswood, Warlingham' in watercolour. The hotly contested John Bushby prize, the people's award, went to "Marilyn Anne" Danish Schooner' in oil by Phil Preston.



Some of the stunning paintings depicting 'Entrances' Photo by Katie Barker



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## In the garden

by Alec Herbert

Autumn may well be the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness but it is a busy time for gardeners wishing to have the garden looking good before the advent of winter.

As the growth rate of the grass slows, the frequency of mowing can be reduced. If time can be found, rake out the thatch, aerate to improve drainage and give the lawn an autumn feed. Perennials can be divided by lifting and dividing older clumps, particularly those of a summer flowering habit such as peonies, hellebores, polyanthus or heuchera. Lift out the plant in its entirety with a garden fork and divide using a knife or spade or even simply pulling apart. If part of the clump is to be replanted in the same place, improve the soil by digging in organic matter and add a suitable fertilizer. Try to ensure that each clump has a number of healthy shoots on it and do not allow the exposed roots to dry out before replanting. Water it well, even if it rains - which

it probably will!!

As summer bedding plants are removed from both borders and containers, bulb planting should now be in full swing. Snowdrops, followed by crocuses, followed by daffodils, followed by tulips will provide more than a splash of colour from the end of January through to the end of April. Winter flowering heathers, primulas, pansies, chrysanthemums, etc will provide colour during the dark winter months.

There is something very satisfying about plants you have raised yourself and one way to provide a few extra plants free of charge is to utilise those that grow in unwanted places. Flowers such as viola, primrose, ground cover geraniums, ajuga and aquilegia have a habit of self seeding in path cracks and shingle or gravel drives. Instead of pulling them out and composting, ease them out and put them into a tray of damp compost. This will, in all probability, result in strong healthy plants next spring and if they all fail (very unlikely) the only cost is a handful of compost. Happy Gardening.

## Readers' letters

### Social facilities for young people

I agree wholeheartedly with what Norma Holmes said in her letter on the above subject. Our young people are the future of this country. It is generally accepted that their education is important but so is their leisure time. More resources must be devoted to that. I believe that such facilities should be mainly separate from the schools, they have enough to do. There are Youth and Community Officers employed by the County Council. The status and scope of that profession should be enhanced. It should be specialising in the needs of teenagers and how to occupy them constructively in their leisure time. Youth club leaders should be members of this profession and should be trained and well paid. The job is too difficult for untrained volunteers. Accommodation to provide space for music, dance and performing arts

is required. Attractions to encourage young people away from vandalism and binge drinking. All this will cost money so improvement will take time.

Yes, our children and young people are our future. If nothing is done our reputation and influence in the world will suffer.  
**Douglas Martin, Town End, Caterham.**

### End of free carrier bags

Now that Waitrose has stopped supplying free carrier bags for my shopping what will I put my rubbish in before I put it in my dustbin? Should I now just tip all my rubbish straight into the dustbin? I think the poor old dustmen, sorry, Refuse Operatives, might have something to say about that!

Also I will now have to spend more money at Waitrose to purchase a dustbin cleaner and plastic bin liners - they're ok but not as strong as a good old carrier bag. Plus the handles on the carrier bag made it easy to secure your rubbish without having to use the twist tie that always seemed to go missing just when you

needed it. At the moment, the only winner seems to be Waitrose! Are they really considering our environment? I purchased some meat at Waitrose today, packed inside a very rigid, thick plastic container, then wrapped in thick cardboard. Who is thinking about who?  
**Paul Forrester, Chaldon.**

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## Festival website goes live

The Caterham Festival website, at [www.caterhamfestival.org](http://www.caterhamfestival.org), is going live this month and will be regularly updated to show how the Festival is taking shape and how you can get involved. The exciting new event will be taking place next summer, kicking off with a launch evening on Friday 22nd May, followed by a programme of concerts, exhibitions and films ending on 28th June. The organisers are even planning a huge street party for the High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill. Three other key features will be the annual Miller Theatre Festival, the Party in the Park and the Caterham Carnival. Chairman of the organising committee, Andy Parr, said: "We want the Festival to really showcase what Caterham has to offer and encourage a sense of community spirit."

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## Kenley Hockey Club

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The club has five men's teams playing in various Surrey Open Leagues and is hoping to emulate the success of their 2nd and 4th teams, both of whom gained promotion last season. This season sees the ladies' club expand from just one team to three with the addition of players from the recently dissolved Shirley/Phoenix club and so is hoping to use the influx of new players to make a serious bid for promotion. Kenley also run a mixed side and an U14 colts side to



Kenley Hockey Club Men's 1st Team

feed into the men's and ladies' teams.

It is not only Hockey the club can offer new members but an active social calendar too. The tournaments held at Kenley are just the start of the social season with events organised throughout the year. Members are also encouraged to join the various tours and social tournaments Kenley attends. Training is held on Thursday nights at Warringham County Secondary School and most of the home games are held there too. The clubhouse is at Little Roke Road in Kenley and is the heart of the club.

For more information please see the club website at [www.kenleyhockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.kenleyhockeyclub.co.uk). Players of all standards welcome.

Good Luck for the season to all at the club.

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## Old Cats RFC

by Steve Dagleish

The first Surrey One league game of the season at Old Caterhamians RFC saw them hosting Old Whitgiftians, with underfoot conditions good for an open game of running rugby. Alex Skinner of the Old Cats scored within three minutes and a further two points were added with a conversion by Wade Turney. The game then settled down with both sides taking their share of possession until mid way through the first half when the visitors were awarded a penalty within kicking range. A successful conversion brought the score to 7-3 to the home side. Further

even exchanges of possession followed with two missed attempts by the visitors who converted a fourth awarded penalty just before half time making the score 7 - 6.

The second half continued in much the same vein with the opposition converting one of their two kickable awarded penalties. The home side rallied in the final minutes with a good drive through the opposition half, being awarded a penalty in the final minutes which they narrowly missed and left the final score of 7-9 to the visitors.

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by Senior Creaker, Phil Saville

We've been very lucky during the summer months and had some really great outings over the Downs and around Bletchingley. We've met up in many pub car parks and enjoyed one or two social pints after our

runs, but it's now back to the roads for the evening runs. A reminder that we meet every Wednesday at 7pm, usually at de Stafford Leisure Centre car park in Caterham-on-the-Hill during the winter months. We like to vary the route and start from pubs if we can organise it so do please check www.creakers.co.uk or call me, Phil Saville, on 01883 341063 for up to date information. We have all standards from occasional joggers to marathon runners - and it's free!! Our website is kept up to date with news, photos, upcoming events and stories and links to other running clubs like the Oxted Runners. So there's no excuse, if you can run SOME run MORE with the Creakers!! We'll be really pleased to meet you.

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Vice-President of the Bourne Society, Gwyneth Fookes, presents Dave Creton with the Soper Memorial Trophy during the Rifle Club's Open Day on 13th September.

highest possible score for each discipline being 100. Dave Creton won by a handsome margin with 277 out of 300, his standing rifle being 98 out of 100! Norman Skinner came second with 256 and his son Merlin came third with 254.



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