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How 'The Square' in Caterham Valley is set to look later this year.

'The Square' in Caterham town centre is to get a facelift this summer, with a £108,000 upgrade funded by the South East England Development Agency, Surrey County Council, Tan-

tridge District Council and the Parish Councils. The scheme will make the focal point of the Valley less cluttered whilst maintaining a high level of public safety. **Continued on page 2 ...**

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## Smart new look for town centre *Cont. from page 1*

Caterham is to see the first major improvements to the town since the completion of the ABC ('A Better Caterham') Healthcheck survey of the local population in June 2007. Since then, the ABC Group, which has since become the Caterham Community Partnership Ltd., ('CCP') has been working hard behind the scenes to gain access to funds and develop a plan to see improvements to the town centre, one of the key areas of concern highlighted by the results of the survey. The group has been working closely with Surrey County Council Highways department on the pilot scheme, which will involve removal of some of the railings in The Square, the installation of planters, resurfacing of the road and pavements and new street lighting. Pamela Cosgrove and Nigel Wilkinson of CCP have been leading the project supported by Scott Coughlan at Tandridge District Council.

Pamela Cosgrove said: "It is nice to see something come to fruition that is so good for the community. Those who completed the ABC survey in 2007 may have thought that nothing would change as a result, but there have been a lot of people quietly working to address the issues raised in the survey. It is good that something is at last being done that is really quite exciting for the town."

Nigel Wilkinson commented: "CCP are fully committed to this project and are determined to make it a success. We are enjoying great support from all the authorities."

The main work will be completed by the end of the school holidays this summer with the street lighting scheduled to be installed next year. A presentation on the scheme will be dis-



'The Square' as it looks today.



The improvements will make the area more 'pedestrian friendly'

played in both Caterham libraries for two weeks from 13th February with questionnaires for people to fill

in. Comments can also be left on the ABC website, [www.caterhamabc.org.uk](http://www.caterhamabc.org.uk) Another display will be on show at the ARC when it is reopened on Saturday 13th February.

## Earthquake appeal raises over £2,700

Generous shoppers donated over £2,500 to the Rotary Haitian Earthquake Appeal in Caterham Valley on Saturday, 23rd January.

As some of the donations were gift-aided the Shelterbox Charity will get over £2,700 from the collection. As one Rotarian said: "I've been around Round Table and then Rotary for over 30 years and I have never seen a response like this!"

If you missed the collection last month you can contribute online at [www.justgiving.com/nick-drake](http://www.justgiving.com/nick-drake).

For more on this story visit [www.caterham-independent.co.uk](http://www.caterham-independent.co.uk)

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## Celebrity to attend the opening of the ARC

Actress Linda Robson of tv's 'Birds of a Feather' will be joining Dick Moran and his management team for the ARC's Open Day on Saturday 13th February in The Village, Caterham-on-the-Hill.

Progress towards the re-opening of the ARC arts and recreational centre has been swift since the new management team took over last month.

"Circumstances have created a rapid acceleration in the projected opening of the ARC," said Dick Moran, the Chief Executive of the Caterham Barracks Community Trust. "It's very exciting. Our supporters and volunteers have been working really hard and having a management team on board has made my dream of a spring opening a reality."

The new management team is led by Beth Wood, the Outreach Director at the Harlequin Theatre and Artistic Director of ACT, a touring company that works out of the Harlequin performing to schools in the area. The

team has set up much of the basic infrastructure at the ARC and will run the whole facility including the play area.

The venue has already been hosting comedy nights and Dick intends to open the soft play space to the public for the Open Day and have it available for the community for the following week (half term). Aldo Floris, the restaurateur and chef from 'La Fiaba' in Caterham Valley, has agreed to take responsibility for all the food in the ARC and will be running an Italian Café in the soft play area.

A Share Issue has been launched to fund the re-opening and future running of the ARC, but Dick Moran and his wife Maria have personally contributed a loan of £55,000 to help get the ARC re-opened for the community this spring.

For more information about the ARC visit [www.thearcdevelopmentproject.org.uk](http://www.thearcdevelopmentproject.org.uk) or [www.caterhambarracks.org.uk](http://www.caterhambarracks.org.uk)

## Musical instruments stolen in High Street burglary



Robert Grummitt outside his shop in the High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill.

On the morning of Thursday, 21st January, a valuable antique violin, a viola and a beautiful oak violin case were amongst the items stolen during a burglary at Robert Grummitt's violin shop in the High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill. The three items, worth over £3,000 formed the shop's window display but more valuable violins from inside the shop were also taken by the thieves.

Mr Grummitt commented: "The thieves specifically targeted the valuable violins, because they had price tickets tucked inside them. The window glass is very thick so they went to great efforts to smash it. It is just weird, it doesn't add up - they will be very difficult to sell for cash. These are not easily-disposable items that burglars normally go for."

If you think you may have seen anyone behaving in a suspicious manner in the High Street before 7.00am on Thursday, 21st January please call Surrey Police on 0845 125 2222.

## Burtenshaw's Beat

by Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector Elaine Burtenshaw



Well what a month January has been, what with the snow that remained with us causing problems for vehicles and pedestrians alike. I appreciate those members of the community that not only heeded warnings regarding not making a journey unless absolutely necessary but also dug out roads and assisted elderly neighbours. There is always a minority that insist on ignoring road closed signs and when they get stuck feel it is everyone else's responsibility, insulting my staff and that of partner agencies. I had staff unable to get home that slept in the Police Station. My plea to the minority is please be as considerate as the majority of Tandridge residents were!

I am concerned that we are having an increasing number of calls from householders who state they have been receiving phone calls from alarm/security companies who say either Surrey Police has passed on their details and /or that we have recommended them. We will never pass your details onto security companies and we do not recommend companies. Home Office advice is to obtain at least

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Finally I would like to reassure readers following the attempted robbery and armed robbery in Whyteleaf and Caterham on Tuesday, 19th January. The two offences are not connected and this is an extremely unusual occurrence in the District. I know my colleagues in CID are keen to hear from anyone regarding abandoned blue T-registration Renault Meganes in their area. If you believe you have any information, no matter how small, in relation to either of the crimes please contact Surrey Police on 08451 252222 or if you wish to remain anonymous ring Crime-stoppers on 0800 5551111.



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# CATERHAM AND DISTRICT BACKS FIGHT AGAINST POLIO



The Rotary Clubs of Caterham and Caterham Harestone are taking part in an ambitious national Rotary initiative to help raise £1 million towards polio eradication by the end of February 2010. The initiative is part of Rotary's national 'Thanks for Life - End Polio Now' campaign, which will involve hundreds of Rotary clubs across Great Britain and Ireland.

Locally, Rotary is linking up with schools, businesses, organisations and individuals to help raise the £1 million UK target by 'Thanks For Life - Rotary Day' on Tuesday, 23rd February 2010 (Rotary's 105th birthday). If any readers would like to make a donation to this worthy cause please see websites:

[www.caterhamrotary.org.uk](http://www.caterhamrotary.org.uk) or [www.caterhamharestone-rotary.co.uk](http://www.caterhamharestone-rotary.co.uk)

Each £1 contributed will be match funded by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation by a further £1.78.

Polio is a crippling, and sometimes fatal, disease and still a very harrowing reality for children in parts of Africa and Asia. Every £1 raised in this campaign will purchase five doses of the special anti-polio vaccine. These children, mainly under age five, will be protected against polio forever. Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985, where it has led the private sector in the global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease with more than \$1.2 billion contributed to the effort.

Thanks to Rotary's help, two billion children have been protected from the disease, and the number of endemic countries has fallen from 125 to just four: Afghanistan, northern India, Nigeria and Pakistan.

It is estimated that five million children have been spared from disability and 250,000 deaths have been averted.

**The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** has now awarded US\$255 million to Rotary International in the global effort to eradicate polio, bringing the total committed by Rotary and the Gates Foundation to \$555 million.

Bill Gates has praised Rotary for providing the volunteers and donors who have helped bring about a 99 percent decline in the number of polio cases. "The world would not be where it is without Rotary, and it won't get where it needs to go without Rotary," he said.

In addition to providing financial and volunteer support, Rotary works to urge support from other public and private sector partners. This includes the campaign to **End Polio Now**, inspired by the extraordinary challenge grants received from the Gates Foundation.

Rotary International is a worldwide voluntary organisation of 1.2 million individuals. In Great Britain and Ireland there are over 55,000 men and women of all ages from all walks of life in Rotary clubs, all of whom share a passion and commitment to helping and improving communities both locally and across the world. Each member enjoys giving something back to those in need, as well as enjoying social activities, learning new skills and having a huge amount of fun. If you would like to know more about becoming

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# Yesteryear quiz

A fascinating quiz about Caterham's past

- Where did the railway line run to on Caterham-on-the-Hill until 1869?
- What leisure activity opened at 37 High Street, Caterham, next to The Blacksmiths Arms, in 1909?
- What started its life here at 53 High Street, Caterham?
- What grim structure from Caterham-on-the-Hill has been rebuilt at a Welsh Guards Museum in Shropshire?
- What did the Canadian soldiers use the centre of Wapses Lodge roundabout for?
- How many Guardsmen lost their lives during the bombing raids on Caterham Barracks during the Second World War?
- RAF Kenley used a room in Caterham during the Battle of Britain in September 1940 for operations. Where was it?
- Where was the clock tower in Queen's Park originally located?
- This small brick commemorates the birth of Prince William on 21st June 1982. Where is it?
- Church Hill was originally the private carriageway to Caterham Court that was situated in Stanstead road until early last century. Which road did the public have to use to get from Caterham Valley to The Hill?



## Answers:

1. A single line of railway track was laid from Caterham Junction, now Purley Station, to South Metropoli-tan District Asylum (later St Lawrence's Hospital, now Oaklands House) to carry the materials to build the asylum. In places the gradient was 1 in 30.
2. The first cinema in Caterham, the 'Electric Theatre'. It was formerly a coach-builders.
3. Caterham Hill Library opened at 53 High Street (now Budgens Supermarket) in 1938. In 1945 it moved to Westway, and in 1964 to its present building.
4. A cell from the Guards barracks dating back to 1877.
5. To play baseball in!
6. A total of 25.
7. 11-13 Godstone Road, now occupied by Caterham Valley Computers.
8. Between the barrack blocks in Caterham Barracks, so that all the guardsmen could see it.
9. By the entrance to Waitrose in Station Road. Waitrose opened in November 1982.
10. The steep and unlit Waller Lane.

This quiz about Caterham was compiled by Pauline Harrison who produces her own Local Greetings Cards which feature popular views of scenery from Caterham and neighbouring villages such as Old Coulsdon, Purley, Kenley, and Chaldon.  
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# Death and Taxes

by Jerry Connor,  
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It was Benjamin Franklin who said that the only things certain in life were 'death and taxes'. Whilst we are all living longer it is a sure fire bet that at some point our number will be up and those with estates over a certain amount may well face the prospect of paying inheritance tax (IHT) and diluting their legacy. Politicians have promised an overhaul of the inheritance tax system for years but I think it unlikely that they will vote for a reduction in a tax which is generating several billion pounds of revenue each year, at the very time when the public coffers are looking a wee bit undernourished. If anything, the new 50p rate of tax suggests they are looking to increase the 'tax take' rather than reduce it for those perceived to be 'well off'. However, IHT is a burden more on the middle class of society than the

super rich, who have often found ways to avoid it. To be fair in 2007, the politicians did allow married couples to transfer their own annual IHT allowance on death from one to another (currently £325,000) and this was of help to a great number of people. But with house prices almost certain to increase after the recent downturns this will once more make this an issue. Put simply, most of this tax could be avoided by planning and taking advice often without any significant change to lifestyle or cost. People affected by this now or in the future can often use trusts and or wills to ensure the right people get their legacy at the right time. This should mean our own hard earned cash goes to the people we choose rather than the Treasury.

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Dean Croft of Capital Plumbing & Heating Services Ltd.

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Dean Croft of Capital Plumbing & Heating said: "It is very important that the public respond very quickly to this offer as there are no plans at this time to extend the boiler scrappage scheme further than the first 125,000 applicants. Householders are naturally reluctant to replace a working boiler even though it is wasteful on energy, and so an incentive to do this is vital. I urge anyone who wants more information to pick up the phone and speak to our fully trained customer service personnel who are able to advise on 01883 348511."

## Round Table Ball raises thousands for Child Death Helpline

The annual Round Table Ball held at the Copthorne Hotel in Effingham Park raised over £14,600 pounds for a Great Ormond Street Hospital charity, the Child Death Helpline, last month.

650 people attended the sparkling affair which had 'Winter Wonderland' as its theme. This year's event was the twelfth January themed Ball organised by the Round Table and was another huge success for the organisers. The money raised exceeded last years total, when £12,245 was raised for the Children's Trust in Tadworth at the Mardi Gras themed Ball.


Prior to this year's event, the Round Table organisers and their helpers transformed the ballroom using their creativity and hard work to create a magical Winter Wonderland to stunning effect. The entertainment included a stagemusical, casino and disco by Jam Music, while an auction, raffle and Diamond Draw were amongst the entertaining




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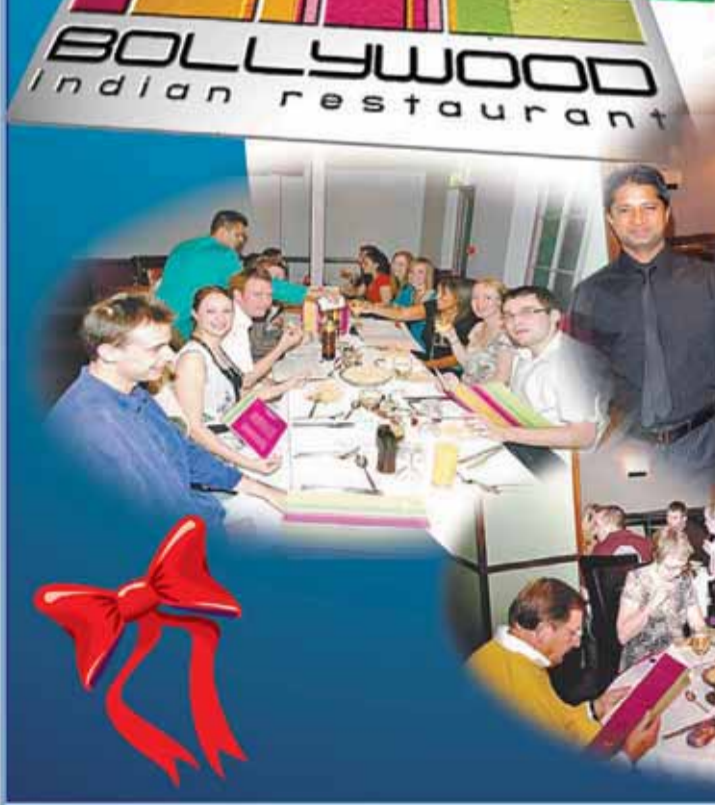

fund-raising initiatives adding extra excitement to the night.

The Caterham Round Table meet for a meal and a few drinks at the Surrey National Golf Club in Chaldon on the first and third Wednesday of the month. One of the main events they organise in the annual Firework Display in Caterham-on-the-Hill. This year they would like to increase their numbers, so if you would like to make new friends and help raise funds for the local community, visit www.caterhamtable.com





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## Essendene Home Clothes Day raises cash for earthquake victims



Essendene schoolchildren on Home Clothes Day displaying their colourful posters

The children and School Council from Essendene Lodge School were so moved by the pictures they saw on the news about the earthquake in Haiti, they approached staff and asked if they would help organise a fundraising event to raise money for the cause. Several ideas were put for-

ward and it was decided to have a Home Clothes Day on Friday, 29th January, where a donation would be made. Children produced posters to promote the day and raise awareness and by the end of the day £370.52 had been raised for the earthquake victims in Haiti.

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## Recycle your old phone to help Haiti's orphans

A Caterham resident is raising money for children's charity Unicef by collecting old mobile phones, working or broken, to sell to a recycling firm for cash. Tracey Ampaw of Caterham-on-the-Hill is looking for local shops and businesses willing to be collection points for the phones. The money raised will be donated to Unicef, specifically the million plus babies and children that have been injured and/or orphaned in Haiti.

"My idea started as a small venture involving friends and family, as an alternative to asking people for cash," said Tracey. "It has started to snowball and now local schools and nurseries are getting involved too." Tracey is keen to get local schools involved in collecting old phones and so far Whyteleafe Primary School and the Asquith Nursery have said they are happy to be involved.

If you have an old mobile phone that you can donate to Tracey, collection points have already been set up at JJ Browne Jewellers and Lorimers in Caterham. If you own a shop or business and are willing to be another collection point, in or near to Caterham, please e-mail Tracey at [tracey@edrsearch.com](mailto:tracey@edrsearch.com)

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## Panto raises funds for local church

Members of St Mary's Church in Church Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill performed the pantomime 'Hansel and Gretel in The Emperor's New Clothes' last month to raise funds towards the cost of a new boiler installed last year at a cost of £10,000.

Many of the cast were family groups, including the Rector, Reverend Duncan



Simon Kelly as panto dame, 'Miss Givings'. Photo by Jon Harrison

Swan, with his wife and two sons. The show was the 5th pantomime put on by the church and the performers are delighted to have raised in the region of £1,500 for the church, exceeding the £1,000 raised last year.

## PARTY IN THE PARK 2010

Due to popular demand the third annual Marden Lodge School Party in the Park will be taking place on Saturday, 15th May from 3pm-10pm. Families are invited to pack a picnic and a blanket and join the organisers at Marden Lodge School in Croydon Road, Caterham Valley, to enjoy a packed programme of family entertainment.

One of the organisers, Linda Smith, said: "We have received excellent feedback from the last two events so we expect an even bigger demand for tickets this year."

The organisers are delighted that that Reigate School of Art, Design & Media (East Surrey College) are working in partnership with the school again this year and will be co-ordinating a schedule of live bands, children's workshops, sideshows and lots more. More information about how to purchase tickets will be announced in The Caterham & District Independent. If you or your organisation would like to take part, either by performing on stage or running a stall, please call Linda Smith on 01883 348641.

## Woldingham School Old Girl nominated for an Oscar

Woldingham old girl, Carey Mulligan has been nominated for an Oscar for her debut-lead film role in Nick Hornby's 'An Education'.

Just seven years after leaving Woldingham she is a top contender for a BAFTA award in February. She is nominated for the rising star award which is voted on by the public and also for the Best Actress award.

The 24-year-old English actress has already scooped Best Actress prize at the British Independent Film Awards in December 2009 for the same role.

Since the age of 17, while still at Woldingham where she was the drama prefect, Carey has stuck doggedly to what she aspired to and when she finally landed the role of Kitty in Pride and Prejudice, alongside Judi Dench, she found that other parts started to come her way. The BBC's Bleak House, The Hypochondriac at the Almeida, ITV's Trial & Retribution and Chekhov's



Carey Mulligan.

The Seagull all followed over the course of only a few years and she admits to a feeling of disbelief about the buzz that is following her around.

Her drama teacher at Woldingham School, Judith Brown, recalled in 2005 "Not only is she very talented but she also has the right temperament and determination to succeed." Her friends have supported her throughout and flew out to New York for the East Coast premiere of An Education.

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# Eating Out

## 'The Village Inn' - a restaurant steeped in local heritage

Review by Julia Church

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Food is served at The Village Inn at lunchtimes and evenings, offering a good selection of traditional favourites and a very reasonably-priced winelist to choose from.

When I dined there with my partner Keith, we had come in from the freezing cold and were soon tucking into some lovely hot starters. Keith chose the Crispy Duck Flutes served with hoisin sauce and I had the Mini Thai Fishcakes with a sweet chilli dip. Our more traditional main courses contrasted nicely with the exotic flavours of our starters, with Keith opting for a perfectly-cooked Rump Steak while I tucked into the Steak and Ale Pie "Wedge".

Both meals came served with chips and peas and were very filling. At just £7.95 for the Steak and Ale Pie and £10.95 for the Rump Steak, the meals offered great value for money. Other mains on offer included Liver & Bacon, Battered Haddock, Spaghetti



Carbonara and Gammon Steak. There was also a selection of pizzas and salads to choose from and at just £3.99, the baguettes and jackets are perfect for a lunchtime treat.

Keith finished his meal with a delicious hot chocolate brownie while a coffee ended the meal perfectly for me. With The Village Inn currently offering 'Two Meals for a Tenner', now is a great time to give this restaurant a try. See The Village Inn advertisement for more information.



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## What's On

### Beechwood Women's Club

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### Surrey Opera

Surrey Opera are performing 'My Fair Lady' at the Harlequin Theatre in Redhill on 10th and 12th February at 7.30pm and 13th February at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, conducted by Jonathan Butcher. for tickets call 01737 276500.

### Munch with Music

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### Valentine's Rock 'n' Roll Night

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### Quiz Night

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## Quick Quiz

by Alec Herbert

### This month, Five on Detectives:

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2. Which Hollywood star made his name in "The Streets of San Francisco"?
3. Which detective made his first appearance in the book 'A Study in Scarlet'?
4. The detective cleric Father Brown was created by which author?
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A charity that offers horticultural work to people suffering mental health problems is looking for somewhere to store their equipment. The Richmond Fellowship is an international charity that helps people with mental health problems to work in the community. Glyn Elliott, senior supervisor with the Richmond Fellowship, said: "We are currently based in Queen's Park, but we need somewhere nearby to store our gardening tools and use as an office. Maybe there is a local business or charity that would be willing to share its facilities or possibly someone looking for a long term tenant for a small rent in the area."

The Richmond Fellowship is also looking for volunteers with an interest in gardening and conservation, to work alongside clients needing horticultural training and support, to gain experience in these areas. They have a contract with Tandridge District Council to



Richmond Fellowship employees, David and Janet, outside the garage in Queen's Park where they currently work from. Photo by Jon Harrison

maintain Queens Park, Warlingham Green, the garden outside East Surrey Museum and the flower beds at Soper Hall.

The Fellowship also offers a free gardening service to the disabled and elderly in Tandridge, who are referred through the council. Glyn said: "Our clients find this work particularly beneficial as they are able to meet the people they are helping." People with mental health problems who think they may benefit from working with the Richmond Fellowship are also invited to get in touch - see advertisement for contact details.

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## Whyteleafe FC

by Andy Runacres

Well, the weather has been dominating most people's lives for the last month, and it has been no different down at Whyteleafe. There has been a paucity of matches since my last article with most of the Christmas and New Year fixture list being wiped out, and of course the associated financial difficulties, with lost gate receipts and bar takings, meaning a pretty tough time for the club.

Following an entertaining game at Leatherhead on Boxing Day, 'Leafe had to wait a further 22 days before taking to the field again, this time in a home game against Godalming in the Ryman League Cup. The game was an entertaining one considering the long lay off, with Godalming snatching a 2-1 win, but the real talking point was the fact that the match went ahead at all bearing in mind



The work party clearing the Church Road pitch last month.

that two days previously it had still been covered in thawing snow and water (see above). A lot of credit must go to the work party that was arranged to try and clear the pitch and get it in a fit state for the following week.

All clubs rely on their volunteers to keep things running and Whyteleafe is no exception and it is at times like

these that their usually unseen work deserves to be brought to the fore. Hope now is for a more benign February, and the chance to concentrate on football again. The fixture list throws up home matches against Chipstead on the 6th, Whitstable on the 20th and well-supported Worthing on the 27th. If you haven't paid us a visit yet, February may be a good time to do so and see what all the fuss is about.

## Caterham Old Boys FC

by Gerald Mills

On Saturday 23rd January we had two of the most close fought encounters in the Surrey Cups!

With both teams not having played since the 12th December, could they continue their fine form?

**Caterham Old Boys 3 - Oakhall 2.**

The Reserves played at home in the Junior County Cup against Oakhall after a swap of venues due to a waterlogged Oakhall pitch. A scrappy first half saw the Old Boys go in at half time 1-0 up from a well taken penalty from Nathan Arney sending the keeper the wrong way. The second half started well and a close range header from Donegan made it 2-0 after good work by Danny Gillam. A penalty and excellent shot from outside the box saw Oakhall back on level terms. With extra time looming and just minutes left, the game was decided with a scorcher of a shot from Nathan Arney. Not our

best performance but job done and still unbeaten in all competitions.

**Croygas Phoenix 6 - Caterham Old Boys 7**

On the same day the First Team were away at Croygas Phoenix in the Intermediate County Cup. The script could not have been written for this one, which turned out to be a thriller.

The first half ended on level pegging 1-1 then in the second half we were 5-2 down and heading out of the cup and our first defeat! An exchange of goals left the game with less than ten minutes remaining at 6-4 to Croygas. Then the game took a bizarre twist. Three players from Croygas were sent off in quick succession for various offences. With two goals still needed, the Old Boys laid siege to the Croygas goal. With just two minutes left on the clock, two amazingly quick goals looked like we had secured a draw to take the game into extra time but with the last kick of the game the Old Boys scored again to win 7-6 and progress to the last 8. How good it is to have football back again!

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# Property Matters

by Graham Hathaway

The housing sales market improved in the last quarter of 2009 from a very low base in 2008. This year there is an immediate shortage of properties for sale locally, keeping asking prices high; mortgages remain difficult for most people to access, and we face a very uncertain economic and political future.

The demand for rental property is always high, but this year in particular letting agents are experiencing an urgent need for more landlords and properties.

Landlords can be professional, usually owning flats or small houses tending to attract the best returns and regard their property as a long-term investment or a revenue stream. Then there are accidental landlords who need to move but can't sell at an acceptable price, so let their home and rent another property elsewhere.



Graham Hathaway

These landlords are less concerned perhaps about the percentage return but require mobility. This saves stress in the sales process with no stamp duty and costly legal fees. This option also allows an escape route if required.

In either of these cases the landlord can choose to find his own tenant and manage their property himself, but with more risks attached. Alternatively they may employ a letting agent - with more costs, but safer, particularly for a first time landlord.

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## Hop along to the Bunny Fun Run!



Entries are being taken for the 2010 Caterham Rotary Bunny Fun run which takes place on Sunday 28th March at Queen's Park, Caterham-on-the-Hill.

This popular event is now in its third year and looks to become a firm favourite in the local calendar. Last year 350 runners took part - 200 in the 5km race and 150 in the 1km Fun Run. Both events start and end in Queen's Park and every registered runner receives an Easter Egg when they complete their run. Special prizes will also be awarded to the first, second and third runners in each race, and the Best Dressed Bunnies. For more information and to get an entry form go to [www.rotaryruns.co.uk](http://www.rotaryruns.co.uk) or

## Caterham Cricket Club

by Tony Parrett

Caterham Cricket Club formed in 1873 and played in Queens Park in Caterham-on-the-Hill at a variety of levels very successfully for nearly 100 years until our pavillion was burnt down by vandals in 2005. After many discussions with various bodies it was decided that we should merge the cricket club with the Old Caterhamians Rugby club and form the Old Caterhamians Sports Association. Our new home became Park Avenue, about half a mile away from the site of our old pavillion. Our relocation in 2006 meant that a new cricket square had to be laid at our new home and over the last three years the new square has bedded in and plays brilliantly - one of the best in Surrey! We run three teams on a Saturday, two in the Fullers Surrey County League and one in the Surrey Champi-

onship. On Sundays we have one team that plays friendly matches. We have a ladies team and a girls team; we also have some 70 boys aged between 8 and 17 who play in the cup competitions in the East Surrey Colts League.

As in all sports we are constantly looking for new players both senior and junior, male and female. Indoor training has already started and will run until the end of March ready for outdoor training in April. Anybody interested in playing the beautiful game please contact me, Tony Parrett, Colts Manager on 01883 342283 and I will supply you with details of the various people responsible for senior and junior teams, male and female.

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Sheep grazing on chalk grassland near Caterham.

Kate Mayo of the Downlands Countryside Management Project said: "The snow last month caused problems for the animals, as their food source was covered over. We had to go out to all the sites every day and feed them by hand, and break the ice on their water troughs!

## Marathon runners wanted for local hospice

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