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Football fans welcome West Ham Utd to Whyteleafe

Hundreds of spectators enjoyed a lively match between Whyteleafe FC and West Ham United at a friendly match played at the Church Road ground recently. David Gold, the co-owner of West Ham and patron of Whyteleafe FC attended the match, that was won by West Ham 2-0 on Tuesday, 15th November. The goals were scored by Dominic Vose and Olly Lee

of the West Ham development squad watched by coach Ian Hendon. Also playing for West Ham was the Ivory Coast international, Guy Demel and number two goalkeeper, Peter Kurucz. Chairman of Whyteleafe FC, Mark Coote was delighted at the opportunity to showcase his club to the local community. He said: "This match demonstrates how we can cope with any

club coming down to our premises. It doesn't phase us. It gives us the opportunity to show what we can do when everyone pulls together. It is great for the local people and reminds them of what an asset they have on their doorstep." A match between the two clubs had been on the cards for some time and it was a good experience for the West Ham development squad, with the Whyteleafe players making it "difficult at times" according to the West Ham coach. *Cont. on P2.*



West Ham player, Brian Montenegro, signs autographs after the match against Whyteleafe FC.

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Whyteleafe FC -v- West Ham (Continued)

Mark Coote believes the Whyteleafe senior team, that is in Division 1 of the Ryman League, is starting to feel the benefit of the youngsters going up from the junior section that was set up in 1996.

"The junior section is the Manchester United of the junior league!" he said.

"We have 11 junior teams that are a tremendous asset and they deserve our support. They have been awarded the Charter Standard which means they have met massive criterion and can wear the Three Lions. Two of our junior managers, Chris Field and John Rogan were instrumental in taking the junior section to that level."



Whyteleafe player, Jay Garrick tries to fend off West Ham's Callum Driver.



The two chairmen, Mark Coote of Whyteleafe FC (left) and West Ham's David Gold.

For more news from Whyteleafe FC see page 19.

To see the Whyteleafe FC players in action get along to their ground in Church Road, Whyteleafe for their home match against Crawley Down on Saturday 10th December, kick-off at 3pm.

For more information about the club go to www.theleafe.co.uk

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Nominations sought for Tandrige Citizen of the Year Awards

On Thursday 3rd November, Chairman of the Council, Councillor Brian Perkins, launched the Tandrige Citizen of the Year Awards.

Cllr. Perkins and Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Sakina Bradbury, are looking for selfless service to a voluntary body or the community, or someone whose service brings distinction and quality to everyday life in Tandrige District. The awards are being backed by MP Sam Gyimah. There is no age barrier, but the person nominated must live within the Tandrige District. Nominations should be made in writing to: The Chairman of Tandrige District Council, Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted RH8 0BT, e-mail chiefexecutive@office@tandrige.gov.uk.

The closing date for entries is 31st December 2011. The awards will be presented by the Chairman at the Civic Reception being held on Thursday 23rd February 2012 at Surrey National Golf Club, Chaldon.

'Team Lotus' to change to 'Caterham F1 Team'

F1 racing will see a new team name on the grid next season, the 'Caterham F1 Team', bringing the Caterham name to an exciting world stage viewed by millions. The Malaysian consortium that owns Caterham Cars and known in F1 since 2010

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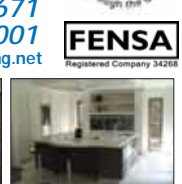
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Sun shines on Remembrance Day parades

The Caterham British Legion and Ex-Servicemen's Club commemorated its 90th anniversary this year and local residents turned out in force to join them in the Remembrance Sunday Parade on 13th November. The parade was one of many taking place across the district in fine autumn weather. In the grounds of St. Luke's Church in Whyteleaf, Reverend Gill Reeves, who retires in January, read out the names of all those on the War Memorial, which



The Surrey Pipe Band at the head of the parade in the High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill, on Remembrance Sunday.

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Alison said: "This new unit means that local people will not have to go and wait for hours and hours at East Surrey Hospital. I know how long people have to wait so this is a much closer-to-home service. We can treat patients with minor head injuries, eye injuries, sprains and fractures and will send patients



Emergency Nurse Practitioners Lisa Wood (left) and Alison Williams.

with more serious injuries to East Surrey. We are in touch with the ambulance service so they can bring patients here instead of East Surrey Hospital when appropriate." The centre is currently open from 9am-5pm Monday-Friday and patients have to be over 16. As the centre becomes more busy and more staff are employed the centre will look into extending its opening hours. The Walk-In Centre can be contacted on 01883 837512.

4x4 brigade to the rescue!

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In the spotlight

This month we feature Glen O'Dwyer, owner of Computer Solutions in Caterham-on-the-Hill. Glen is Chairman of Caterham Round Table and is also Chairman of the Caterham Business Association.



Glen O'Dwyer

Birthplace: Croydon.

Marital Status: Married to Jane.

Children: Luke (6) and Simon (4).

Cars: Citroen C5 3L V6 EX SE!

Pets: Fat cat called Lottie.

Childhood hero: Dr Who.

Favourite Food and Drink: Anything spicy with a beer!

Pastimes: I play clarinet in a marching band (played in the Lord Mayor's Show in

November), saxophone, steel pans and drums – all very badly! Help at Beavers. All my other 'spare time' is taken up with Round Table.

Likes: Being busy and achieving things.

Dislikes: Raw tomato.

Favourite TV show: 8 Out of 10 Cats.

Favourite books: Terry Pratchett's Discworld series.

Proudest moment: Going to the Queen's Garden Party last July.

Favourite song of all time: 'American Pie'.

Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at? Bill Gates.

Favourite holiday destination: Barbados (once played there with the Met Police steel band).

Biggest influence on your life: All my friends.

Most embarrassing moment: Too many....but boasting to a customer that I played in a local band – only to find out it was Francis Rossi of Deep Purple!

Where would you most like to live? Deepest Surrey.

Who would you most like to meet? Albert Einstein – he got some bits wrong!

If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it? I would grow my business as a legacy for my boys, then support all my charity customers.

Hawthorns children go back in time!

On Tuesday 15th November, Year 2 at The Hawthorns School in Bletchingley took part in an exciting Great Fire of London day. Everyone dressed up and tried their hands at different trades. As well as candle dipping, training to become an apothecary and making their own ink, the children became archaeologists and dug up remains of burned buildings.

Using a variety of tools and sources, they discovered who lived in the buildings at that time in history, and the jobs they may have had.



William Atterbury and Lily Walker try out some trades from 17th century London.

New local history website launched

Local history group, The Bourne Society, recently launched its new, bigger and improved website.

The website has details of all the blue plaques mounted by the Society, including the plaque on the building where the first shop in Whyteleafe, a butchers, began trading in 1866 and the site of the Operations Room for RAF Kenley that was situated in Godstone Road, Caterham Valley.

Visitors to the website can also view historical maps, details of all the Society's current publications and extracts from the latest ones. There are details of local walks, postcards available for sale, several interesting articles from past Local History Records and extracts from each volume of the Society's Village History series.

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Surrey County Council Cabinet Member visits de Stafford School

On Thursday 17th November, Councillor Tim Hall, Cabinet Member for Children and Learning for Surrey County Council, spent the morning visiting the staff and students of de Stafford School in Caterham. As part of his role within the council, Cllr Hall is visiting all 400 schools in Surrey, including the primary, infant, secondary and special schools.

After a meeting with headteacher Miss Caroline Longhurst, Cllr Hall was taken on a tour of the school, then participated in a question and answer session with 15 students. He asked the students what they

particularly liked about de Stafford and the students' answers included the art department, the clubs, the unique size of the school and the growing profile of the school in the local community. They also said they felt the teachers at de Stafford worked really hard to teach good lessons and make them feel like individuals.

When asked what he thought of the school Cllr Hall said that he felt it was a great place with a lovely community feel to it. However the buildings needed some work, especially that 'dreaded canteen'!

After Cllr Hall's visit, Miss Longhurst said: "The visit was a real success and we look forward to working with Cllr Tim Hall to develop the school and ensure we continue to be the school of choice for the young people of Caterham."



Cllr. Tim Hall with students from de Stafford School in Caterham.



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TUESDAY	Drop In 8.45 – 9.15 Advice & Information	Stay & Play 9.15 – 11.15 Parents & carers with children under 5 years
WEDNESDAY	Drop In 8.45 – 9.15 Advice & Information	Childminders Stay & Play 9.15 – 11.15 Come along and meet other registered childminders
THURSDAY	Drop In 8.45 – 9.15 Advice & Information	Baby Club 10.00 – 11.30 Parents & Carers with babies who are not yet walking
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Please call our centres for more information and to check availability before attending any of the above sessions.

Dunottar girls go behind the scenes at the Natural History Museum

Earlier this term 30 lucky schoolgirls from Dunottar Girls School in Reigate accompanied their biology teacher on a very special trip to the Natural History Museum in London. The girls went along to witness the donation of their teacher's collection of plants and butterflies made on an extraordinary expedition to the Arctic over 30 years ago. Head of Biology, Ms Pip Wood, had been the scientific officer on the Baffin Island Youth Expedition to Arctic Canada in 1978 when she was working at Therfield School in Leatherhead. Ms Wood, along with three other adults and seven 16-19 year-olds, had undergone nearly three years of training. The aim of the expedition was to climb peaks in a poorly mapped area of the island and undertake scientific projects. As Ms Wood is now approaching retirement,



Ms Wood shows part of her extensive collection to a delighted curator at the Natural History Museum.

she decided to donate her collections to the museum. As a thank you the museum offered Ms Wood and her pupils a once in a lifetime opportunity to look behind the scenes to see their most valuable flora and entomological collections made over 400 years ago. The girls saw how the scientists store the collections and how they are used to make comparisons of life forms as environments change over time.

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There were spooky goings on at the Church Walk Shopping Centre in Caterham when they hosted their Guys and Ghouls fun day on Saturday 29th October.

The judges were left spellbound by the guys, ghouls, witches and wizards who arrived for the ever-popular fancy dress competition and parade in the afternoon.

The winners of the fancy dress competition were presented with goodie bags and all 33 entries received a prize for taking part. First prize was awarded to 12 year-old Abbee Martin from Caterham, second prize went to four year-old twins Linus and Emmylou Davison from Caterham and third prize went to four year-old Trinity Thomas from Chatham. The photo above shows, from left: Barron Blood, Sonia Hunt, the Thomas family and DJ Gravedigger; Front row: Linus and Emmylou Davison. Photograph by Church Walk Shopping Centre Manager, Shelley Filippi.



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Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

Plant silhouettes, scent and berries become increasingly important both visually and to the wildlife at this time of year. I try to cram as much as possible into the top and front garden so that it cheers me up on even the gloomiest of days. Placing a few pots with flowering plants in prominent positions works well too, although the choice of flowers is very limited. Last year I found the bedding dianthus flowered as well as anything, and flowered again in summer. Little violas have already put on an excellent show but even they struggle in the depths of winter.

One of my most successful and favourite plantings has to be the window boxes opposite the front door in a very shady place. They contain skimmia reevesiana, gaultheria and evergreen ferns. They were planted into ericaceous soil about



five years ago. The lovely red berries look stunning against the deep green, and the ferny foliage sets it off a treat.

On a large scale is the sorbus 'pink pagoda', but any of the rowans look good for some time, and the birds were queuing up to eat the berries once the cold set in. I love the coloured barks too. Well known are the birches, but don't forget the dogwoods. These look a little drab through summer, but I like to grow a clematis through them, so they earn their place in summer and winter. Cornus 'midwinter fire' backlit by the sun is an unforgettable sight. These winter beauties make excellent presents. Happy Christmas and stay snug.

QUICK QUIZ

by Alec Herbert

This month, a little culture!

1. Who painted 'The Laughing Cavalier'?
2. Who composed the opera 'The Magic Flute'?
3. Who wrote the book 'Northanger Abbey'?
4. In which Oscar Wilde play is Basil Hallward a leading character?
5. What name is given to the skirt of a ballet dancer?

Answers:

1. Franz Hals; 2. Mozart; 3. Jane Austen; 4. The Picture of Dorian Gray; 5. Tutu.

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Tandridge Community Fund makes another donation to a local good cause

On Friday, 18th November Councillor Jeremy Webster representing the Tandridge Community Fund presented a cheque for £500 to the Caterham Sea Cadets at their hall in The Grove, Caterham. Chief Petty Officer Pete Atkins and Petty Officer Richard Fearis were instrumental in arranging for the Sea Cadets to act as marshals at the Classical Music Concert held at Tupwood Lane last July. Chair of the Sea Cadets Andrea Frost expressed her thanks to the Fund for the dona-

tion, that will go towards funding Cadet activities and facilities for the thriving group of 31 young people. The presentation was the latest in a series of donations that the Fund has made over the last year. Other recipients have been Godstone at Play, Stepping Stones and Age Concern in Oxted, the de Stafford Baby Cafe, Caterham and young Tandridge musician Ross Steventon. Other donations are planned as the fund grows and money gained from interest becomes available for local good causes. For more information about the Tandridge Community Fund call chairman Mike Moss on 01883 713322.



From left, Chief Petty Officer Peter Atkins, Cllr. Jeremy Webster and Petty Officer Richard Fearis.

Residents invited to have their say over the future of Warlingham Library.

Additional volunteers are being sought to form a Community Partnership with Surrey County Council to keep Warlingham Library open. The council would offer training and will provide many of the library's needs including the premises, IT systems and the books. Questionnaires have been delivered to many Warlingham households asking residents what they would like to see from their library service in the future. The questionnaire asks if residents are interested in being a volunteer and also if they are prepared to see their Parish Council precept increased to help with financing the library. Warlingham residents are asked to return their completed questionnaires to the library as soon as possible. If anyone has not received a questionnaire or would like a completed questionnaire collected, please call David Cooley on 01883 626907.

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1. The very desirable Troll beads.
2. His and hers designer fragrances.
3. A fab new handbag for a glamorous gift.
4. A sledge - difficult to gift-wrap!
5. An antique ring for a touch of romance.
6. Delightful stocking fillers for all ages.
7. A framed family portrait for a gift that will be cherished.
8. A bottle of Baileys - sure to go down well!

Answers:

1. Peter Groom Jewellery; 2. Vitaltone Pharmacy; 3. Milan Rose Gifts; 4. Ross Cycles; 5. JJ Browne Jewellers; 6. Alice Design; 7. JJB Browne Jewellers; 8. Waitrose.

A Very Happy Christmas To All Our Readers!



(From left) Jayne Plaistow, Superdrug; Chris Sandford, Salvation Army; Shelley Filippi, Centre Manager and Ben Amoka, Superdrug Manager photographed at last year's Salvation Army Toy Collection launch.

The Salvation Army is inviting members of the public to donate new gifts for children aged 0-16 to help needy local children have a happier Christmas this year. The gifts will then be distributed through The Salvation Army's own networks, health visitors, children's centres and social services. Please leave your unwrapped gift at Super-

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by Julia Church

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When we arrived, the restaurant manager, Thomas, invited us to have a relaxing drink and peruse the menu in the bar before going through to the dining area. When we went into the restaurant itself, I was struck by how spacious it was, with plenty of room between the tables.

"Pristine!" was Andrew's observation as we were seated at our table.

The food is prepared by the founding owner, Martin Bradley and his co-owner, Laurent

Pacaud, previously the head chef at La Barbe in Reigate. Thanks to their many years of experience working in top restaurants, Warlingham now has a superb fine dining venue to rival any in London, without the 'up-town' prices. For starters I had the 'Entrée du jour' which for this evening was 'Duo of Salmon' consisting of a salmon and spinach terrine and roasted salmon rillette with a pink peppercorn crème fraîche. Andrew had the Terrine of local Pheasant and Armagnac Prunes. Both starters were a feast for the eyes as well as tasting wonderful.

For our main courses, Andrew tried venison for the first time, served with 'a bitter chocolate sauce and pancetta wrapped pigeon' while I had a tender rib-eye steak with peppercorn sauce. Head Chef Laurent emerged from the kitchen to have a chat with the diners whilst we ate dessert, and when he came over we had the opportunity to talk to him about the restaurant and tell him how much we had enjoyed our meal. Laurent said that they are look-



The spacious interior of 'Chez Vous.'



The pheasant terrine starter.

ing forward to their first Christmas when they will be open for Christmas Day lunch. Main course prices at 'Chez Vous' start at £12.50 and a bottle of house wine starts at £15. The full menu can be viewed at www.chezvous.co.uk. To book a table, call 01883 620451.

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Rotary Club of Caterham Sporting Excellence Award

On Thursday 3rd November Caterham Rotary Club presented its Sporting Excellence Award for 2011 to Woldingham School pupil, Rosie Cardoe. Rosie was nominated for the award by the Head of PE at Woldingham School, Jenny Tower. 14 year-old Rosie has been diving for three years and competes on 1 metre, 3 metre and high board platforms, training at Crystal Palace National Sports Stadium. Amongst many recent successes she came second in the London Youth Games, diving for Wandsworth. In the ASA National finals held in Sheffield in July she came first in the platform competition at 5m and 7.5m winning a gold medal and being declared national champion. She also took a silver medal in the synchronised diving and a bronze in the 3m event. The Sporting Excellence Award was instituted by Caterham Rotary Club in 2008 and is open to all students age 11 to 18 who either live locally or attend

a local school. Michael Dalton of Caterham Rotary Club said: "The Rotary panel were very impressed with the commitment and dedication shown by Rosie in her chosen sport of diving. She has already had a very successful career in the sport and her aspirations for the future are ambitious. The Rotary Club of Caterham is delighted to make this award and wishes her every success in the future."

Rosie was given a cheque for £250 and a certificate for winning the award by the President of Caterham Rotary, David Mole. 18 year-old netball player, Harriet Shaw from South Godstone was awarded the second prize of £150 and 15 year-old Catherine O'Connor, a hockey player from Kenley, received third prize of £100.

On receiving her award, Rosie said: "Thank you to Rotary Club for choosing me for the award - it is a privilege to have such great recognition for my diving. I would also like to thank Mrs Tower and Woldingham School for nominating me and supporting me."



President of Caterham Rotary Club, David Mole, presents Rosie Cardoe with her award.



Rosie competing in the National Age Group Diving Championships in Sheffield last July.

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Independence Homes Limited, the owners of Harestone House in Harestone Valley Road, are not a registered charity but a Private Limited Company making profits and distributing dividends.

We, like most residents, welcome the idea of a new care home and accommodation for epileptics but not the size and mass of development proposed in five blocks, all of which significantly exceed the floor area and mass of existing buildings. As proposed it will be detrimental to close residents and to those with views across the Valley. It will result in at least 40% of the mature trees on the site being either removed or at risk of damage. The proposals do not follow the Concept Statement principles or the Harestone Valley Plan Policies.

Under the Concept Statement, if Harestone House is

to be replaced, the new building should be restricted to the existing footprint, should avoid existing trees and should be of a similar scale and mass to the building being replaced. By following these principles not only would existing trees around the building be retained but the effect of the new building on residents would be minimised.

This number of apartments is not critical to the rationale for a care home on the site. Similarly it is difficult to understand the need for two five bed houses requiring the removal of mature TPO trees and displacing existing car parking close to residents. We would urge residents to oppose the proposals in their present form and seek with Independence Homes Limited to find proposals that respect and work within the Concept Statement and the Harestone Valley Plan.

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Who wants to be a volunteer?

by Rosemary Banks



Rosemary Banks

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I recently took over from Marion Piggott as the manager of Caterham Volunteer Centre and although I have inherited a database, not a chest of drawers, each day brings me into contact with new volunteers and representatives of organisations who want to harness those volunteers.

I'm looking forward to getting better acquainted with all the contents of my treasure chest and creating a three dimensional tapestry making best use of the talents, time and skills of the volunteers and searching out new and exciting opportunities for them to try.

I am really excited by the challenge and am looking forward to playing an active and fulfilling role in the Caterham community. For information about volunteering opportunities please ring me, Rosemary Banks at Volunteer Centre Caterham - 01883 344444 or email caterhamvc@owen29.wanadoo.co.uk

New bus for East Surrey Dial-a-Ride

Delighted directors and users of the East Surrey Dial-a-Ride service welcomed the latest addition to the fleet at the Douglas Brunton Centre in Caterham recently.

On Tuesday 1st November Barry Selway from Countryside Conversions Ltd. delivered the £37,000 bus that is specially adapted to carry elderly and disabled passengers. The bus was paid for by an anonymous donor, bringing the number of buses serving residents of East Surrey with mobility problems to six.

One of the charity's directors, Joyce Sage, first presented the concept of the Dial-a-Ride service to Tandridge District Council in 1980. Joyce said: "There were many people stuck in their homes who couldn't get out to the hairdressers or shops. We raised money from local organisations who helped us to get the first bus. I am so proud to see these buses around picking up people and taking them around. It just goes to show that from little acorns, mighty oaks grow!"



From left: Barry Selway from Countryside Conversions Ltd, Roger Atkins, Joyce Sage, Barbara Tutt and Andy Parr.



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Chaldon residents say 'thank you' to Colin and Katy

On Thursday 27th October, the Chairman of Chaldon Village Council, Ted Howard, presented this year's Chaldon Community Awards to Colin Browne and Katy Richards. The awards scheme was set up in 2009 as a way of saying 'thank you' to those members of the community who give their time and energy to making Chaldon a pleasant place to live. The residents who helped to set up the scheme were also hopeful that it might be a way of encouraging more people, especially young people, to engage in voluntary activities.

It was unanimously agreed that the 'Under 21' 2011 award should go to Katy for her commitment over many years to the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, for her fundraising activities and for her chairmanship of the Chaldon Youth Council. She was also commended for the energy, enthusiasm and thought for others that she brings to village life.

Colin Browne was the very popular winner of the '21 and over' award for his quiet and effective work over 30 years for the village hall,



Ted Howard (centre) with Colin Browne and Katy Richards.

which is in many ways Chaldon's social hub. The building was built to commemorate the First World War and because of its age, it needs a great deal of maintenance. The hall is very well used by various clubs in the village and is available for parties and celebrations.

Colin not only organises all of the maintenance, very often doing it himself, but handles the Health and Safety inspections as well as acting as Treasurer for the Village Hall Trust. Katy and Colin were presented with shields engraved with their names, certificates and cheques for £50. On the same day, presentations of cheques were made to local organisations and charities from the proceeds of the Chaldon Fête, which raised over £6,000 again this year.

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Munch with Music

On Wednesday 7th December, 'Munch with Music' at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley will feature the CODA singers presenting a Christmas programme with audience participation. Coffee and mince pies will be served at 12.15pm and the performance will take place from 12.45pm-1.30pm. Admission is free.

Whyteleafe Xmas Lights

The lights on the Christmas tree in Whyteleafe will be switched on at 6pm on Saturday, 3rd December. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the front of

The Whyteleafe Tavern and there will be carol singing and a special visit by Santa. There will also be live music by 'On the Run' from 7pm. All are welcome.

Art at The Miller Centre

Mike Harrington, the Chairman of Tandridge Art Society is holding an exhibition of his work in the Miller Centre at 30 Godstone Road, Caterham until Monday 5th December.

Mike's exhibition will be followed by an exhibition of watercolours by Chaldon artist, Rosemary Seymour from Tuesday 6th December until Saturday, 7th January. The exhibitions can be viewed from 10am-4pm weekdays and from 10am-

12 noon on Saturdays. For more information call the Miller Centre on 01883 349850.



'Komodo Dragon' by Rosemary Seymour.



'Spring Snow' by Mike Harrington.

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Last year's 'Snow Queen' at The Arc in Weston Drive, Caterham-on-the-Hill was a sell out and this year's show Red Riding Hood, should be every bit as thrilling and enjoyable for all the family. Based on a tale from around 300 years ago, Red Riding Hood has been told in many different versions, by the Brothers Grimm among others.

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Whyteleafe FC

by Andy Runacres

The past month has seen four league games, two cup games and one friendly for Whyteleafe FC. It is a month that has also registered no wins unfortunately. The period started off with three straight defeats; 2-0 to Walton & Hersham in The League Cup, 3-0 to Grays in the FA Trophy and then 1-0 to Walton & Hersham in the league. However after that, performances and results improved, with the next three league games all ending in 2-2 draws. Firstly away to Corinthian Casuals when Leafe surrendered a 2-0 lead in the last 10 minutes. Next up was a visit to a very strong Worthing side. Leafe had opened the scoring through Batchelor but Worthing rallied and moved 2-1 ahead until, with about ten minutes to go, Simpson scored to earn a very valuable point. A home game against Sittingbourne followed. By the middle of the second half the visitors had opened up a comfortable 2-0 lead, but Leafe mustered a late rally and clawed back two goals in the last few minutes to snatch a point and send the visitors away very disappointed.



Whyteleafe FC Man of the Match, Ricky Borrett with West Ham United chairman, David Gold.

The highlight of the month however was the visit from a West Ham XI for a friendly. West Ham chairman David Gold was amongst 400 in attendance, to watch his development squad plus Ivory Coast international Guy Demel and No 2 keeper Peter Kurucz. The game was played in good spirit, and a combination of strong defending, battling midfield play and excellent keeping from youth team keeper Ricky Borrett helped keep the scoreline down to a respectable 2-0 to West Ham. Borrett was deservedly presented with the Whyteleafe Man of the Match award at the end of the game. December sees home games against Crawley Down on the 10th and Walton Casuals on the 17th.



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Olympic torch to pass through Godstone and Bletchingley

The Tandridge communities of Bletchingley, Felbridge and Godstone have been selected to welcome the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay next summer. On 17th July 2012 the Torch Relay will pass through Felbridge, followed on 20th July by Godstone and Bletchingley. Residents from across the district will be invited to welcome the Olympic Flame. The three towns are among over 1,000 villages, towns and cities announced by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) through which the

Olympic Flame will be carried by Torchbearers during the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay. LOCOG has worked closely with representatives from a number of agencies in the Tandridge District to devise the route. Councillor Tony Elias, Chairman of the Community Services Committee, said: "This is an exciting opportunity for our residents and businesses. For most it will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the Olympic Flame and witness the spectacle of the Olympic Torch Relay. We hope it will provide commu-

nities with the chance to create Olympic related celebrations and to join in the countdown to the start of the Games." Sebastian Coe, Chair of LOCOG, said: "We are thrilled to confirm Bletchingley, Felbridge and Godstone will act as host locations for the Olympic Flame, extending an invitation to people in Tandridge to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay during its journey around the UK. This is the UK's moment to shine and I want to encourage people across the Tandridge District to start planning how they can be part of this and show their support for the inspirational Torchbearers chosen to carry the Olympic



Flame." LOCOG has also launched the 'Local Leaders' initiative to encourage people to take the 2012 Games into their community. They are being invited to create their own celebrations next year, for the Olympic Torch Relay and other key mo-

ments during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. People are encouraged to sign up to the Local Leaders programme at www.london2012.com/localleaders to receive further information on a range of themed celebration ideas.

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