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A 'quantum leap' for Caterham Cars

Iconic British Sports Car manufacturer set to go global following acquisition by F1 Team Lotus Enterprise.

Caterham Cars, the custodians of the two-seater Caterham Seven race-car, has been purchased by Team Lotus Enterprise in a deal announced last week. The acquisition by Tony Fernandes, Kamarudin Meranun and SM Nasarudin will ensure the continued development of the legendary

Caterham Seven and additions to its range of products. The Seven was originally conceived by Colin Chapman in 1957 and is still one of the most raced cars in the world. The Caterham Seven is a familiar sight in the local area as visitors to the Caterham Cars showroom in Station

Road take the eye-catching sports car out for test drives around town. Andy Noble, Sales and Marketing Director for Caterham Cars, said: "This is exciting news for the town that will certainly put Caterham on a global rather than national map. As our association with the F1 team becomes more public we will become a worldwide brand - it is a big quantum leap for Caterham Cars!"

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Sales and Marketing Director of Caterham Cars, Andy Noble, with the Caterham Seven in Team Lotus Enterprise colours.

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New owners for Caterham Cars

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The exciting new era for Caterham Cars will be led by the company's existing management team, headed up by Managing Director, Ansar Ali. Ansar has been responsible for boosting Caterham's exports during the last five years, creating the Superlight R500 - Top Gear's Car of the Year for 2008 - and their first brand new model in 15 years, the SP/300.R sports prototype racer.

Ansar said: "This is another exciting chapter in the Caterham story. The acquisition of the company by Team Lotus Enterprise will allow us to take the spirit of pure driving enjoyment to a new audience. As Caterham Cars continues to grow across the globe we will also have the opportunity to expand beyond the Seven and SP/300.R and breathe new life into our uniquely respected brand."

Tony Fernandes, one of the new owners, said: "Caterham has a unique place at the heart of the motoring world. As well as being proudly and staunchly British, it has an enviable and uniquely unblemished reputation within the industry for performance, handling and engineering excellence."



"It is already a successful business with sales across Europe, Japan, Australia and the Middle East. Under the guidance of the existing management team we now have all the ingredients to further evolve and take Caterham to new exciting horizons with innovative products and greater global brand exposure." Andy Noble added: "We could not wish for a better partner - it is a dream come true. Following the outcome of a legal case currently going on it is probable the Team Lotus Enterprise F1 car will carry Caterham Seven livery and there is the possibility that the team name will incorporate 'Caterham!'"

Tandridge District Council elects new Chairman

On Thursday, 12th May, Councillor Brian Perkins was elected as the new Chairman of Tandridge District Council for 2011-12 at the Annual Council meeting. The previous chairman, Councillor Alan Jones, presented the new Chairman with the ceremonial chain of office. At the same meeting, Councillor Sakina Bradbury, who represents Whyteleafe Ward, was elected the Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Perkins has represented Lingfield and Crowhurst Ward since 2002. For the past year he has been the Council Vice-Chairman and a member of the Housing Committee. During the last nine years he has served on many committees and was for a while seconded onto the Surrey Health Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Perkins also represents the Council on out-



Councillor Brian Perkins and his wife Sonia.

side bodies, particularly those dealing with care and sport and was a district member of Surrey County Council's Local Committee. Councillor Perkins has chosen to support St. John Ambulance, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and the Tandridge Community Fund charities during his year as Chairman.

Councillor Perkins is a pharmacist, who has worked in many areas, finally moving to Lingfield, where he has worked for most of his career. Councillor Perkins' Consort will be his wife, Sonia, a retired school music teacher, business partner and parish councillor.

New Planning Chief appointed

Tandridge District Council has appointed Piers Mason as its new Chief Planning Officer. Piers will take up the position on Wednesday 1st June following the retirement of the current Director of Planning, Bob Evans.

Former Reigate Grammar School pupil, Piers first joined Tandridge District Council in 1994 after graduating. After a brief period with Sevenoaks District Council, he returned to Tandridge as Assistant Director in 2008.

Piers takes over the District Council's planning service when long-standing Bob Evans retires on 31st May. Bob joined Tandridge in 1976 and has been Director of Planning for 16 years.

Leader of Tandridge District Council, Councillor Gordon Keymer, said: "We are delighted Piers Mason has been appointed as Chief Planning Officer, but sorry to see Bob Evans leave. He has been an excellent Director and will be sorely missed."



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Another great line-up of bands for this year's 'DeFest'

The Caterham Festival 2011 kicks off this weekend and one of the highlights will be the DeFest music festival taking place on the weekend of 18th-19th June. The format will be similar to last year's event, with rock bands and entertainment for youngsters lined up for Saturday and a more relaxed, laid back atmosphere for Father's Day on Sunday 19th. Amongst the bands performing on the Saturday will be 'Edged', last year's winners of the Tandridge Has Talent competition. 'Edged' are competing in the finals of the Live and Unsigned competition at London's O2 Arena in July along with another local band, 'The Merry Gang' who are also playing at DeFest. The line-up for Saturday also features the youngest band to play at Glastonbury - 'The Theory of 6 Degrees', hard-hitting Indi rock band 'Mandelson', local band 'Murder is Rude' and 'Shattered Intent'. Other attractions will be Mountain Boarding, Zorbing,

a Drum and Base Rave Tent supplied by Corrupt Radio, sideshows and a bar. Saturday will also see the finals of this year's Tandridge Has Talent competition. The Mercedes Benz Driving Academy will be in attendance again, where anyone over eight years old can drive a Mercedes. The Father's Day special on the 19th June will feature Swing Rock 'n' Roll, a birds of prey display and even Can-Can girls! Another new attraction on Sunday will be the 'Caterham Cruise' featuring vintage and military vehicles. There will be hot food, a beer tent and craft fair on both days and full live FM coverage from Ridge Radio. Entrance on both days is £4 for adults and £3 for under 16's. For more information visit www.defest.com. If you own a classic car and would like to take part in the Caterham Cruise, call Mark on 07954 591631.



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Edged - see you at London's 02 Arena!

In a nail-biting Area Final on Sunday 15th May, local band 'Edged' were selected to go through to the Rock section of the 'Live and Unsigned' Final at the O2 Arena in July.

'Edged' was one of 21 bands performing on the day, and were selected along with Luke Parr, the first act chosen to go through. They performed an amalgamation of their own song Black Lake and Dream On by Aerosmith as required by the rules of the competition.

The band has come a long way since winning the final of Tandridge Has Talent at DeFest last summer. 'Edged' will be on stage again at this year's DeFest on Saturday 18th June at de Stafford School in Caterham. Also performing at DeFest will be another local band who reached the 'Live and Unsigned' Final in the Indie section, 'The Merry Gang'.

Following their win, band member, Brad Steer, said: "We would like to say a huge thank you to the many fans who travelled to Basildon to support us. The atmosphere was amazing and it was all thanks to them. When the judges announced we were winners the cheer that erupted was deafening to say the



Jack Evans (Keyboard), John Godly (Drums) Toby Draper (Bass and backing vocals) Brad Steer (guitar) and Will Evans (vocals).

least! We are elated to have been chosen to perform at such a prestigious venue. It will be a fabulous experience and we can't wait!

"We would also like to say thank you to our friends and family who made all this possible."

The Live and Unsigned Grand National Finals will be incorporated into Live Fest, London's largest indoor music festival featuring names such as N-Dubz, Tinchy Stryder, Kids in Glass Houses, Tempa T and many more.

To book tickets visit www.liveandunsigned.uk.com and click on the link for 'Live Fest'. 'Edged' will be performing in the Rock Final.

David Gold meets local entrepreneurs at launch of new networking group

Local businessman and self-made millionaire, David Gold was the VIP guest at the launch of a new networking group in Caterham recently.

The Business Executives Association (BEA) was established in 2006 and Thursday 19th May saw the launch of the new Caterham branch. Around 100 guests attended the event held at the Surrey National Golf Club in Chaldon. During the course of

the evening the guests had the opportunity to meet other local professionals and chat over drinks and a delicious buffet.

Clive Wilson of Paramount Web Design gave a welcoming speech and introduced the other founder members, followed by an entertaining talk by David Gold. Mr Gold, owner of Gold Group International and joint-owner of West Ham Football Club, gave a fascinating insight into the background to his success and his triumph over adversity, before answering questions from the audience.

Glen O'Dwyer, one of Caterham BEA's founder members and owner



David Gold (centre) with the founder members of the Caterham BEA at the launch event.

of Computer Solutions in Caterham-on-the-Hill, said: "We are very pleased with the attendance tonight - all our work has come together very well. We are delighted that David Gold has come along to show his support for Caterham BEA. This is a great way for local business people to meet each other in a social setting."

The Caterham BEA meets on every third Thursday of the month at the Surrey National Golf Club in Rook Lane, Chaldon. The next meeting is taking place on Thursday 16th June from 6.30-8.30pm. For more information call 01883 330404 or visit www.caterhambea.org

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available in the UK. The long, hard road has culminated in funds totalling £460,000 being raised to support Adam's bid for treatment.

Mr Knight said: "What a delightful family and a super young man who is an inspiration to us all. We are pleased to be able to offer such support to Adam and his family at this difficult time. We wish Adam and his family all the very best as they return to hospital to find out how Adam's battle against this cruel disease is going. I would also like to thank Pam Miriam our fund raiser, staff and customers, without whom this super total would not have been possible."

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Fran said: "The big thing for us is to get people along once a week who just want to enjoy singing and be part of a developing group. The beginners are being encouraged by the experienced singers and the camaraderie is great. New members are always welcome to come and join us and we would especially like to encourage some guys to come along." The choir's repertoire includes lively songs such as

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The choir is having a break for half term and will restart the week beginning 5th June when new members are welcome to join in. See the advertisement above for more details.



The Oxted Glee Choir

Beaver Scouts enjoy an action-packed day to celebrate their 25th birthday

Beaver Scouts from across the district had a fun-filled day of activities at their 25th anniversary celebrations recently.

The event, organised by Beaver Scout leader Simon Edge and other helpers was held at St. John's Primary School in Caterham Valley on Saturday, 14th May.

The boys and girls had the opportunity to try out archery, hoist themselves up the scramble nets, tear around in go-karts and get crafty with badge-making plus a host of other activities packed into the day.

The event could not have taken place without the generous financial support of local businesses and organisations who sponsored the celebrations.

Simon said: "We were lucky with the weather because it threatened to rain all day, but the Beavers all had a great time. I am very grateful to the local community for supporting the event. The Beavers have had a day that they will remember for a very long time!"



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Caterham mourns the passing of 'Sister Eva'



Eva Balchin

A much-loved Caterham resident, Eva Daisy May Balchin ('Sister Eva'), who nursed patients at the old St. Lawrence's Hospital for 41 years, passed away on Wednesday 20th April at East Surrey Hospital.

Born in Caterham, Eva attended Caterham Hill Infant and Primary schools. Eva left school at 15 years old and started work at Letchers Draper and Outfitters in the High Street in Caterham-on-the-Hill. When Eva was 17, war had broken out so she had a choice of either nursing or going into the Land Army. Her father was working at St. Lawrence's Hospital (now demolished) in Coulsdon Road and arranged an interview for her. Eva joined the hospital and was Ward Sister when she retired on June 5th 1985. Whilst working at the hospital Eva met Patrick Balchin, a carpenter and they married on June 30th 1956. Eva and Patrick had a wonderfully happy life together for over

50 years. Patrick had also worked 42 years' unbroken service at St. Lawrence's. Eva's funeral took place on Tuesday 10th May at St. Mary's Church, Caterham-on-the-Hill.

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by Alec Herbert

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- In Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" which character says "I will put a girdle round the earth in forty minutes"?
- Which TV soap is set in Summer Bay?
- Which singer was born Ladonna Andrea Gains?
- Of which bird is it said: "One does not make a summer"?

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'The Chalet' to be the venue for Caterham's first outdoor Classical Concert

The beautiful grounds of 'The Chalet' in Tupwood Lane, Caterham Valley, is to provide the venue for an exciting new event coming to Caterham this July. The 'Classic Summer Evening' is being held to raise funds for the Tandridge Community Fund – a fund set in trust for perpetuity, with the proceeds being made available for Tandridge charities, particularly those having difficulty finding support. Local businessman David Gold, the patron of the Tandridge Community Fund, lives at 'The Chalet' with his fiancée Lesley and they will be hosting this very special concert. Songwriter and founder of the Orpheus Centre in Godstone, Richard Stilgoe, has agreed to be the compere for the evening. Jeremy Webster, a supporter of the Tandridge Community Fund who conceived the idea for a classical concert, said: "I've been overwhelmed by the amount of support we



'The Chalet' in Tupwood Lane, Caterham, that will provide the setting for the 'Classic Summer Evening'.

have received to help make the concert a success. I am hugely grateful to David Gold for allowing us to hold the concert in his grounds. I am also thrilled that Richard Stilgoe will be our compere for the evening. We just need to sell lots of tickets and pray for warm, dry weather!" The grounds will open at 2pm to allow guests to start arriving and set up their picnic tables. Local singers will be performing from 4pm until 6pm, when Classical and Cuban guitarist Ahmed Dickinson will pro-

vide pleasant background music before the main concert gets underway at 7.30pm. The concert will feature an abundance of musical talent from pianist Yuki Negishi, Aisling Ennis playing the harp, and flautist Julie Groves as well as pieces performed by the London Myriad Ensemble Wind Quintet and the Blackheath String Quartet. A full programme will be provided on the day. For more information on the concert and how to book tickets, please see the advertisement below.

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Readers' letters

Green Belt development in Tandridge **Against...**

I write in response to your article on page 2 about Green Belt development last month.

The thrust of Mr. Greenhalgh's comments are that Caterham takes the lion's share of development and Oxted gets off lightly. The fact remains that Caterham has had a major hospital close down (St. Lawrence's); and two major defence installations have become redundant (Caterham Barracks and Kenley Aerodrome).

Although technically previously in the Green Belt, the Aerodrome land was covered with dense sub-standard and semi-derelict former married quarters housing. There is no reason why significant amounts of previous housing allocations should not have been made on these sites, especially as signifi-

cant development-related gains were made. These include local road improvements, support for the Village bus service, new shops, school improvements, leisure and community facilities, new doctors' surgery and large areas of open space. We believe the District Council should take some credit for planning this amount of development in a comprehensive and co-ordinated way.

The Oxted area (including Limpsfield and Hurst Green) has taken its fair share of development including redundant schools, hospital, smallholdings, police station and other sites. These may not amount numerically to the Caterham share, but it would be wrong to prevent otherwise acceptable new housing in Caterham just because land was not available in Oxted. Similarly, contrary to Mr. Greenhalgh's view, it would not be acceptable to release Green Belt land in Oxted in order

to balance development with Caterham. Apart from being wrong in planning terms, such an approach would only set one community against another with the result that all would lose out.

Without prejudice to any planning application Mr. Greenhalgh may make, there is no need to release Green Belt in Oxted (or anywhere else in Tandridge District). His suggestions for helping to resolve Gas-holder and Rose & Young issues are well-meaning but have not been thought through. As well as being impractical, such arrangements would be unlawful on the back of Green Belt housing in Oxted. In response to Mr. Windridge, it is similarly difficult to see how unnecessary release of Green Belt land would help resolve the Rose & Young site. Mr. Greenhalgh's comments about affordable housing do not give the full picture. No local authority in South East England even attempts to meet its need for affordable housing in full. In Tandridge, we rely on working with our housing association partners to provide affordable homes on the limited supply of

Council-owned land; and with private developer partners (including Mr. Greenhalgh) to provide affordable units on appropriate sites. The current financial constraints make the provision of affordable housing more difficult, but the District Council aims to continue to maintain a supply.

Bob Evans, Head of Planning, Tandridge District Council.

To read Mr Evans' letter in full and related correspondence, including a response from Nigel Greenhagh, go to 'Readers' Letters' at www.caterham-independent.co.uk

For...

Tandridge Council needs to take a long, hard look at the offer on the table. Why should Oxted 'nimby's', aided and abetted by Oxted-based councillors, continue to hold Caterham to ransom by forcing ever-increasing development

onto the Caterham area without ensuring there is adequate provision for the necessary additional infrastructure? Release of Green-Belt land - a local precedent that has after all already been set in Caterham as indicated in the article - would neatly solve two long-standing problems in Caterham and Oxted. After all, Tandridge has plenty of green space left!

Marc Hansen, business owner, Caterham.

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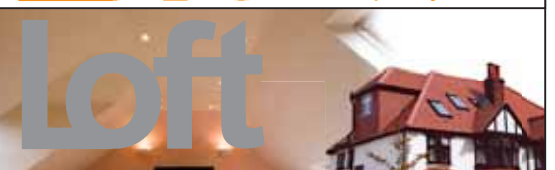
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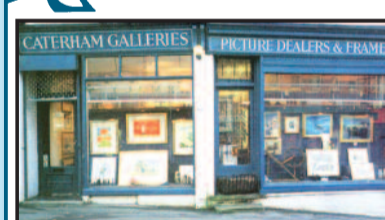
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Holistic training - good for the mind and for the body

by Steve Robertson,
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Steve Robertson

More people than ever are incorporating well-being exercises within their training regime, like Pilates and Yoga. Most local gyms offer Pilates matwork classes and different styles of Yoga, and you can actually do both disciplines, because the two complement each other. Yes there are differences in the way Pilates and Yoga are practised, but doing both is a great way to expand your knowledge and your exercise routine.

As a personal trainer one of the things I try and teach my clients is 'intelligent training'. The main thing that sets an intelligent approach to exercise apart from the outdated 'go for the burn', is to respect the body at all times.

Try and follow these five points to help you.

1. Not all knowledge is good knowledge; it's up to you to find out who can offer you the best information. Remember only the right practice makes it perfect.
2. Empower yourself by making your own decisions and taking responsibility for the exercises you do. That means practising too, after all an hour of practice is worth many more hours of theory.
3. Exercise is not about show, but how it feels from within. Do not worry how you look in a class in

front of the teacher; it's what you are doing that matters.

4. Listen to your body and let what you feel govern how you proceed, rather than working through pain.

5. Don't separate exercise from the rest of your life. There is no finishing a great workout then feasting on unhealthy foods and slouching in an armchair. Try and make it a balanced lifestyle.

Finally don't think that the concept of intelligent exercise only applies to the disciplines of Pilates and Yoga, you can take this approach to the gym, swimming, or even outdoor exercises. It even applies to how you sit, eat, and walk because it relates to every movement you make; just remember to use your body intelligently.

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Local family tries a taste of 'Living Below the Line'

For five days in May, Salvation Army captains, Chris and Karen Sandford and their three sons joined thousands of people across the UK living off just £1 a day for food and drink. They were taking part in the Christian Aid 'Live Below the Line' campaign to get a better understanding of the challenges faced by people living in extreme poverty and to raise funds for crucial anti-poverty initiatives.

Karen kept a blog of the experience, starting with the menu planning and budgeting before Day 1 of the project and monitoring the family's progress and feelings throughout the five days. Karen's account paints a vivid picture of the difficulties she had to overcome with such a restricted budget. On Day 5, the last day of the project, Karen said in her blog: "We did it! We fed a family of five, for five days on £25! I was very proud of the boys who made some great choices of what to eat to stretch the budget.

The things I have learned are:

- Food is fuel - I am determined not to go back to my old habits.
- Forward planning and a bit of imagination works wonders.
- We eat too much.
- I take too much for granted.
- I need to be more mindful, and grateful for what I have, and more generous.
- I am blessed beyond measure, with far more than I need."



Karen and Chris Sandford

To read the rest of Karen's account of five days living below the line, go to www.caterham-independent.co.uk and search for 'Karen's Blog'.

To find out more about the Christian Aid 'Live Below the Line' campaign, go to www.livebelowtheline.org.uk

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Caterham Bowls Club celebrates centenary with a very special match

On Wednesday, 18th May, Caterham Bowls Club began their Centenary celebrations in very grand style with a match against Bowls England. The President, Joan Balding, had travelled down from Lincolnshire for the match joined by other Bowls England players from right across the country.

The match was preceded by a buffet lunch generously provided by Diane Pink of Pinks Funeral Directors.

After an enjoyable match the teams relaxed over a meal and drinks in the clubhouse. President Joan congratulated the club on reaching its 100 year milestone and complimented them on their premises and the greenkeepers for providing an excellent playing surface.

Following the visit, Michael Miller, President of Caterham Bowls Club, said: "It was a pleasure to play against this representative



From left: Rosemary Ellman-Brown, Junior Vice-President, Bowls England; Stuart Lake, Senior Vice-President, Bowls England; John Nicholls, Men's Captain, Caterham B.C.; Michael Miller, President Caterham B.C.; Joan Balding, President Bowls England.

side from Bowls England. The game was played in a most friendly way and although there were no Internationals in their team, they were all good players. With this in mind it was very good for us to scrape a win! The next big event for the Bowls Club will be Foundation Day on Sunday 5th June when the club will be exactly 100 years old. The celebrations will include a buffet meal with an Edwardian theme and some members will take to the green, perhaps dressed in Edwardian style!

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Eating Out

The Village Inn - great for a family summer treat

Review by Julia Church

The Village Inn in Caterham-on-the-Hill has just introduced some delicious new home-cooked dishes to its menu with some lovely flavours adding some zing to old favourites for the summer.

The menu features a good choice of starters, mains and desserts with plenty of variety to appeal to all tastes.

My friend Ann and I were impressed by the superb selection of starters on offer. We tried three wonderful starters, Duck Spring Rolls with Hoisin sauce, Lamb Kofte Kebabs served with Tzatziki and a half Rack of Ribs in barbecue sauce. My favourite was the kebabs - a very generous portion of mildly-spiced lamb that went beautifully with the refreshing Tzatziki dip. Ann said she would give ten out of ten for the Duck Spring Rolls "Because

they are lovely and crispy on the outside and hot on the inside!"

The ribs lived up to our expectations too, with the meat coated in sweet barbecue sauce falling easily off the bone.

Following on from the meaty starters, I thought I would try the salmon for my main course and was very pleasantly surprised by the wonderful flavour of the salsa and herb crust. It was a real first for me and a joy to taste. I have eaten salmon plenty of times in the past, but never with salsa and the combination works like a dream. It was a nice healthy choice too, with plenty of salad accompaniment.

Ann had the Steak and Ale Pie with chips she described as "crispy and fluffy". The meat was tender and had a slight kick to it, she said, which would be the 'Spitfire Ale' it was cooked in. Her verdict was that the pie was very tasty, not bland.

After we had a rest, the owner of The Village Inn, Steve Kirk, recommended the Banoffee Pie and Strawberry Tart for dessert, which we shared between us like we had with the starters.



Our mains, the Steak and Ale Pie and Salsa Topped Salmon.

As Steve commented, the Strawberry Tart filled with crème patisserie tasted like strawberries and cream in a tart, mmm!

The prices on the menu represent excellent value, with the only dish approaching £10 being the Mixed Starter Platter for Two at £9.95. The mains range in price from £5.50 for a Caesar Salad to £8.95 for a Rack of Ribs. Fab! With its child-friendly garden and special Children's Menu, The Village Inn is a great choice for a family meal out. See the advert below for more details.

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The menu focuses mainly on vegetables, seafood and chicken with some tasty variations to the rice and nan bread accompaniments. For starters, the Mango Salad - juicy mango with pineapple and cucumber - is a delightfully fresh dish that cleanses the palette. The other choices are Tandoori Phool, mildly-spiced, tender chicken with a creamy yoghurt and mustard sauce and Puchara King Prawn, with a crunchy coating on the outside served with a sauce made from onion, tomato, mustard and Indian spices.

The main courses include Chicken Harisha Salad - chicken in a paprika sauce with salad. The Vegetable Harisha Salad features the same delicious sauce, but with fresh asparagus and cucumber, providing a tasty vegetarian alternative to the traditional meat version. The two other main course choices are Seafood Curry and Saffron Tandoori Jhinga - King Prawns marinated in herbs and spices



Fariv with the Chicken Harisha Salad and Saffron Tandoori Jhinga.

and baked in the oven. The Seafood Curry makes a wonderful alternative to meat, with the perfect balance of spices not overpowering the flavour of the delicately cooked fish. As an accompaniment to the main courses, the Cheese and Chille Nan is a great 'tear and share' dish, with the Chille side of the nan proving to be the spiciest item on the summer menu! The cumin-flavoured Jeera Rice has been especially selected for the summer menu to perfectly complement the main courses.

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The Dene Fête

The League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital are holding their annual Fête at the Dene Field, Church Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill on Sunday 26th June from 12pm-3pm. There will be a barbecue and beer tent, a dog show, live music and many sideshows and stalls.

'Munch with Music'

The next 'Munch with Music' at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley is taking place on Wednesday 1st June, featuring Jazz guitarist Shane Hill with Frank Holder (vocals and percussion).

Admission is free. Coffee is provided at 12.15pm. The performance is from 12.45-1.30pm. You are invited to bring your own 'Munch'.

Garden Party

The Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions ('COGS') are holding a Garden Party on Saturday 11th June at 15 Heathway, Chaldon CR3 5DN from 3pm. Tickets cost £10 or £7 for under 16's, to include a cream tea and glass of Pimms with live musical entertainment. The event is in aid of St. Catherine's Hospice and Lions' charities. For tickets call Lesley Day on 01883 346329.

Talk by Peter Owen-Jones

Peter Owen-Jones, BBC presenter of 'Around the World in 80 Faiths', 'Extreme Pilgrim' and 'How to live a Simple Life' will be reading from his new book and taking questions on Friday 10th June at 8pm at St Mary's Church, Church Hill, Caterham CR3 5RA. Tickets cost £10 and are available from the Parish Office on 01883 348751 or email: stmaryscaterham@googlemail.com

Half the proceeds will go towards the refurbishment of the Church Hall.

Teddy Bear's picnic

Play Safely are hosting a Teddy Bear's Picnic in Queen's Park, Caterham from 12-3pm on Saturday 4th June as part of The Caterham Festival. Following the picnic there will be an obstacle course for little ones and a treasure hunt for older children. Entrance is free and refreshments will be served in the pavilion. Don't forget Teddy!

Festival Street Party

The Caterham Festival Street Party is taking place on Sunday 29th May from 12-6pm. Attractions include boat race, stalls and live music throughout the afternoon.

Author Event at Caterham Valley Library

Author Jojo Moyes will be speaking at Caterham Valley Library in Stafford Road on Wednesday 8th June from 7.30-9pm. The doors open at 7pm. Tickets cost £5 from Caterham Valley Library or 01483 543599 for credit card sales. Jojo is

the winner of the 2011 award for the Romantic Novelist Association's Novel of the Year for her book 'Last Letter from Your Lover'.

Food Festival

The Caterham Food Festival is taking place on Sunday 12th June from 9am-5pm in Croydon Road, Caterham Valley. The road will be closed to traffic for an international food market and local food stalls. The restaurants and cafes will be serving food outside from breakfast to afternoon teas.

A Classic Summer Evening

A classical music concert is being held in the beautiful grounds of 'The Chalet' in Tupwood Lane, Caterham Valley in aid of the Tandridge Community Fund. Tickets costing £12-£20 are available from the Box Office on 01483 444334. See page 12 for more information.

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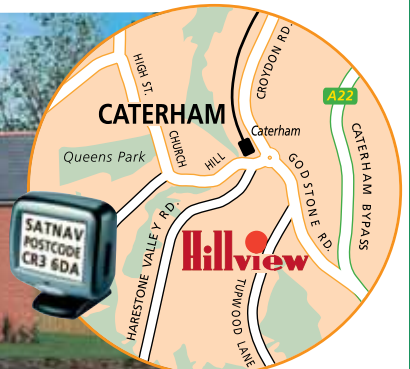
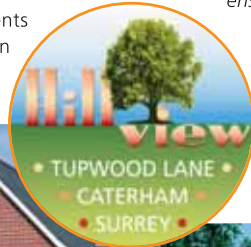
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Whyteleafe FC

by Andy Runacres

Since the last report, Whyteleafe FC has completed its games and finished in a respectable 16th place in the league.

As previously mentioned season 2010/11 always promised to be a tough one after the Whyteleafe committee took the decision to cut the playing budget to zero in an attempt to give the club a more secure founding for the future. The decision was considered a gamble as relegation could have had long term implications for the club, but full credit must go to manager Nicky English and his team of coaches together with the players for fighting hard week in, week out and achieving the target set for them, ie - staying in the Ryman League.

Going into the final three games of the season relegation was still a mathematical possibility, and fears were compounded after slumping to a shocking 6-2 defeat to Leatherhead and then a nar-



Fred Fleming with his well-deserved awards.

row 1-0 reverse to Dulwich Hamlet, whilst teams around us picked up points. It all meant that Leafe went into their last game needing a win to be certain of staying up and a win is what they achieved, by 2-0 over Horsham YMCA. As it turned out other results went in their favour and they would have been safe anyway, but the win had the added bonus of lifting the club above several others including local rivals Merstham and into 16th.

As is now traditional the end of season awards party followed the final game and captain fantastic Fred Fleming ended up with a clean sweep of the Manager's, Players' and Supporters' Player of the Year trophies. A well deserved reward for someone that stuck with the club throughout, and continually inspired the younger players. So thoughts can now move on to next season, and hopefully we have something positive to build on.

Doubles Trouble for Caterham Croquet Club

Caterham Croquet Club was unsuccessful in defence of its South Eastern Croquet Federation Doubles title on May 21st-22nd at Sussex County Croquet Club in Southwick, the largest club in the region. This year's tournament saw 13 teams from around the South East battling it out over ten games in bright and blustery conditions on seven beautifully prepared lawns. Other local teams represented were Reigate and Purley Bury. The Caterham team, Jon Male, Rolf Kaenzig, Jeff Rushby, Colin Best and Tony Reade won three out of six on Saturday but only one out of four on Sunday and finished tenth overall.

"All of our games were close but early-season rustiness combined with super-fast lawns and tight hoops meant that a few too many slipped from our

grasp this year," said Jon Male.

The winners this year were the team from Guildford and Godalming with seven wins out of ten. But this tournament, a season-opener for many, is a handicap event and there was no reason to expect a repeat of the Caterham team's success in 2010. The team now moves on to its league fixtures, the first home one of which is on Sunday 3rd July vs Reigate at Queen's Park, Caterham. Caterham Croquet Club is now in its 25th year. Members play both golf and association croquet and compete in the South East Croquet Federation association croquet U and B leagues.

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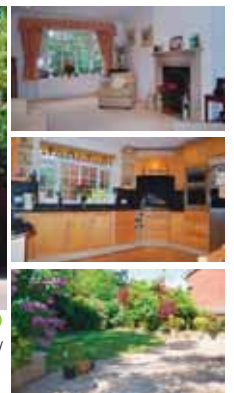
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