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## Rotary Bunny Fun Run attracts record crowd

A record 423 Easter eggs were given away at Queen's Park in Caterham-on-the-Hill on Sunday 13th April, one to nearly every finisher in the Easter Bunny 1K Fun Run and 5K Race. The event was organised, once again, by Caterham Rotary Club. More people entered the two runs than ever before and the large family crowd basked in the glorious sunshine and cheered on the runners, walkers, wheelchair riders and pushchairs of all shapes and sizes.

The organisers were delighted to see so many people entering into the fun of dressing up and prizes were awarded to the 'Best Dressed Bunnies' - Ben Higgins, Charlotte Higgins, Harry Hardisty, Theo Dalby, Alan Harding and Tamara Bergs. First home in the 1K Fun Run was ten-year-old Harley Norman, who was also first in 2013, followed this year by his eight-year-old brother Conrad Norman. The fastest runners in the

5K Race were Adam Wright in 19 minutes 42 seconds with Daniel Catt in second place and Diana Norman the first lady home in third place in 20 minutes 14 seconds. The last to complete the 5K Race had enjoyed their morning walk and ambled in after an hour or so. The Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Councillor Beverly Connolly, performed the official start to the Fun Run and 5K Race and also presented the prizes. The MC was Tony Nash assisted by Mike Fleet. First Community Health and Care gave every finisher a collapsible drinking bottle. *Continued on centre pages.*



Alice (Mark Eagleton) and the Mad March Hare (Alan Harding) joining in the warm up before the 5K Race, led by Emily Watson of Bunny Hop Dance and Fitness.

**View more photos of the Caterham Rotary Bunny Fun Run 2014 on pages 12-13 and in the Photo Gallery at [www.caterham-independent.co.uk](http://www.caterham-independent.co.uk)**

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## New Rose & Young Task and Finish Group presents its findings to Tandridge planning officers

On Tuesday, 8th April the new Rose and Young Task and Finish Group at Tandridge District Council presented its Report to the council's Planning Policy Committee. The comprehensive Report contains the Group's recommendations about how to bring about the redevelopment of the old Mercedes car showroom in Croydon Road, Caterham, that has been derelict for over 18 years. The Report had been put together after reviewing progress to date and meeting with other interested parties.

After discussing the content of the Report, the Committee voted unanimously to adopt its recommendations, which includes releasing up to £50,000 from the Economic



The old Rose & Young site.

Development Reserve. The money will be available to fund site investigations and provide details of a viable redevelopment scheme for the site. It will also be used for seeking advice from experts with regard to using Compulsory Purchase powers if the owner of the site refuses to engage in the redevelopment process. Another of the recommendations in the Report was that the council continues to support the CR3 Forum Neighbourhood Plan, including supporting the proposal for a Neighbourhood Development Order ('NDO') for the Rose and Young site. Following the meeting, a spokesperson for the CR3 Forum said: "TDC have recognised the potential power of the Neighbourhood Plan for the CR3 area. By working in partnership with us, the long hoped-for project to see the site redeveloped is less risky financially and

legally for the Council now than it was without us. This is a boost for the CR3 Forum, the Neighbourhood Plan and for Caterham as a whole".

Local resident, John Harvey, who has extensive experience of Compulsory Purchase Orders, was less convinced that an NDO would help to bring about redevelopment of the site, saying: "I regard the Task and Finish Group's enthusiasm for obtaining planning permission by an NDO as misplaced. This is a long-winded process that could be the long grass where future necessary decisions are kicked. It is also new and untried and its uncertainties could discourage a development partner."

In response, the Chairman of the Rose and Young Task and Finish Group, Cllr. Jane Ingham, said: "It is the intention of the Rose and Young Task and Finish Group to explore different options to secure our goal with regards to the site. This is to establish an outline plan which will research partnership options in order to achieve an appropriate development of the site - the obtaining of an NDO is just

one aspect of the work and will not preclude us from pursuing other options."

Marc Hansen, one of the local businessmen who have been trying to help find a way to get the site redeveloped in recent years, was also present at the Planning Policy Committee meeting. After the meeting he said: "It was gratifying to witness the positive manner in which the proposed action was discussed at the meeting. Whilst some reservations were expressed by certain councillors, the overall view in the room was that progress must now be made towards reaching a satisfactory outcome to this long-standing blight on Caterham Valley."

To view the full Report presented to the Planning Policy Committee by the Rose and Young Task and Finish Group visit <http://bit.ly/1ngVp9G>

## 'Team Caterham' Volunteers needed for Caterham Festival events

Local residents who have signed up for 'Team Caterham' are being asked to come forward to offer their help at the many local events taking place this summer.

So far 29 people have signed up to join Team Caterham to volunteer their help at events that are put on for the local community to enjoy, such as the Defest Music Festival at de Stafford School at the end of May and the Caterham Festival Street Party and the Caterham Carnival in June.

The Team Caterham initiative was started by Caterham Festival Chairman Andy Parr, to boost manpower at events that have traditionally been run by the same stalwarts for many years.

If you are interested in joining Team Caterham and are free to help at any of the forthcoming events, please contact [teamcaterham@outlook.com](mailto:teamcaterham@outlook.com).

An update on the progress of the Rose & Young Task and Finish Group will be published in The Caterham and District Independent this summer.

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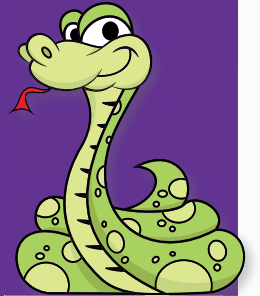
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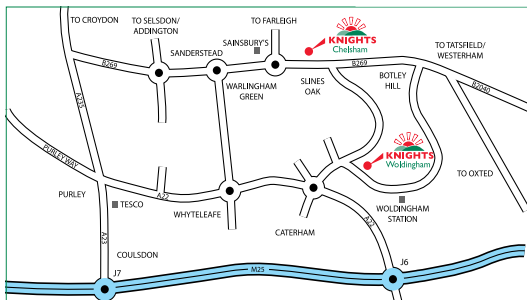
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## Tandridge Community Fund hands out grants to two local youth groups

On Wednesday 26th March, the Chairman of the Tandridge Community Fund, Mike Moss MBE, presented a cheque for £500 to Andree Trotter of Oxted Young Persons Theatre. The group runs weekly drama workshops for children with disabilities, special educational needs and additional needs. The money will be used to help fund assisted places for children who otherwise may not be able to attend the theatre workshops due to financial hardship.

A £500 donation has also been made to STREET youth club in Caterham to pay for waterproof jackets for the young members of STREET to wear when taking part in their Duke of Edinburgh award expeditions.

If you would like to support Tandridge Community Fund or if you are involved in a group in Tandridge that may benefit from a grant from the Fund, please contact Mike Moss on 01883 713322 or Julia Church on 01883 346641.



Mike Moss MBE presents the cheque to Andree Trotter of the Oxted Young Persons Theatre group.



Members of STREET youth club showing off the new waterproof jackets, from left: Conor Devlin, George Campbell, Patrick Feeny and Key Smith.

## Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council AGM

Jill Bonsall, who is the Chairman of the Caterham and District Local History Centre and also Chairman of The Bourne Society local history group, was the guest speaker at the Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council AGM on Wednesday 16th April.

Jill spoke to the audience about the project being undertaken to move the St. Lawrence's Hospital First World War Memorial from its current spot in St. Mary's Church yard, to inside the church to protect it from further damage from the elements. The memorial was saved when the hospital was demolished in the 1990s. The location of the World War II memorial is not known, so funds will also be needed to replace the memorial if the original cannot be found. The whole project will cost in the region of £3,500 and it is hoped to raise the funds needed and install the memorials inside the church in time for the Remembrance Day service in November.

The meeting also saw the presentation of the council's Good Citizen Award to local farmer Nick Dance, for all the kind assistance he has given to the council such as assisting with tree planting and other maintenance projects.



Jill Bonsall.



Sarah Burningham with the recipient of the Good Citizen Award, Nick Dance.

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by Frances Clementi, Tower Captain.

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the St. Mary's congregation, the Army who were then still at Caterham Barracks, bell ringers from other local churches, and many other people who supplied labour and specialised expertise to complete the installation. At the time it was estimated that £80,000 was saved by donations and the use of the volunteer labour and expertise - in today's money £150,000 adjusting for inflation.

So on the afternoon of 29th March 2014, the day before Mothering Sunday, a wonderful celebration took place at St. Mary's. Many people who had been involved with the installation 20 years ago and ringers

who have rung with us over the years had been invited. 80 people gathered in St. Mary's Hall for a 'ringers' tea' and to listen to a celebratory half peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major which took one hour 29 minutes and was conducted by our Ringing Master, Ross Weddell, who was only three when the bells were installed! There was also a display of photos of the installation and much reminiscing took place.



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A team from Ofsted undertook a full inspection of the College last February.

The astounding success achieved since the take-over by Reigate College in March last year, has now been further endorsed by a "first" from Ofsted inspectors.

Steve Oxlade, Executive Principal of the Reigate and Coulsdon College Federation explained: "No school or college has ever improved so much, so quickly and been awarded such high grades in a full inspection. Ofsted was incredibly thorough, observing almost every teacher, and has now officially not only declared the College out of special

measures but concluded that quality is so good that they will be monitoring us from afar from now on, just as they do at Reigate."

In March, Mr Oxlade received a letter from from Matthew Hancock MP, Minister for Skills and Enterprise at the Department for Education, it said:

"I am writing to congratulate you and everyone at the College who played a part in this transformation. I know that you have placed learners in Coulsdon at the heart of your work and it is for them that the transformation of both the quality of teaching and learning and the overall culture and ethos of the College will have the most significant impact".

Brett Freeman, Principal at Coulsdon, said: "Ofsted has seen what we have achieved and recognised that this is something quite unique; I was especially

pleased that teaching was praised so highly with many teachers graded outstanding by the inspectors. Now we can say with absolute confidence that there is nowhere else locally that provides the range of courses at the quality we guarantee at Coulsdon."

The grades awarded were all "good" with the exception of outcomes for learners - and even this is no longer a cause for concern as exam results this coming summer are predicted to be excellent. The report is available to view at [www.coulsdon.ac.uk/ofsted](http://www.coulsdon.ac.uk/ofsted). Mr Oxlade said: "Running a successful college is really quite simple; there are only three things you have to get right - teaching, systems and relationships. The final piece of the jigsaw was Brett Freeman agreeing to join us as Principal. Brett has the drive and dedication to now take us to where we belong, and that is the very top."

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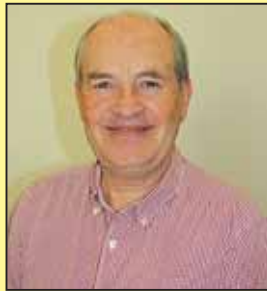
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## In the spotlight

This month we feature Chaldon resident, Richard York. Richard is a member of Caterham Rotary Club and is the main organiser of the annual Rotary Easter Bunny Fun Run.



Richard York.

**Birthplace:** Stamford, Lincs.

**Marital Status:** Happily married to Janet for over 46 years.

**Children:** Four children and six grandchildren.

**Cars:** My favourite was a little yellow mini which has long gone.

**Pastimes:** Family, Rotary, reading, walking, Sudoku and napping.

**Favourite Food & Drink:** Seafood and wine.

**Likes:** Looking at the lawn

when I have just cut it; Organising the Rotary Bunny Fun Run.

**Dislikes:** Chairs that I can't rest my head in.

**Favourite TV show:** Topical humour like 'Have I got News for You'.

**Favourite book:** 'Ender's Game' and all the Ender Saga by Orson Scott Card.

**Proudest moment:** The birth of my children and what they are doing in life.

**Biggest influence on your life:** My father.

**Favourite holiday destination:** A beautiful island in the South China Sea.

**Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at?** Selfish drivers.

**Favourite song of all time:** 'Hotel California' by The Eagles or 'Spiegel im Spiegel' by Arvo Part.

**Most embarrassing moment:** Betting a friend to cut my hair and having to spend the day at school with half a shaved head. I spent the money on fireworks.

**Where would you most like to live?** Chaldon but not on Rook Lane!

**Who would you most like to meet?** Alive: The Pope. Dead: Spike Milligan.

**If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it?**

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## Come and watch The Wabbit King!



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# An Evening of Magic

by Roger Easter

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The venue was the magnificent Millennium Hall at Woldingham Girls' School.

£8,675 was raised from the event, which will shortly be divided equally between The Orpheus Centre and The Children's Trust. In the provinces it is very rare to have the opportunity of enjoying live, such an abundance of talent in one show. Those attending the show witnessed skills covering a wide spectrum of the art including mentalism, illusion, manipulation, mystery and comedy, all performed with great dexterity.

Organiser of the event, Rotarian David Monk, said: "We are delighted that the evening was so well received by the audience and I have had many e-mails and letters expressing people's satisfaction."



Magician Scott Penrose. Photograph by Graham Tapley.

One of the e-mails David received said: "Wow - what a thoroughly amazing show tonight. My son and I are still in a daze after the performances we have just seen. We will always remember what we witnessed this evening!"

Caterham Rotary are now looking forward to presenting cheques to both the charities.

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## Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

There hasn't been too much time to 'stand and stare' this year, which is a shame as it has been a beautiful spring, and seems to be shaping up for a promising summer (she says tentatively!)

This is the time of year when I lose a lot of weight, as whatever tools I need always seem to be at the opposite end of the garden. I must get more organised and use my trug!

Spring brings sun and rain and the plants grow at a terrific pace. Therefore plant supports become a priority. We use chicken wire and netting, some of which is quite heavy duty. I have put some large pots in the middle of the beds. These are for plants like Dahlias and half hardy plants which still need protection from frost until the end of May. I need to position them in the beds before then, as walking through the beds once they are fully grown is very damaging.

I have started my hanging



Sue Baines

baskets, using cuttings of 'basket Fuschias' around the sides along with home grown Anagalis, Nemesia 'shooting stars' (free seeds not tried before), Yellow Helichrysum and Trailing Lobelia. At the top are upright Fuschias, Pink Geraniums, and Pink New Guinea hybrids, Isotoma, with its pale blue starry flowers and a little more trailing Lobelia. These, and lots more, are available at garden centres. Choice is best early on, but they must be kept frost-free and in good light. The same goes for tomatoes which can also do really well in a basket.

This year I am growing Maskotka for friends and family. I have added long-life food but additional feeds of Tomorite should keep them cropping through to the Autumn, as long as they don't dry out.

## Thank you for the music!

by Maria Coyle

An energetic crowd of dancing queens (and kings) boogied the night away during an ABBA Tribute concert in Caterham School on Saturday 5th April.

The evening, hosted by Caterham, Oxted & Godstone Lions (COGS) raised in excess of £3,000 for those affected by the recent flooding in the Tandridge area.

The school hall was abuzz as ABBA MAGIC successfully enticed the crowd of all ages out of their seats for the majority of the evening.

Many joined in singing to the well-known ABBA lyrics, whilst a few younger members seemed to pick up some jazzy dance moves popular in the '70s.

During the interval Lion president, Fran Pavely expressed gratitude to the crowd for their support in helping the club raise money for an important local cause. She also thanked the club, saying: "It was yet again another hugely successful



'ABBA MAGIC' performing at Caterham School.

fundraiser, entirely due to the very hard work that was put in by COG Lions and partners. Without their unstinting energy and willingness to work behind the scenes, such events would not be the triumph they are."

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5K Race runners in Park Avenue.

# CATERHAM BUNNY FUN

This year's Caterham Rotary Bunny Fun Run was a great spectacle and so many people registered on the day that the Easter eggs for the runners ran out! Caterham Rotary Club member, Richard York, the main organiser of the event, said: "We are very sorry to the 22 who came in at the end of the 5K and did not get an egg. If you don't hear from us and would like an egg please contact us at [rotaryruns@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryruns@gmail.com)."

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Following the event, Richard York said: "I hope everyone had a good time and raised a lot of money for their chosen charity or for our Rotary charities. We are keen to learn how much was raised by all who took part and details should be sent to [rotaryruns@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryruns@gmail.com) quoting the amount raised and for which charity or organisation please."

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Rotarian Richard York with ex-GB athlete Mike Fleet before the start of the 5K Race.



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Youngsters lining up for the start

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Rotarian Bill Ridley presents Easter eggs to Deanna Sharman and Laureen Stevens at the end of the 5K Race.



From left: Tamara Bergs, Martin Bergs, Maija Bergs, Edina Boorman and Janine King. Maija Bergs' family and friends participated in this year's event to raise awareness of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) which Maija was diagnosed with last April. For more information visit [www.pspassociation.org.uk](http://www.pspassociation.org.uk).



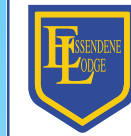
Winners of the 5K Race, from left: 2nd place - Dan Catt, 1st place - Adam Wright; 4th place - Jim Barker and 3rd place - Diana Norman.



Chris and Nicky Chambers and their six-year-old daughter Rosie, running to promote 'The Wabbit King' being performed at The Arc in Caterham later this spring.



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The large exhibition was on show in both of the hall's meeting rooms, with the wood-panelled walls and other historical features of the building providing the perfect backdrop for the impressive display of work by local artists.

In addition to the paintings the exhibition also featured craft-work, including beautiful glass-ware and jewellery. The exhibition was free to visitors, who were invited to vote for their favourite picture to win the 'Curzon Prize'.

Tandridge Art Society meets once a month in the Soper Hall. Annual membership is £22 and is open to everyone of all artistic ability. The Society hosts lectures, demonstrations and workshops and visitors are very welcome at a cost of £3 entry. The meetings start at 8pm and on Saturday 13th May the meeting will feature a flower painting



demonstration by Billy Showell. For more information visit [www.tandridgeartsociety.org.uk](http://www.tandridgeartsociety.org.uk) or call Linda Wallis on 01883 342486.

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**Monica Harwood, Manor Avenue, Caterham-on-the-Hill.**

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## Nature Notes

by Adele Brand

Mr Badger is not here. As a child, he was a favourite character in the Wind in the Willows and The Animals of Farthing Wood, but tonight the story is stolen by his real cousins – social, lively and hungry. In the torchlight, I can see that the fox scavenging scraps under the birdfeeder is wary; her eyes darken, her ears flatten and she steals away. A big fox weighs 4kg, and a big badger 14kg, and while they often tolerate each other, there is a hierarchy, with the badger firmly on top. One badger becomes six, and the peanuts vanish. Britain boasts more badgers than foxes, yet many people will never glimpse one. Any woodland walk will yield evidence of their lives: broad tracks with five toes and a kidney-shaped heel pad, communal latrines serving as territory boundary markers, beaten trails patrolled by the dominant boars. Sometimes, too, there are shallow diggings of earthworms, their favourite prey – and a reminder that if badgers share our country, they also share our



Photo by Adele Brand.

discomfort at endless rain. It drowns their earthworms and can even cause their setts to collapse. I have footage of a sow badger furiously digging a tiny cub out of a crumbled chamber. And unlike Mr Badger, they are social, and not only to each other. Wood mice and rabbits lodge within setts, and foxes often breed there too – some compensation for the rivalry over the peanuts. To view my nature blog go to <http://foxescrossing.wordpress.com>

## Quick Quiz

by Alec Herbert

This month, five questions on 'streets'.

1. What is the most common street name in the U.K.?
2. 'On the street where you live' is from which musical?
3. In which TV series did Michael Douglas play Police Inspector Steve Keller?
4. The market town of Street is in which English county?
5. Which London street is nicknamed 'Tin Pan Alley'?

Answers:

1. High Street;
2. My Fair Lady;
3. Streets of San Francisco;
4. Somerset;
5. Denmark Street.

## Calling all golfers!

The Rotary Club of Caterham are holding their annual Charity Golf Day on Monday 2nd June at Bletchingley Golf Club. The event is being held in continued support of local charities. Some recent examples of charities supported by the Rotary Club of Caterham are the Men in Sheds venture at the Douglas Brunton Centre, Caterham First Responders, St. Catherine's Hospice, The Lily Foundation, The Orpheus Centre and The Children's Trust. The golf will entail 18 Holes Stableford Fourball played

in teams of four with the best two Stableford scores to count. There will be coffee and bacon rolls on arrival (from 8am) and the golf will start from the 1st and 10th tees from 9am. Entry costs £240 per team. Individual entry costs £60 (£40 for Bletchingley Golf Club members). The cost includes lunch.

There will be prizes for the first, second and third teams, 'Nearest the Pin' and 'Nearest the Pin in Two Shots'. There will also be a raffle.

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When I visited with my friend Mike, he was recommended the squid for starter and I was pleasantly surprised to be spoilt for choice, being a vegetarian. The owner of Fushia, Srini, recommended I have the Vegetarian Chilli Chicken for my starter. I was a bit confused at first, wondering how something with 'chicken' in its name can be vegetarian, but it turned out to be a delicious starter with a soya curd substitute providing the same texture as chicken. Green chillis, spring onion and garlic ensured the Vegetarian Chicken had a real kick to it! Mike said that his squid, a Malaysian dish, was 'unbelievable' - not chewy, but with a

lovely crispy batter that retained its crispiness without going soggy.

Srini then served us Sri Lankan 'Hoppas', bowl-shaped crispy pancakes with an accompaniment of intensely-flavoured onion chutney and dessicated coconut. This was a first for both of us, a tasty dish that was lovely to eat with our fingers! The Hoppas were followed by a new speciality that has been introduced at Fushia - Masala Dosas, a dish that Srini is especially proud of. The Dosas are from Southern India, and neither of us had seen anything like them anywhere before. Shaped like an enormous pancake roll, the Dosas had a gorgeous Masala filling of lightly cooked potatoes, onions, green chilli and spices, so it is soft on the inside and crunchy on the outside. The Dosas came with 'Sambhar' (vegetables with lentils) and coconut chutney. Apart from the wonderful food, there were two things that especially impressed us. First was the huge range of dishes to choose from, that even included a whole, separate selection of Vegetarian Starters. Secondly, we were able to watch the chefs cooking the food through a huge glass window! The service was very friendly



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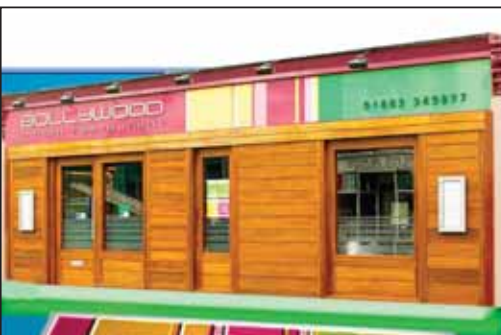
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**St. Mary's May Fair**  
St. Mary's Church in Church Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill is holding its May Fair from 11am-2pm on Saturday 10th May. Entry is 50p for adults and 20p for children over five.

**Photographic Exhibition**  
From Tuesday 3rd until Monday 16th June (excluding weekends), Tandridge Photographic Society will be hosting its 50th Anniversary Exhibition at the Tandridge District Council offices in

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**Jazz Songs of Praise**  
St. John's Church in Caterham Valley is hosting 'Jazz Songs of Praise' on Sunday 1st June at 6pm. Admission is free. The event is part of the Caterham Festival and will feature the Roger Hind Quartet with BBC Songs of Praise regular, Raul D'Oliveira (trumpet). If you would like to join in, rehearsals are on Monday 12th and Monday 19th May from 8pm-10pm in St. John's Church Hall, opposite the church. For more information call Roger Hind on 01293 771817 or John Parkes on 01883 342961.

**Charity Quiz Night**  
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**Bowling Club Open Days**  
Caterham Bowling Club in Queen's Park Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill is holding three Open Days from 10am-1pm on Sunday 4th May, Saturday 10th May

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**de Stafford School Quiz**  
A quiz night is being held at de Stafford School, Burntwood Lane, Caterham on Friday 23rd May in support of 'Hounds for Heroes'. Doors open at 7pm for a

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**RSPB Talk**  
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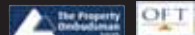


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