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# Woldingham unveils its new memorial

On Saturday 25th October over 200 people attended the dedication of the Woldingham Village Memorial which was unveiled by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Dame Sarah Goad DCVO JP. Other VIPs present at the ceremony included the President of the Royal British Legion, Vice Admiral Peter Wilkinson CB CVO; Commander Nicholas Chatwin OBE RN, Naval Regional Command; the

Member of Parliament for East Surrey, Mr Sam Gyimah; the leader of Surrey County Council, Mr David Hodge and Surrey County Councillor for Woldingham and Caterham Valley, Mrs Sally Marks. There were also many other representatives, both young and old, of uniformed and civilian groups present at the ceremony. The service was led by the Team Vicar of Woldingham,

the Rev. Dr. Catherine Dowland-Pillinger, who welcomed those present and led everyone in saying The Lord's Prayer, before introducing Dame Sarah Goad for the dedication and unveiling of the Memorial. During the dedication, Dame Sarah spoke about the military personnel who had been stationed in Woldingham before going off to war and said: "This Memorial will not only remind us of the sacrifice made by so many people. It will also teach local children about the men and women who died and our promise never to forget them." *Continued on page*



*Piper Stuart Nicholson of The London Scottish Regiment playing the bagpipes by the Woldingham Village Memorial.*

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Following the unveiling of the Memorial, four local school-children read out the names of the 46 people commemorated on the Memorial. During the First World War, men of the 16th 'Public Schools' Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment were stationed in Woldingham before going off to fight in the Battle of The Somme. Men of The West Scotia Regiment were billeted in Woldingham in the Second World War, some of whom went direct to the D Day Landings where Canadian troops suffered heavy casualties on Juno beach. During his speech at the reception in the Village Hall afterwards, the Chairman of the Village Memorial Project Committee, Peter Johnson, said: "It has been a long, costly and, at times, controversial project but thank you to all of you who helped to raise funds and create the Woldingham Village Memorial."



Dame Sarah Goad performs the dedication of the Woldingham Village Memorial that was designed by Liam O'Connor.



The standards are gently lowered for two minutes' silence.



The congregation listens to the piper before the dedication service begins.



Four local children read out the names of the 46 people commemorated on the Memorial.



Chairman of the Project Committee, Peter Johnson, making a speech in Woldingham Village Hall after the Dedication Service.

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## Consultation takes place over closure of Dormers residential home.

Surrey County Council ('SCC') has undertaken a comprehensive review over the future of the last six older people's residential homes in Surrey still operated and maintained by the Council.

Following the review, the council is now undertaking a consultation amongst the residents of the homes, their families and staff to help the council make an informed decision on the future of the six homes.

A spokesman for SCC said: "The most important thing is to make sure older people receive the very best care. We're helping many more people stay in their own homes until much later in life and increasingly they need round the clock nursing when they do go into care. Our ageing homes are finding it harder and harder to provide this, which is why we're asking people for their views."

John Orrick, the Lib Dem Surrey County Councillor for Caterham-on-the-Hill, said: "Dormers is a much-valued residential care home. The current consultation by SCC about its future gives an opportunity for the community and key stakeholders to express how



Dormers in Foxon Lane, Caterham.

much we do value it if we are to avoid it closing. I hope that as many as possible do take the opportunity to demonstrate to SCC how important this care home has been to so many people down the years it has been here.

"It is, of course, absolutely paramount that the care and well-being of the current residents continues at the same high standard and that the wonderful staff are able to continue their work, however the consultation ends.

"If Surrey's preferred option (to close the six homes) is followed then it is equally vital that some other local provision is found to accommodate St Catherine's Hospice who currently use eight beds in Dormers, so they are able to continue their fantastic work with the community.

"As well as completing the on-line survey, residents may wish to contact their local County Councillors to ensure their voice is heard. I will be happy to hear from residents and take whatever action they believe to be necessary." For more information visit [www.surreycc.gov.uk/futureofolderpeople/homes](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/futureofolderpeople/homes).

From 30th October the online survey will be available at <http://new.surreycc.gov.uk/your-council/consultations>

## What a fright! Guys and Ghouls fun day in Church Walk

The Church Walk Shopping Centre in Caterham hosted its annual Guys and Ghouls fun day on Saturday 25th October. Children had their faces painted by Bubblegum Face painters and could make donations to the Ambulance Services Benevolent Fund. Shoppers were entertained by DJ Smile and played the giant game of 'Bits and Bobs' a large scale take on the children's game 'Operation'.

Community stalls from Wings, The Ambulance Service Benevolent Fund and de Stafford School on behalf of the RSPCA raised public awareness with information stands and money via games of chance.

A Halloween themed fancy dress competition was held



The spooky Fancy Dress winners in Church Walk. Photo by Shelley Filippi.

for ghosts and witches in the afternoon, where each child who entered received a prize.

The prize winners were:-

1st - Eight-year-old Sarah Lovatt from Oxted as 'Rainbow Witch';

2nd - Four-year-old Iris McElroy from Caterham as 'Cat'.

Joint 3rd - Five-year-old Romeo Kiroro from Old Coulsdon as 'Vampire' and Seven-year-old Beyonce Kiroro from Old Coulsdon as 'Skeleton'.

Shelley Filippi Centre Manager would like to thank the members of the public who got into the spirit of the day and enjoyed the event.

## What's on this Christmas



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Arriving by horse-drawn carriage (the reindeer are having a spa break!), he'll arrive at Woldingham at 11.30am and then make his way over to Chelsham for 2pm.

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## Tandridge Community Fund helps Chaldon Village Hall improvement project

On Thursday 16th October Andy Parr MBE presented a cheque for £1,000 from the Tandridge Community Fund to Liz Bonsall, Chair of Trustees of Chaldon Village Hall. The money will go towards the cost of building a new front entrance for the hall and toilet facilities, both of which were in a very poor condition. Local residents, users of the hall and local organisations have been fundraising since August 2013 and the new extensions will ensure the viability of the hall for many decades to come. On receiving the cheque from Andy, Liz said: "This is a generous and welcome contribution towards the Chaldon Village Hall Improvements Fund and we are delighted to accept". Groups and charities within Tandridge wishing to apply



Andy Parr MBE of the Tandridge Community Fund presenting the cheque for £1,000 to Liz Bonsall, Chair of Trustees of Chaldon Village Hall.

for a grant from the Tandridge Community Fund should call Mike Moss MBE on 01883 713322. Other beneficiaries have been STREET Youth Centre in Caterham, Nutfield Village Hall, the First Responders, the Godstone Playground Committee and Oxted Young Person's Theatre. The Fund is in perpetuity, i.e. the capital is never

touched but the interest earned is used to help good causes in Tandridge. For more information about how to make a donation to the Tandridge Community Fund, call Mike on the number above or visit [www.cf-surrey.org.uk/tandridge](http://www.cf-surrey.org.uk/tandridge). The next Chaldon Village Hall Improvement Fund event will be a Barn Dance on Saturday 29th November. Details are available from Linda on 01883 342986, e-mail [lindavies1@talktalk.net](mailto:lindavies1@talktalk.net), or Liz on 01883 340508, e-mail [lizbonsall@aol.com](mailto:lizbonsall@aol.com)

## Man sentenced to life imprisonment for Caterham armed robbery

On Friday 17th October, David Bentley, 54, of Orpington in Kent, was sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum of 14 years after being found guilty on four counts of robbery including the one against Thomas Cook Travel Agents in Caterham last year. On Monday 8th July 2013 several members of staff at the travel agents in Croydon Road, that has since closed, were threatened by Bentley with what is believed to be a firearm before he left the store with over £15,000 in cash and travellers cheques.

Senior Investigating Officer Detective Inspector Sean Kelly, said: "This was a terrifying experience for all those who were in the store at the time of the robbery and I hope the guilty verdict and subsequent sentence goes some way to help their recovery following the incident. "I would like to praise the witnesses who bravely stood and gave evidence throughout the trial. This can be a daunting experience but if it wasn't for people like this we would not be able to secure convictions against dangerous individuals like Bentley."

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The County Colour is itself a War Memorial to those who served in World War Two and conflicts since. This year it will pass from Caterham Unit who have cared for it during 2013/4 to the Horley Unit for 2014/5. The service of remembrance and rededication was followed by the presentation of Awards and Honours by the President of the County Priory Group for Surrey, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Dame Sarah Goad.



Back row, from left: Mark Peters, Chris Rapson, Steven Longhurst.

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## Caterham School U15 & U16 Netball Teams are through to the Surrey Finals

Two Caterham School netball teams qualified for the Surrey Finals when they played in the knock out rounds on Thursday 9th October. Both teams were undefeated. The U15 VII won all their five matches, defeating Cranleigh (10-3), Riddlesdown (10-1), Streatham and Clapham (11-6), Holy Cross (14-3) and Notre Dame, Cobham (17-6). The U16 VII had eight matches in total. They won against Coloma (11-7), Croydon High (8-6), Streatham and Clapham (9-2), Lingfield Notre Dame (10-1), Wimbledon (11-5), Wallington (13-0) and Riddlesdown (9-4).



The Caterham School winning U15 VII netball team.

They were held to a 3-3 draw by a strong Cranleigh team.

The Finals will be held in March.

Head of Netball, Miss Jaclyn Leach, said: "I was really impressed by the girls. They had to overcome some truly horrendous conditions - hail, thunder, high winds - but they handled the conditions brilliantly. The standard of play was very good by all the schools, so I am delighted that they were able to remain focussed and play so well."

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by Coulsdon College student, Pius Ofori.

London Citizens is a powerful alliance of local community groups in London and believes that when communities come together and work towards a goal, they are more powerful and more likely to succeed.

Being a part of the London Citizens was one of the best decisions I ever made as it has helped me develop as a leader and as a person.

As well as giving young people a voice, it gives us access to so many opportunities such as making links with people who share similar views as well as to employers. I was able to join the youth leadership team which is a group of young leaders from all over London that come together to discuss what we can do to make our various communities better for everyone.

Through London Citizens, I have worked on a range of issues, from small local campaigns such as City Safe Haven (turning the Croydon town centre into a safe haven for anyone that feels threatened) to large national campaigns such as



Pius Ofori.

Living Wage, a campaign which makes sure that employers pay their workers a reasonable wage.

I have attended their Community Organising Training and Development Programme, which has trained me in the skills necessary for participating in democracy, e.g. being realistic in what we demand and winning key victories to improve the lives of communities across the country.

The whole experience has helped me to aim high after completing my studies at Coulsdon College.

For more information about the South London chapter of London Citizens, visit <http://www.citizensuk.org/southlondoncitizens/> Pius is in his Upper Sixth Year at Coulsdon College and is the President of the Student Union. He is studying for a BTEC Level 3 (Extended Diploma) in Applied Science (Medical), and is aiming to study Biomedical Science at university and one day hopefully become a biomedical scientist or a doctor.

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by Sue Baines

The weather dictates when we do the jobs this month as well as the fox, who has persistently aerated the lawn for us on a daily basis. The holes have been filled in with Lawn Soil, a bag we keep in the garage (by Evergreen).

Cutting the grass with the mower set on high has continued, as it is the perfect way of clearing all the leaves, plus being chopped up means they make great leaf mould much more quickly. The leaf mould bags (five very large ex-building supplies canvas bags) have mostly been emptied, ready for this year's leaves.

Back to the check list! The propagators are on, and I have belatedly tried to take cuttings of all my favourite plants. A thermometer is in place, because I like the doors open for as long as possible and the same goes for the cold frame. Ventilation, light and a lack of



Sue Baines.

decay will give plants the best chance. However, once it gets really cold, then the doors will close and the fan, now blowing cold air, will change to just frost free.

Most of the bulbs are planted, with a few tulips left. Lots are in pots and have been squirrel-proofed, with chicken wire over them. I need to make sure my pots are on 'feet' (bricks) to help with drainage and to stop them freezing, which in a bad winter can crack the pots.

The ponds have had foliage cut back as decaying foliage increases gas which can be fatal to fish if a thick layer of ice forms.

That is all from me for now until the February edition, when we will be looking forward to spring!

## Latest C.H.E.C.K. project commences in Kimilili

Work has now started on the latest project to help the children in the small town of Kimilili in Kenya. Thanks to the people of Caterham and the supporters of C.H.E.C.K. (Community Health and Education for the Children of Kimilili) £4,000 has been provided to build a library in St. Joseph's Boys Primary School. The villagers themselves have managed to match this amount over the last year.

Geraint Jenkins MBE, the founder of C.H.E.C.K. said: "I am delighted to see the project being started and now we must work together with the school to raise loads of money to buy books and computers. I am so thrilled!"

de Stafford School in Burntwood Lane, Caterham hosted a Quiz Night in support of C.H.E.C.K. on Friday 24th October, raising £1,266.89 for the charity thanks to the generosity of those who attended.

More images of the building work being started on the library can be viewed at the C.H.E.C.K. Facebook page.



St. Joseph's pupils start work on building the library's foundations in Kimilili.



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Commissioner Clive Adams and store manager Sally Whitlow opening the new Salvation Army Trading Company shop in Croydon Road.

The money raised at the shop will go towards funding The Salvation Army's work which includes homelessness and addiction services, care for older people, help at emergency incidents, support for adult victims of human trafficking in England Wales and a Family Tracing Service. Pop in to the shop to find out about the 'Re:bag' and 'Re:ward cards' scheme to earn credits that can be spent at any of The Salvation Army's 200 shops.

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## In the spotlight

This month we feature Caterham resident Andrew Kelly. 21 year-old Andrew is a professional close-up magician who has appeared on TV and in Los Angeles in addition to performing at local events. See [www.andrewkelly-magic.com](http://www.andrewkelly-magic.com)

**Birthplace:** Croydon, Surrey

**Marital Status:** Single

**Children:** None.

**Cars:** Polo.

**Favourite Food & Drink:** Food - kebab. Drink - chocolate milkshake.

**Pastimes:** Magic, Deception, Sleight of Hand, Conjuring, Illusion. You get the idea..

**Favourite TV show:** I don't watch TV. Sorry!

**Childhood hero:** David Blaine. He could approach random people and show them



Andrew Kelly

magic. For me there was nothing more awesome than to be able to do that. I used to love watching his shows and seeing the overwhelming feeling of wonder that the people on the street felt when they saw his magic. It feels great to be able to give this feeling to others now. I never get bored of it.

**Favourite book:** I love all the Harry Potter books.

**Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at?** Nobody, that's harsh!

**Favourite song of all time:** 'Fix You' by Coldplay. I listen to it when I practice magic, and ideas come to me.

**Favourite holiday destination:** Los Angeles. I per-

formed a lot of magic for people on the streets out there. It was so much fun!

**Biggest influence on your life:** A magician called Matt Stirling got me into magic when I saw him perform at a wedding when I was 12 years old. It was this guy that inspired me to pursue the journey of practicing and performing magic.

**Proudest moment:** Probably when I performed on the Ellen show out in LA. I've always admired a lot of the magicians that have been on the show and I often thought how amazing it would be to actually go on it. The show has been instrumental in getting me booked for more events.

**Where would you most like to live?** Hogwarts.

**Who would you most like to meet?** Will Smith. Really cool guy.

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

I'd buy a brand new house on an episode of Cribbs and a bathroom I could play baseball in.

## Woodlea have a Harvest Festival with a difference!

Woodlea Primary School in Woldingham had a slightly different Harvest Festival this year and instead of collecting donations of food, they collected 205 coats for the Hands on London charity's 'Wrap Up London' campaign. The charity is aiming to collect 16,000 second-hand, gently used coats that will be sorted by volunteers and donated to over 100 small charities in Greater London. Year Six teacher, Jane

Harrington, said: "We were delighted by the response from the children and their families. Collecting 205 coats exceeded our target of one coat per child! This charity appeal was particularly special because two former pupils set it up four years ago. We are very proud to support them." On 5th, 6th and 7th November local commuters can donate coats at Victoria, Kings Cross, Charing Cross, Waterloo, Baker Street, Marylebone, Canary Wharf, Paddington, Highbury and Islington and London Bridge tube stations.



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## Old Coulsdon Camera Club Annual Exhibition

The Cameron Hall in Old Coulsdon was the venue for the 68th Annual Exhibition of Photographic Images by members of Old Coulsdon Camera Club ('OCCC') on Saturday 25th-Sunday 26th November.

The exhibition featured a stunning display of a variety of photographs taken by the members including landscape, architecture, portraits, natural history and photos capturing charming snapshots of everyday life. As well as the displays of colour and monochrome prints, visitors could also watch a slideshow of digital images on a screen.

OCCC meets on Tuesday evenings in the Cameron Hall, Old Coulsdon CR5 1HA at 7.45pm for an 8pm start. For more information and to view the Club's programme for November and many more photos by members, go to [www.oldcoulsdoncameraclub.org.uk](http://www.oldcoulsdoncameraclub.org.uk)



'The Shard' by Colin Gianelli, winner of the Millennium Cup (Colour Print).



'Fly on the Wall' by Mike Pockney, winner of the Tony Clark Award (Mono Print).



Part of the display of monochrome prints at the Exhibition.

## More volunteers needed for Home-Start East Surrey charity

On Monday 22nd September, Home-Start East Surrey held their Annual General Meeting at Bletchingley Golf Club attended by Tandridge District Council Chairman, Councillor Elizabeth Parker. Cllr. Parker met some of the parents who have been supported by Home Start including Caroline whose son Henry was born with severe health conditions and is in constant need of medical attention and assistance. Cllr. Parker also met Lesley, Caroline's volunteer who has helped her cope with all the problems involved in

Henry's condition. She visited Caroline and Henry in their home twice a week for two and a half years and helped them cope with all the challenges soon after Henry was born. After going through countless stumbling blocks, Henry is now at a school for children with special needs. Home-Start is appealing for more volunteers to help families experiencing difficulties with young children under five years old in the Redhill, Reigate, Tandridge, Oxted and the surrounding areas as well as Horley and the Mole Valley. For more information please call Debbie Wade, Scheme Manager at Home-Start East Surrey, telephone number 01737 770220. Website: [www.home-start.org.uk](http://www.home-start.org.uk).



Cllr. Elizabeth Parker with Caroline (left) and Caroline's volunteer helper, Lesley.

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## More Christmas lights for Warlingham

If all goes according to plan, there will be a new string of festoon lights this Christmas in the trees along the West-hall Road side of School Common, Warlingham this year. This will be in addition to the mass of lights on The Green and outside the Village Hall.

The pure white lights will be officially switched on at the traditional ceremony on Saturday 22nd November. The festivities surrounding the switching-on ceremony will begin at 3.30pm, building up to the children of local primary schools setting out on the traditional lantern parade around the centre of the village at around 4.45pm, led, as always, by the Warlingham Flute Band. The lights themselves will be switched on at 5pm, followed by carols from a combined children's choir on a raised staging sponsored by Delta Tool Hire.

As is now traditional, anyone who comes to The



The lights on Warlingham Green last Christmas.

Green between 3.30pm and 4.55pm will have the chance to join in with the very special raffle, with the sole prize being the right to switch on the lights.

There will also be plenty of things to do for all the family before and after the ceremony. These include a Christmas market in the Village Hall and stalls in the Church Hall from 3.30pm, and from 5.15pm Santa will be in his grotto in the Church Hall. Children's activities will be going on in the Guide Barn, West-hall Road. Throughout the event there will be

children's rides and lots to eat and drink, including mulled wine sponsored by BGL Wealth which will be served in their car park at 415 Limpsfield Road. Many of the businesses around The Green will remain open late or be staging special events. Volunteers will also be raising money with collections, raffles and the sale of badges.

The organisers still need as many volunteers as they can get to be stewards, collectors and general helpers on the night. To get involved, please call Wendy on 01883 623025.

## Readers' letters

### Thank you

I am writing to say a big 'thank you' to the kind people who assisted me at the HSBC bank in Croydon Road, Caterham Valley in September. I use a mobility vehicle and could not get up the step into the bank, even with the assistance of my daughter. It started to pour with rain and four of the customers in the bank came out and lifted me and my vehicle into the bank. My local branch in Coulsdon, which had easy access, has closed and I do most of my banking on the telephone, but I had to visit the bank in person on this occasion and it was the first time I visited the Caterham branch. Unfortunately, it does not have easy access and there were no staff available to assist me, so I am very grateful to the four HSBC customers who helped me.

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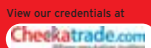
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On Saturday 29th November there will be a Christmas Market from 1pm-4pm in Croydon Road for people to visit before the switching on of the Croydon Road lights at 4.30pm and the Church Walk lights at 5.15pm. There will be a lantern parade setting off from Church Walk Road near the Asprey Fountain at 4.10pm and a Craft Market in the Soper Hall from 10am-4pm.

Singer Si Cranstoun will switch on the Croydon Road lights and there will be carol singing, a Fancy Dress Competition and Treasure Hunt taking place. For times see the advertisement on page 7. With so much entertainment lined up this will be a day in Caterham not to be missed!

In Caterham-on-the-Hill a new Christmas tree is under way on Saturday 29th November. The Parish Council on Saturday 29th will have a popular Christmas festival. Residents are invited to bring their own decorations (this year with brass instruments accompanying them), watch the switching on of the lights, enjoy the presentations of mince pies (from Blends Catering), soft drinks and wine (donated by the Parish Council). A short section of the Hill from the junction with Whyteleafe Road, will be closed from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. This free event, organised by the Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council, will run from 5.45pm to 6.30pm. Please bring a torch.

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Review by Julia Church

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Bollywood has established itself as a firm favourite in Caterham, not just for its excellent food, but also for the warm welcome and friendly ambience the restaurant consistently provides for its customers.

I dined there recently with my son Andrew and his girlfriend Marisa who both love Indian food. It was Marisa's first ever visit to Bollywood and as soon as we arrived she said how much she liked the bright and modern decor of the restaurant.

The food was up to the usual excellent Bollywood standard and the restaurant is very proud to have a prestigious five star hygiene rating.

We shared a variety of starters



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that included Aloo Bora (deep-fried mashed potato with a spicy kick), charcoal-roasted Adraki Lamb Chop and Chicken 65, which came with baby green chillies and delicately-flavoured curry leaves, which Marisa particularly liked.

For our mains, Marisa had Murgh Sagraana - a wonderful chicken dish unique to Bollywood cooked with cream and spices. Andrew had another of the 'Chef's Specialities', the Loknal Gosht, which is a fairly hot dish cooked in a rich onion and tomato sauce. I had a superb dish from the Vegetarian Main Course section of

the menu, the Sabzi Hariali (fresh vegetables cooked with mint and coriander) accompanied by Dall Sambar (mixed vegetables and lentils flavoured with garlic).

To go with our main courses, we shared some Pilau Rice and freshly-baked Garlic Naan Breads.

Marisa was very impressed with her Murgh Sagraana that had been recommended by head waiter, Khan. She said that it was an ideal choice for those who like a Korma dish but want to try something a bit different.

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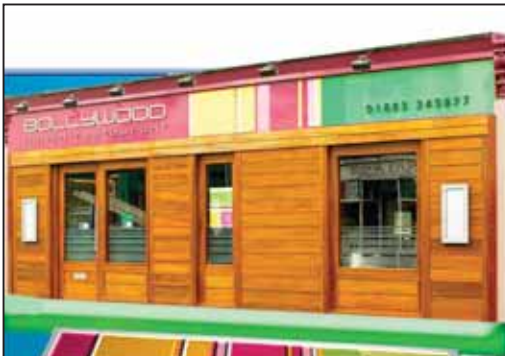

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Colin (right) with his band performing at the Grand Opening of the Premier Lifestyle Store in Station Avenue.

brands which now includes Vans, Nike, DC, Globe, Fulton, Stance and many other smaller independent brands. Colin and Ben who run the shop have also introduced their own line of clothing, screen printed in Caterham on environmentally friendly cotton and bamboo. They also offer a t-shirt printing service.

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## Cougars girls selected for County teams

On Saturday 27th September the top 80 pre-selected players in the county competed for places in the Lacrosse Surrey County U15 squads. The trials took place in Guildford.

Nine Caterham Cougars girls were selected for Surrey and one player was selected for the Kent Squad, who also had their trials in September. U15 Coach, Millie Hopkins, said: "I am so proud of our girls! They thoroughly deserve their positions in the county squads. They are

very talented lacrosse players with a great work ethic." The club has members from over ten local schools and meet at Old Caterhamians Sports Ground, Park Road, Caterham on Sundays with training for 10-15 year olds starting at 10am and 15+/Seniors at 11am. New members are welcome, who do not have to have previous experience of the sport. To contact the team visit <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/oldcaterhamianslacrosseclub/>



Top row: Anna Brown (Selected for Kent), Dani Foster, Anna Simonova, Emily Thompson (A team). Middle row: Elise Knowles-Cutler, Abi Barrett, Hannah Owen (B team). Bottom row: Holly Mead, Kaitlyn Galvin, Katia Auletta (Reserves).

## Academy Head Boy leads the way at Croydon Cross Country event

Connor Watmough, Academy Headboy, recently led the Academy to an incredible triumph on Tuesday 14th October at the boys Croydon cross country event. Connor finished in 3rd place out of 30 competitors in his race, being only narrowly beaten by students from Archbishop Tenison's and Riddlesdown for 1st and 2nd place respectively.

Head of PE, Mr Attenborough, said: "Connor performed exceptionally well and has achieved one of the best results the Academy has seen recently at this event. I am extremely proud of all students who took part, they have all shown great enthusiasm and dedication to achieve the best result possible." Oasis Academy Coulsdon's girls did equally well at their cross country event the week before, with Kathryn Jefferson finishing in 8th place out 90 runners in the Year 7 race. Miss Chapman echoed Mr



The Oasis Academy Boys Cross Country Team.

Attenborough's pride for their students saying "all of our girls did extremely well and I was especially proud to see their support and encouragement for each other at the event".



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The players will receive weekly training at a local venue. On Sundays they will have the opportunity to play competitive football as the teams are entered in the Surrey County Women's and Girls League.

Caterham Pumas is a well established club, boasting some 25 teams ranging from U7s to U18s. All coaches are CRB checked and all hold at least a level one football coaching qualification.

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For more details please contact Phil Rendell, Caterham Pumas Girls Co-ordinator (pjr8@hotmail.co.uk) or go to the club website



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The club are also looking for willing volunteers to take on coaching roles, coaching both boys and girls. The club will offer full support with the training involved in becoming a coach, so please get in touch if you want to get involved with this highly rewarding role.

## Do you speak Russian?

Svtelana Makarova arrived in England late last year from Yaroslavl in Russia to live in Chaldon with her husband. She has been told that there are other Russians living in the area, but hasn't been able to find them yet!

So, if you speak Russian and live in the Caterham area, or are learning Russian and would like to talk to a native speaker, then Sveta would love to meet you for a coffee and a chat. She can be contacted on dobsvet.lanna@gmail.com, or on 07448 440778.



*Svtelana Makarova.*

## Remembrance Sunday at RAF Kenley

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Chris Buck, who, with wife Vanessa, did the lion's share of the organising, said: "It was lovely to see so many people from the local area enjoying the sunshine in the grounds - particularly our wild flower garden which

was stunning. The afternoon teas are an opportunity for people to meet up, relax and enjoy the ancient building but also for more isolated members of the community to come and meet people when the weekend may otherwise be a lonely time."

This year, children had the opportunity to enjoy a bouncy castle on some days, generously loaned to the church by Andy Parr MBE. There were also musical offerings from friends of St Mary's who kindly gave their services for free. The teas have finished now but will return next summer. In the meantime autumn and winter events include a harvest lunch, quiz night and pet blessing. For further information visit the St Mary's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/StMarysCaterham](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysCaterham)) or website ([www.stmarys-caterham.org.uk](http://www.stmarys-caterham.org.uk)).

## QUICK QUIZ

by Alec Herbert

### Five for Fun. This month 'Brothers'.

1. The brothers, Rod and Todd Flanders and their father, Ned, appear in which popular animated series?
2. Who wrote the novel 'The Brothers Karamazov'?
3. 'Brothers in Arms' was one of the best selling albums of the '80s and is by which group?
4. 'Big Brother' appeared as a dictatorial character in which novel?
5. Who, in the Bible, asked: "Am I my brother's keeper"?

### Answers:

1. The Simpsons;
2. Fyodor Dostoevsky;
3. Dire Straits;
4. 1984;
5. Cain (Brother of Abel).

## Who wants to be a Volunteer?

by Helen Hammer.



Helen Hammer.

My name is Helen Hammer and I have recently been appointed as the Volunteer Centre Manager here in Caterham. Rosemary has now left to work for another charity and we wish her every success in her new endeavours.

I have lived in Caterham for the last nine years with my family. What a great community we have! I have been involved with Scouts, School and Parish Council and met many volunteers over the years - or people that just 'do' and feel passionate about their neighbourhood. People get involved for all sorts of reasons. My reasons were that my children attended Beavers, then Cubs and Scouts and the Group needed more helpers. I also felt strongly against a planning application, hence standing as a Parish Councillor for four years. Whatever your reasons, the Volunteer Centre can help

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### Radio and Electronics Bazaar.

Coulsdon Amateur transmitting Society ('CATS') are holding their annual Radio and Electronics Bazaar on Sunday 23rd November at the 1st Coulsdon Scout Group HQ, rear of Lion Green Road car park, Coulsdon from 10am-3pm. Entry costs £1. [www.catsradio.org](http://www.catsradio.org)

### Hillcroft Christmas Fair

Hillcroft Primary School in Chaldon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill are holding their Christmas Fair and Craft Market on Saturday 29th

November from 1pm-4pm. Entrance is free.

### St. Mary's Quiz Night

St. Mary's Church in Caterham-on-the-Hill is holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 15th November at 7pm in the Community Hall, High Street, Caterham. Tickets cost £10 per head to include a two course meal. Cash bar available. Tickets from the Parish Office on 01883 348751 or email [stmaryscaterham@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryscaterham@gmail.com). Bring a team of eight friends or come and make some new ones!

### Isis at the Movies

'Isis at the Movies' with Yvonne Lewis (piano) and Denise Todd (violin) is being presented on Saturday 8th November at Woldingham Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £10/£5 concessions. The proceeds will go to Water Aid charity. To book tickets call Denise on 01883 652022.

### Wine Tasting Evening

Tandridge Friends of St. Catherine's Hospice are organising a fun Wine Tasting Evening on Saturday 29th November at 7.30pm at

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### Scouts Autumn Fayre

On Saturday 22nd November 3rd Caterham (St. John's) Scout Group are holding their Autumn Fayre from 12-3pm at their HQ at 105 Godstone Road, Caterham, CR3 6RF. For more details call 01883 340647.

### Floral Club Christmas Meeting

The Chaldon and Caterham Floral Club are holding their Christmas Special club meeting on the 18th November at the United Reformed Church, CR3 6SX at 2pm. Demonstrator, Susan Shaw, will be arranging flowers to the theme of 'Seasons Greetings'. For more details call Jennifer Newland 01883 344317.

### Boot Sale

de Stafford School are holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 1st November and Saturday 6th December from 8am-12pm (sellers 7.30am-12pm, fee £8). Entry £1 before 9am, 50p

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### Salvation Army Songsters

On Sunday 23rd November the Salvation Army Songsters will be performing at Oakhall Church, Francis Road, Caterham from 10.30am-12pm. All are welcome. There is no charge but there will be a collection for people in need in Caterham.

### RSPB Talk

At 8pm on Wednesday 12th November at the White Hart Barn in Godstone, East Surrey RSPB are hosting a talk by Mark Young entitled: 'Skokholm, Pembrokeshire' - a record of a stay on one of the best breeding bird colonies in the UK. Entrance is £3 for adults and £1 for children. All, including non-members of the RSPB, are welcome. For more information visit [www.eastsurreysrspb.co.uk](http://www.eastsurreysrspb.co.uk).

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### Tandridge Photographic Society

Tandridge Photographic Society is starting its November programme on Thursday 6th November with a photoshoot featuring 'Tom's talking Reptiles' where there will be an opportunity to photograph reptiles and bugs. The meeting takes place at the White Hart Barn, Godstone and all those with an interest in photography are welcome to attend. For the Society's full programme and further information visit [www.tandridgephotographicsociety.org.uk](http://www.tandridgephotographicsociety.org.uk)

### Surrey Harmony Recruitment Night

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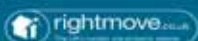
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