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## Kenley remembers 'The Hardest Day'

by James Highsted

On Sunday, 16th August, a crowd of over 2,000 people flocked to Kenley Airfield to commemorate the 75th anniversary of 'The Hardest Day' during the Battle of Britain. The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight - a Spitfire Mk LF IXe and Hurricane Mk IIc, made a full display to remember the fateful day that saw the biggest loss of British and German aircraft during the battle on 18th August 1940. The display was sponsored by the Kenley Airfield Friends Group.

Organiser of the display, Mike Street, was delighted with how the day went and how all the hard work was rewarded with a great display. Mike said: "I thought the day was extremely good and everything went well. It was a busy day, but the sight of the aircraft made it all very worthwhile." The display coincided with Kenley Heritage Day at the Portcullis Club field which saw guided walks take place with a mini-aircraft display, classic

cars, barbecue and live band. Alan Morgan, Chairman of Kenley Airfield Friends Group who organised the Heritage Day, said: "The day was a tremendous success which exceeded our expectations. It was great to see so many people attending to commemorate such an important day and remember all those brave young pilots who lost their lives during the Battle of Britain." The Hardest Day was marked again on Tuesday 18th August with a flypast of eight Spitfires and Hurricanes over Kenley Airfield and formations over other bases in the South-East.



Flying over Kenley Airfield - the Hurricane Mk IIc (left) in South East Asia Command (SEAC) camouflage, which was flown in wartime by Canadian Flt Lt Jimmy Whalen, DFC, who was killed in action on 18th April 1944, just five days before his 24th birthday. The Spitfire is a Mk LF IXe, now painted to represent a Mk IXc, the personal aircraft of Squadron Leader 'Johnny' Plagis, the Commanding Officer of 126 Squadron from July 1944.  
**Photo by Steven Budd.**

**View more photos of the display and Kenley Heritage Day on page 3.**

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## Caterham residents asked to sign petition to 'Save Our Playground'

Residents living on the old Caterham Barracks site in Caterham-on-the-Hill are signing a petition to urge local agencies to fund a complete refurbishment of their dangerously dilapidated playground. The residents are angry that in recent years the playground has fallen into ruin with rotten fences, broken swings, splintered see-saws and torn flooring presenting a danger to children and an eyesore in the centre of the community. One of the residents, Caroline Warner, who started the petition, said: "Response to the petition has been fantastic and so far we have over 150 signatures on and offline for Save Our Playground. I hope to get 500 names before I present our petition to the Parish Council at the meeting on Wednesday 9th September. We want to see the Parish Council, Caterham Barracks Community Trust ('CBCT') and the Residents' Association working together to fund a complete refurbishment

of our playground." Comments about the playground left on the online petition include: "The state of this playground is shameful"; "This lovely playground has been in disrepair for a very long time"; "I am very concerned that a child could be hurt due to this neglect". Another local resident, Paul Pozzoni, expressed concern that CBCT has not spent any money on the playground and other public assets, such as the cricket pavilion, for many years, despite the residents paying CBCT in excess of £250,000 towards maintenance since the development started in 2,000. He said: "CBCT was established in 2,000 and according to its own website was gifted in excess of £2m of property assets and cash. 15 years later, the charity is apparently out of funds to invest in these community facilities. Questions are being asked

about the responsibilities of management and trustees who have allowed this neglect to happen."

In a statement, Dick Moran, Chief Executive of CBCT, said: "The Trust was given buildings through the Section 106 agreement between the Council and Linden Homes but they all needed refurbishment and the cost estimated by Linden was well below the actual cost, so the Trust was forced to borrow money (£600,000) from Linden to complete the first building (the Naafi). Even though it was an interest free loan, the cost of repayment (£30,000) is greater than the money covenanted by residents to the Trust (£26,000) so the Trust has to earn substantial sums from renting premises to pay bills and staff. The Trust has struggled to earn enough to maintain the property it inherited to a reasonable standard. "Both Tandridge District Council and Linden Homes have been invited to meet with the Trust Chair, Jeff Blyth, to discuss how they can help the Trust to continue to provide the high quality services and facilities the



Parents and children point to the missing swings and dilapidated safety surface in the playground at the old Barracks.

Trust is tasked to deliver and their response is awaited." On a more positive note, Caroline added: "Every cloud has a silver lining and the silver lining here is that we have all met more families and made more friends in the last few weeks. Coming together as a community to campaign for the right of our children to have a safe and fun place to play has

forged bonds that will be strong for a long time to come." To sign the online 'Save Our Playground' petition visit [www.gopetition.com/petitions/save-our-playground1.html](http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/save-our-playground1.html) The residents have also started a Facebook page: 'The Village, Caterham-on-the-Hill' to communicate about issues on the development.

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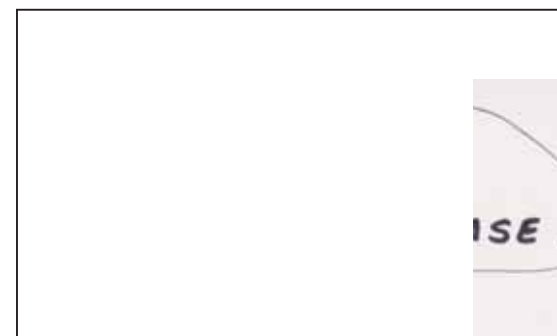
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Spectators wait to see the impressive aerobatic display of model aircraft. Photo by James Highsted.

## REMEMBERING 'THE HARDEST DAY'



The Spitfire Mk LF IXe (left) and Hurricane Mk IIc flying over Kenley Airfield on Sunday, 16th August. Photo by Steven Budd.



Organiser of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, Mike Street with Kenley resident, Colin Ward, minutes before the display.



Classic cars on the Portcullis Club field.



Four of the eight Spitfires and Hurricanes flying over Kenley Airfield on Tuesday 18th August. Photo by Jon Harrison.



The crowds at Kenley Airfield waiting for the display on 16th August. Photo by Jon Harrison, www.localeventphotos.co.uk

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BWC owner, David Mills, said: "We have recently ventured into the world of children's entertainment with our cartoon character Pip the Squirrel, to make learning fun and engage young children to connect with the wonderful native wildlife that lives all around us. Pip's Corner is an extension of this,



Children playing in Pip's Corner at the British Wildlife Centre.

providing an outdoor, interactive area where children can have fun with animal related activities like building a heron's nest or exploring an underground badger sett. They're all simple activities to let off a little steam!"

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**Marital Status:** Married to Amanda for 15 years.

**Children:** One daughter and three sons.

**Pets:** Merry our little pussycat.

**Childhood hero:** Anyone with a good singing voice, in particular David Cassidy, Olivia Newton John and David Bowie.

**Favourite Food & Drink:** I love hot Indian food. I don't drink alcohol at all so a lovely cup of tea always goes down a treat.

**Pastimes:** I paint portraits and landscapes, seascapes, etc but am so busy working that my time is generally taken up with teaching and singing!  
**Likes:** Singing, art, family time,



John Lazenby.

nice people, helping others.

**Dislikes:** Lazy and selfish people.

**Favourite TV show:** I rarely watch TV but if I do then it would be Escape to the Country and other shows like that.

**Favourite book:** I don't have time to read these days but many years ago I read Tolkien's Lord of the Rings. That made me want to read JRR Tolkien's autobiography which I found inspirational.

**Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at?** Alex Salmond.

**Favourite song of all time:** Somebody to Love by Queen, which is also my favourite

song to sing.

**Favourite holiday destination:** Wells-next-the-Sea, north Norfolk. It's a really beautiful and peaceful place.

**Biggest influence on your life:** My kids, who make me try my best every day.

**Proudest moment:** There are many but by far the most important was being at the births of my four children.

**Most embarrassing moment:** There are many! Usually slipping on ice or tripping over in public. I once got off a bus and stepped on ice and went head over heels, much to the amusement of the passengers.

**Where would you most like to live?** Wells-next-the-Sea.

**Who would you most like to meet?** Freddie Mercury. I would love to have met him.

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The Breck Foundation is holding a concert on Saturday 19th September in memory of Breck Bednar, the 14 year old Caterham boy who was murdered by an 'online' predator.

The concert by a band called S.K.P. is being held at 7.30pm on Saturday 19th September at Woldingham Village Club. Tickets are £16 each which includes BBQ food. eTickets for the event can be purchased at <http://bit.ly/1KzeHON>

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**de Stafford delighted with increase in GCSE A\*/A grades**

Students at de Stafford School in Caterham deserve to be congratulated on their achievements in this year's GCSE examinations. Despite well publicised reforms to the qualifications system the school secured an improvement on last year's figures on the majority of key performance measures, enabling students to progress on to the next stage of their education with confidence.

Headteacher, Jeremy Garner, said: "These outcomes do not happen by accident and are a testament to the dedication and hard work invested by the students as well as the excellent support and guidance provided by staff, governors and parents. I am delighted that the cohort as a whole achieved such a strong set of results. Every student contributed so much to the school community in their time here and we wish them all the very best for the future."

It was particularly encouraging to note the increase in the percentage of A\*/A grades awarded to de Stafford students this year. Congratulations



From left: Samantha Soar, Ellis Medhurst and Shruthi Paul.

go to George Jones, Shruthi Paul, Vlada Shevelkova, Samantha Soar and Lily Westcott who achieved straight A\*/As in all of their examinations. Congratulations also to Dani Rastelli who achieved 12 A\*/As and to Ellis Medhurst and Kieran Tingle with 9A\*/A grades.

Whilst rightly celebrating the fantastic achievements of the high attainers, the school was delighted with the progress made by all students from their different academic starting points on entry to the school in year 7. The following students made particularly good progress in their time at de Stafford: Victoria Bishop, Jodie Everest, Connor Billings, Vanisha Poongavanam and Anabolena Rodriguez.

**Record-breaking GCSE results at Caterham School**

This year, Caterham School pupils are celebrating record-breaking GCSE results: A\* - 50.1% - new school record; A\*-A - 79.8% - new school record. 74 pupils (56% of the year group) achieved nine or more A grades. 17 pupils (22% of the year group) achieved 10 or more A\* grades. Outgoing Headmaster Julian Thomas, who has moved on to be Master of Wellington College in Berkshire, said: "These are stunning results. All the pupils are to be

congratulated; they have surpassed even the stellar results of last year. This is such a characterful year group, with a wide and eclectic range of interests. They have demonstrated how a broad and varied education is a cornerstone for achieving academic success. This year group have been so supportive of each other, and they have created excellent relationships amongst the teaching staff, too. We are all immensely proud of them."



Caterham School GCSE students on results day.

**Warlingham School GCSE exam success**

Warlingham School is once again celebrating an excellent set of exam results at GCSE. With a few results still to be checked, over 70% of students have achieved A\*-C grades in English and Maths.

Mr Bradwell, Headteacher, was delighted that the hard work of students and teachers has been rewarded with some excellent results.

Mr Bradwell said: "It has been great to see so many excited students and proud parents this morning. I am particularly pleased that we have again seen a large number of students gaining the top grades of A\*/A but also that the vast majority of students have achieved or exceeded their targets. I am extremely proud of this particular group of students as they started at the school five years ago with relatively low Key Stage 2 results and have gone on to produce such fantastic results, making great progress over their time at the School. Con-



Top performing students Shauna Burke (left) and Lauren Pinkney.

gratulations to all of them".

This year's top performing students were Shauna Burke who gained ten A\* grades and one grade A and Lauren Pinkney who achieved nine A\* and three A grades. Shauna in fact scored 100% in all three of her Physics exams and Lauren achieved 100% in both History papers and her coursework. Claire Bailey, Emma Hamer, Amelia Hill, Daniel Hill, Amin Lmoh, Danielle Melling, Francesca Parker, Abby Stephens and Darcy Still all collected twelve or eleven A\* and A grades.

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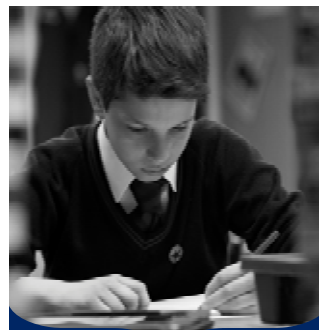
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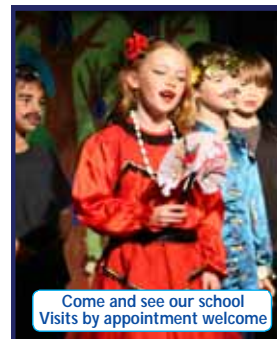
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## Oasis Academy Coulsdon celebrates its best ever GCSE results

On Thursday 20th August, Year 11 students at Oasis Academy Coulsdon celebrated with their teachers as they received their GCSE examination results.

Principal Andy Booth said: "We are delighted with the achievements of our students this year, with 66% achieving 5 A\*-C grades including English and Mathematics, our best ever results."

"22% of all grades were A\* or A. We are thrilled that so many of our students have had their hard work and efforts recognised with these well-deserved grades."

Top achieving male and female students of this year are Deputy Head Boy Matthew Lavelle, and Abigail Smart, both 16 from Coulsdon, achieving an amazing 22 A\*/A grades between.

Matthew said: "I am overjoyed with the results I have received today and I would like to thank the



Junior Zziwa takes time out from running his clothes label to collect his results.

teachers who have worked tirelessly with us over the last five years." Showing true entrepreneurial spirit, as well as grit and aspiration, is Junior Zziwar, who managed to achieve seven A\*-C grades whilst launching his own business during his final GCSE year. Junior developed and launched his own clothing brand alongside studying for his GCSEs, gaining £300 in pre-orders before the launch at the end of July. The overall achievements for students at the Academy and further information will shortly be available at [www.oasisacademycoulsdon.org](http://www.oasisacademycoulsdon.org)

## Second-best ever A\*-A GCSE results for Woldingham School

Students and staff at Woldingham School are delighted with this year's GCSE results, with 75.6% of all grades achieved being A\*/A (including WJEC Latin) and 41% of the grades at A\*. The A\*/A results are the second best ever for the school representing a pass rate of 99.3% of grades at A\*-C.

Special congratulations go to Tilly Ramsden-Board who achieved a stunning 12 A\* grades and to Alannah Coakley, Rebecca Goldsmith and Emma Norman who

each achieved ten A\*s. Ten girls attained at least nine A\* grades in total with 23 girls managing a string of straight A\* and A ratings.

Headmistress, Jayne Triffitt, said: "I am proud of both the A level and GCSE results this year. The staff and the students work so hard to beat expectations time and time again. They do this while managing a very full extra-curricular programme in this busy boarding and day school."



From left: Georgina Salmon, Rebecca Goldsmith, Emma Norman.

## Croydon High GDST celebrates 10% rise in top GCSE grades

There was much to celebrate for Croydon High girls as they opened their GCSE results this year:

- 100% pass rate, with 100% achieving A\*-C grades in English and Maths.
- 97.16% of all grades awarded were at A\*-C.
- 39.02% of all grades at A\* and 70.64% at A\*-A. Both of these statistics show an outstanding 10% increase on last year's impressive results.
- 92.45% A\*-B grades in Maths and English.
- 75.47% A\* - A grades in Maths.

Headteacher, Debbie Leonard, said: "We are extremely proud of all our girls in achieving these excellent GCSE results. I would like to acknowledge their efforts and determination and also the support of their parents and the dedication of the teaching staff here at Croydon High. It has been a fantastic example of teamwork and I am



Fariha Baba is celebrating achieving ten A\* GCSE grades.

delighted to see such potential realised and, in many cases, exceeded. "What makes these results particularly pleasing is that they come at the end of a five-year combined academic and pastoral programme that both the girls and the school have fully committed to."

As always there have been some outstanding individual achievements, notably Fariha Baba and Clare Ritchie with ten A\* grades. Abigail Coskun, Aleksandra Grzesik, Carlotta Meyer, Abigail Morris and Sophia Djounov were all awarded nine A\* and one A grades. Congratulations to all these girls especially.

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## Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

With autumn hues becoming more evident, it's time to start preparing for next year! The garden is still lovely, but as I'm cutting back, I'm taking cuttings of my favourite plants, and rescuing others that have not been able to keep up with the competition. There is a lot of mould around in this season, so trying to take out any old foliage, or dead stems not only looks better, but hopefully keeps the plants healthier. There are fungus sprays around, but good hygiene means prevention is better than cure.

Quite a few of the annuals are now setting seed. It's funny how each year is different. This year I have loved how the Phacelia has done. It is easily available, though not often seen, and has gorgeous gentian blue flowers that give almost two months of colour. So they are top of my list, but Poppies, Nigella (Love in a Mist) Godetia, Californian Poppy, and Clarkia are all worth collecting. I usually



Sue Baines

sow some too, as they are the hardy annuals, so will cope with most bad winters, which means they will flower earlier next year. Spring sown seed will flower as the others are slowing down, to give a longer season of interest. They do require a sunny spot, but not overly rich soil.

I always wish I had a bigger vegetable plot at this time of the year! The runner beans (accompanied by black fly throughout their growth) are doing well. The greenhouse has been very productive, lots of tomatoes, cucumbers and chillies have rewarded me for all the tomato feed they have had. Nothing beats the taste of home-grown vegetables.

## QUICK QUIZ

by Alec Herbert

**As many will shortly be starting a new year at university, five on education:**

1. Which is Britain's oldest university?
2. For what does the acronym UCAS stand?
3. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge both studied at which university?
4. In which city is De Montfort University?
5. Who was the original presenter of the popular TV quiz "University Challenge"?

**Answers:**

1. Oxford;
2. Universities and Colleges Admissions Services;
3. St. Andrews;
4. Leicester;
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## Chairman opens new Timber Hill play area

Tuesday 11th August saw lots of excited children see the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Cllr. Rose Thorn, officially open the newly refurbished Timber Hill play area in Caterham Valley. HAGA-SMP created the design and supplied and fitted the £65,000 project, which has been funded by Tandridge District Council, Caterham Valley Parish Council, Section 106

Funding (money from new developments) and local business CellXion Ltd. The play area was closed in November 2014, as the equipment had deteriorated and no longer met health and safety standards.

Councillor Tony Elias, Chairman of the Community Services Committee, said: "We are delighted the new play area is open for the summer holidays. We know how much local families have missed the playground and are grateful for their patience while we raised funding and agreed a design."



Cllr. Rose Thorn and the Chairman of Caterham Valley Parish Council, Cllr. Michael Lincoln, with delighted children in the refurbished Timber Hill play area.

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## An outstanding year for Coulsdon College students

Coulsdon College is celebrating its second year with pass marks better than 99% at both A Level and Advanced BTEC.

Principal Brett Freeman is delighted and says this goes some way to explaining why Coulsdon College is likely to be the fastest-growing Sixth Form College in the UK by September 2015.

Mr Freeman said: "The students' excellent results shows that those who join us enjoy their time and work hard to ensure they reach their full potential. I want to wish all our graduating students well and I'm especially pleased at the growing numbers heading off to excellent universities and higher apprenticeships."

There are so many stories of outstanding success this year. A Level success includes Tolga Bilge who received A\*, A, A and is off to study Theoretical Physics at St Andrews University; Jialian Zhang who will study Media Special Effects with her grades of A, A, B, B. BTEC success includes Charlie Philbrick who gained triple Distinction allowing him to study at Brighton University and Emma Da Costa



*Successful students and musicians Charlie Philbrick and Owen de Lacy of the band 'Drowned Out' will both be going on to continue their musical studies in Brighton.*

who received triple Distinction\* in Performing Arts and is off to Northbrook College to study Musical Theatre.

Mr Freeman continued: "This has been an outstanding year for Coulsdon College and we can now look forward to even better results next year as our first year students gained the best results ever and this should mean even more of them leaving with top grades next year.

"We do still have a limited number of places on some courses and I would urge students to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment." Visit [www.coulsdon.ac.uk/apply](http://www.coulsdon.ac.uk/apply).

## Woldingham School head "very proud indeed" of students' A Level results

Woldingham School is delighted with its A2 results this year, attaining a 100% pass rate overall. 22.4% of the grades were A\*, with almost 58% of the grades achieved at A\* and A, resulting in a 2% improvement on last year.

Ten girls achieved three A\* grades or more with Lucia Keizer-Palau attaining a fantastic four A\* grades. Lucia will be going to Cambridge University to read History. 24 girls achieved straight A\* and A grades and eight girls from this cohort will be starting at Oxford

and Cambridge in the autumn reading a variety of subjects including Modern Foreign Languages, History, Theology and Architecture.

The Headmistress, Jayne Triffitt, said: "I am very proud indeed of the A2 and AS results this year. I know how incredibly hard the girls and the staff work at this school and how remarkable these results are for the individual girls. I would like to pay tribute to everyone – teachers, pastoral staff and parents – who has supported the girls in achieving this success."



*Delighted Woldingham students celebrate their exam success.*

## All-round excellence at Croydon High School

Croydon High School has maintained its local reputation for excellent academic results with a 99.4% pass rate at A Level, with over 70% of students achieving A\* - B grades.

Head, Debbie Leonard, is always proud of the academic results achieved by the girls in her care, but this year she is particularly proud of the 'all round' accomplishments of the class of 2015. She said: "This year, more than ever, we have been conscious of how truly impressive these girls are in so many ways. Not only have the cohort achieved excellent academic results in what has been a turbulent year in terms of A Level grading, they have also challenged themselves to excel in other areas. I hope and believe that the excellent all-round education they have enjoyed here at Croydon High will help them all realise their dreams."

Some of those dreams are well on the way to being realised with some outstanding individual academic results for Croydon High. Just some of the success stories include Amanda Pearce, who is on the Oxford train to read



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## OPEN EVENING

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## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 22nd September 2015 - 7.00pm to 9.00pm

There will be presentations by Head of Sixth Form, Mr Scott, at 6.00pm (for Warlingham School Year 11 students and their parents) and at 7.00pm (for students from other schools and their parents). Following the presentations, there will be an opportunity to meet staff and students.



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## Caterham School students celebrate A Level success

Students at Caterham School celebrated another outstanding set of A Level results with the distribution of grades amongst the year group as follows:

A\* - 24.3%; A\*-A - 64.4%; A\*-B - 88.1%; A\*-C - 97.7%.

There were 69 students with three A-grades or better and 33 students with at least two A\* grades.

A delighted Headmaster, Julian Thomas, said: "I am so pleased for this wonderful year group. These outstanding results will hold them in good stead for their

futures but of course, they do not tell the whole story. They cannot possibly reflect the interests and skills they have developed, the relationships they have formed, the approach to learning they have honed, and the sense of local and global responsibility that is so evident in everything they do. It gives me great pride and optimism that the future is in such good hands. As ever, this reflects brilliantly on the commitment and hard work of our pupils and the inspirational teaching they have received at Caterham School. "Once again, our students' results have placed Caterham as one of the top-performing independent co-educational schools in the UK."

## Another set of excellent A Level results at Warlingham School

Warlingham School is delighted to announce another set of excellent A Level and AS results this year and is congratulating its students on their outstanding performance. The A\*-E pass rate achieved at A Level was an impressive 99% and the A\*-C grade was 70%. The school is especially pleased was the large number of A\*/A grades achieved by its Russell Group cohort of students.

Headteacher, Nick Bradwell, said: "I am absolutely delighted with the excellent results achieved by Warlingham Sixth Form students this year. The results reflect a

tremendous amount of hard work and determination and all the students should be extremely proud of their efforts. I would also like to thank all the staff for their commitment and support.

Many Warlingham students are now looking forward to studying at a number of the top Russell Group Universities including Lewis Nash to read Chemistry with Molecular Physics at Imperial College, London, Charlie Duncan King to read Mathematics at King's College, London, Joel Fernandez to read Aerospace Engineering at Surrey University and Jonathan Hill and Anton Nikitin are both going to Southampton University to read Mechanical Engineering with Biomedical Engineering and Computer Science respectively.



A joyful Louisa Budd celebrates with friends.



Kate Shilabeer with her proud parents.

German and French, with two A\* grades in those subjects, an A in English and an A\* for her EPQ. Louisa Rowland and Kate Shilabeer achieved exactly the same grades - two A\*, an A and an A\* EPQ. Louisa is off to UCL to read Neuroscience while Kate will be developing her flair for Modern Languages at Durham.



Caterham School Double A star students.



From left: Jonathan Hill (A\*AA), Charlie Duncan King (A\*AA), Joel Fernandez (A\*AA) and Lewis Nash (A\*AA).

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### Hundreds take part in the Caterham Rotary Half Marathon and 10k event

by Roger Easter

Despite torrential rain, over 300 runners took part in this year's Caterham Rotary Half Marathon and 10k event sponsored again by local independent hospital North Downs Caterham.

The distance of both events was linked to the roads surrounding Redhill Aerodrome, including the village of Nutfield, and was specially measured so that the event was approved and timed to count towards athletes' performance records as required by UK Athletics.

Organiser of the event, Caterham Rotarian Richard York, said: "More runners over two distances with more sponsors and more supporters getting soaked and loving every minute describes today's Caterham Rotary event perfectly."

Runners were encouraged to warm up again this year with Emily Watson of Bunny Hop Dance and Fitness, so the runners were well and truly ready for the off.

Nicola Morgan, Sales & Marketing Manager for North Downs Hospital, said: "North Downs Hospital are very proud to yet again be the main sponsor of the Caterham Rotary Half Marathon. It was great to see an increase in numbers from the previous year, along with the introduction of a 10k to open the event up to a wider audience."

In addition to the main sponsor, Caterham Rotary would also like to thank the following organisations for their help and support leading up to the event and on the day: Redhill Aerodrome, Waitrose (Caterham), Caterham Photography, Yellow Jersey Cycle Insurance, The Co-op - Caterham on the Hill, First Community Health & Care, AZ Maps, Caterham Round Table, Raynet Communications and Lexus Croydon.

Caterham Rotary will be making a donation towards the establishment of the new Macmillan Centre Information Unit, which is being built at East Surrey Hospital, from the proceeds of the event.

The winners of the 10k race were: 1st man - Gareth Parr



A triumphant Gareth Parr, winner of the 10k race. Reproduced by kind permission of Caterham Photography.

- South London Harriers - 37.42; 1st lady - Kaeti MacKenzie - Barnsley AC - 40.45.

The winners of the Half Marathon were: 1st man - James Barker - Chichester Runners - 1.13.41 - New course record; 1st lady - Georgie Bruinvels - Aldershot, Farnham & District - 1.18.50 - New course record.

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pick up a bargain there this month with up to 70% off the Sample Sale dresses that come in various styles and sizes. Sally also sells many different bridal accessories including shoes, bags, veils, shirugs, parasols and genuine Edwardian diamante hair bands. There are beautiful bridesmaids dresses by Eliza and Ethan and flower girl dresses by children's wear company, Loola and Goo. Sally also has a limited number of half price Rachel Simpson shoes. The shop has a spacious changing area downstairs, where brides-to-be and their bridesmaids can have a wonderful time trying on different dresses in luxurious privacy. If you would like more information about the range of elegant dresses and bridal accessories available at Helena Fortley, visit [www.helenafortley.co.uk](http://www.helenafortley.co.uk)



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Situated opposite Station Road car park, with three hours free parking, The Whyteleafe is in a prime location for collecting a take-away pizza or stopping to dine in.

Open daily from 12 noon-11pm, seven days a week, my son Andrew and I went there for a pizza after work recently, as it is only a two minute stroll from Upper Warlingham Station where I met Andrew.

The Whyteleafe has a modern, café-style interior and the staff were very welcoming. Everything was shiny and new and spotlessly clean.

The menu featured a substantial selection of starters. We ordered a portion of

potato skins with cheese and some Jalapeno cream cheese (ten pieces). Both starters were plenty big enough portions to share between two, so we had to be careful to leave space for our pizzas! We also had a selection of tasty dips to compliment our starters. I especially liked the creamy Jalapeno cream cheeses with a crunchy, breadcrumb coating.

We both chose pizzas for our main course although there is also a selection of pasta dishes on the menu including a vegetable lasagne.

I chose the vegetarian Garden Supreme pizza and Andrew chose the Peri Peri Meaty Mighty pizza. Andrew opted for a stuffed crust base and I chose the classic crust. Kamal is proud to point out that their pizza dough is made from fresh ingredients twice a day, making their pizza bases superior in texture and flavour. Apart from the great taste, the pizzas were very filling, but fortunately we were able to take what we could not eat home with us for later.

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## Support Whyteleaf FC

by Clive Davis

After two narrow defeats Whyteleaf FC got back to winning ways on Saturday 15th August, with a 3-2 victory over Peacehaven & Telscombe to kick-start the club's 2015-16 season. Last season the club reached the play-offs, the club's first back in Division One South of the Ryman Football League, and expectations are high for Manager John Fowler's Leaf team. Whyteleaf also boasts its own Football Academy and to underline its commitment to investing in players at every age and level it will be competing in the Ryman Under 21s League for the first time this season. Off the pitch the club has been just as busy during the close season. Thanks to the ongoing financial support of the club's main sponsor, Formark Scaffolding, new floodlights have been installed, much of the ground has been painted and a further changing room added. There is always a friendly welcome at Whyteleaf and a good standard of football – so support your local club and come along to a home match on September 8th v South Park, September 19th v Sittingbourne and September 22nd v Corinthian Casuals. Meanwhile, the relaxing sound of jazz will be heard in September when the club welcomes JAZZintheBAR from



Crystal Palace legend, Steve Kember(left) with Whyteleaf FC Chairman, Mark Cooze, launching Walking Football.

1.30pm on September 13th in the clubhouse. This is a free gig and there will be food and drink available – so a great way to relax on a Sunday afternoon. Walking Football - a slow-paced version of the beautiful game aimed at the over 50s - also kicks-off in September (see advert). To find out more about what is going on at Whyteleaf Football Club go to [www.theleaf.co.uk](http://www.theleaf.co.uk) or telephone 0208 660 5491.

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## Who wants to be a Volunteer?

by Helen Hammer

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Helen Hammer.

regularly ever since. The client said it had been marvellous to have someone to communicate with who understands about having a stroke. The volunteer was equally delighted with the pairing and said: "I was nervous at first, but shouldn't have been because we chat about everything. I get so much from the visits as well". Would you be interested in supporting someone with Aphasia? To find out more please contact Kay Singleton, Tandridge Befriending Scheme Coordinator, on 07796 307286, email befriending@tvsc.org.uk or contact Helen Hammer at Caterham Volunteer Centre on 01883 337656.

## Local churches host holiday fun for youngsters

The school holidays got off to a busy start for children attending holiday clubs at Caterham Baptist Church and St. Mary's Church in Caterham-on-the-Hill. At Caterham Baptist Church in Beechwood Road, Caterham Valley, children took part in a host of activities organised and run by a team of church volunteers. There were lively games taking place in the church grounds outside, while inside, youngsters could join in with dancing or try their hand at a quieter activity in the craft room. Indoor activities at St. Mary's included a Bible Quiz and paper-plane races but when the sun was shining the children were escorted to Queen's Park across the road for fun and games, or to a bouncy castle specially set up in the grounds of St. Lawrence's Church, opposite St. Mary's, to burn off their excess energy before home time.



Outdoors fun with the 'Cup and Water' game at Caterham Baptist Church...



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**W.I. Centenary Celebration**  
On Wednesday 16th September, Chaldon Women's Institute are celebrating

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**Concert for Breck**  
The Breck Foundation is holding a concert on Saturday 19th September in memory of Breck Bednar, the 14 year old Caterham boy who was murdered by an 'online' predator. The concert by a band called

S.K.P., will start at 7.30pm at Woldingham Village Club. Tickets are £16 each which includes BBQ food. Tickets for the event can be purchased at <http://bit.ly/1KzeHON>.  
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On Friday 25th and Sunday 27th September Musical Theatre (The Show) is bringing a flavour of the West End to Warlingham Church Hall. The cast of six talented local singers and actors including 14 year old Alfie King of Caterham and 8 year old Rosie Chambers of Warlingham and four adults will perform songs from Les Miserables, Phantom of the Opera, Oliver and many other shows.

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**Jumble Sale**  
Caterham Methodist Church in Coulsdon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill, is holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 3rd October at 2pm. Entrance is 30p.  
**Old Coulsdon Camera Club**  
On Tuesday 15th September the new club year kicks off at Old Coulsdon Camera Club. The Club meets each

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On Tuesday 22nd September the Club will be hosting a talk by Roger Hance FRPS entitled: 'The more I practice, the luckier I get'.  
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by Adele Brand

Ten feet from a deer that is going nowhere: a thrashing, kicking creature, its full-grown antlers enmeshed in the disused wires of what was an electric fence, tying it as securely as a leash on a dog. It had only been trying to leave a field, as deer have done ever since humanity first cut glades into Surrey's wildwood. But modern ways to enforce land ownership have not made life easy for wild animals.



The roe deer desperately tries to free itself from the wires. Photo by Adele Brand.

I have thought a lot about fences recently, and think some more as volunteers from London Wildcare throw a blanket over the panicking deer and begin cutting it free. Everyone wants privacy and security, me included. But in our zeal to screen out unwelcome people, we sometimes forget that a little kindness can mean a world of difference to our wild neighbours. Take hedgehogs, for example. Their populations are plummeting because habitat is being sliced up by more and more closed-hatch fences.

The best garden in the world is no use if hedgehogs cannot enter it. But all they need is a brick-sized gap at the base. It's so easy. Not so with deer. But this one at least is saved. The volunteers have unravelled the tangle, and in a blink it is gone - a handsome russet buck on rich summer grass, half-flying with gracious leaps, the safety of the wood beckoning it. I can only hope that the long-term vision for this beautiful part of England doesn't destroy our natural heritage by inadvertently fencing it out.



The doe runs off after the rescue. Photo by Adele Brand.

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