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# Hundreds hop along to the ninth annual Rotary Bunny Fun Run

by Richard York

Snuggles the Caterham Rotary bunny mascot welcomed nearly four hundred people to the ninth annual Easter Bunny runs at Queen's Park in Caterham on Sunday 20th March. Every finisher in the Bunny 1K Fun Run and the 5K Race received an Easter Egg. North Downs Hospital also gave all finishers goody bags with a water bottle and a T shirt. The cold did not dampen the spirits

of the participants or their supporters, although they may have been glad to get back home to warm up! First home in the 1K, which is not a race, was, Nicolas Smith who was followed by Simeon Daly and Oliver Pace. The fastest runners in the 5K were Ryan Taylor in 18m 33s and Gareth Parr, three seconds behind him in second place. The fastest lady was Diana Norman

who came home in 19m 45s. Starter for the event was the Chair of Tandridge District Council, Councillor Rose Thorn, who entered into the spirit of the occasion by dressing in an Easter costume and who also presented the prizes. The MC was Tony Nash. Emily Watson of Bunny Hop Dance and Fitness lead vibrant warm ups and a large group of her class members ran round the 5K course raising over £700 for The Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity. See pages 14-15 for more photos.



Runners set off on the 1K Fun Run.

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## The draft Local Plan for Tandridge - what comes next?

The first consultation for the draft Local Plan closed at the end of February. Tandridge District Council is creating the Local Plan to set out the vision for the District for the next 20 years and provide a framework for the future improvement of the area, while protecting the Green Belt.

All the comments received by the Council during the recent consultation are now being processed and added to the consultation portal on the Council's website. The comments will be analysed and taken into account as the Council prepares the next version of the Local Plan. The analysed representations will be set out in a Statement of Consultation, which will be taken to a future Planning Policy Committee. A second consultation will take place later this year. To be kept up to date and get involved, the Council is advising residents to:

- Register on the consultation

portal at <http://consult.tandridge.gov.uk/portal> to receive e-mail updates. Anyone who has already registered will automatically receive updates.

- If you do not want to register on the portal, send your e-mail address to localplan@tandridge.gov.uk so it can be added to the updates list.

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The Chairman of the Planning Policy Committee, Councillor David Weightman, said: "Thank you to everyone who made comments during this first consultation. The Council knows how important the openness of the District is to residents and is committed to the long term protection of its Green Belt, so please make sure you sign up to be kept up to date."

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## Sam Gyimah MP responds to Local Plan Consultation

Sam Gyimah MP has urged Tandridge District Council to engage fully with the concerns of communities over possible development set out in its initial local plan consultation.

In a formal response to the consultation, Mr Gyimah acknowledged the difficulties of local planning, but stressed the need for full weight to be given to local constraints, including the Green Belt, transport infrastructure and the threat of flooding.

The East Surrey MP urged the Council to demonstrate that "residents have been listened to, not presented with a fait accompli" and ensure residents would receive "clear and intelligible explanations" for decisions moving forward.

Mr Gyimah's full response can be read online at <http://www.samgyimah.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Local-Plan-Response.pdf>.

## Warlingham School welcomes Lord Bowness

Warlingham School hosted a talk from a member of the House of Lords on Friday 4th March to encourage students to become more engaged with the political and parliamentary process. Lord Bowness met with a select group of Sixth Form students to talk about the work and role of the House of Lords. This was followed by a question and answer session on various aspects of the parliamentary process and life at Westminster generally.

Graeme Johnston, Senior Development Leader/Head of Government & Politics at Warlingham School, said: "This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to interact with someone who knows the parliamentary system inside out, as it can sometimes seem far removed from their daily lives. It has also helped our A Level Government & Politics students to understand the differences between the

theory and the practice." Nick Bradwell, Headteacher, said: "We have a firm commitment to helping our students to flourish academically, whilst at the same time, embracing our wider role in preparing them for their adult life beyond the formal examined curriculum. I was delighted to be able to welcome Lord Bowness to the school to give a talk about the parliamentary process, which is such an important aspect of the democratic process."

The visit was arranged through the Lord Speaker's "Peers in Schools" programme, which has been running across the UK since 2007 and has so far involved around 75,000 young people. This continuing outreach programme sends members of the House of Lords into schools/academies and colleges across the country to give talks in support of the citizenship curriculum. The photo above right shows, from left: Amin Lmoh (Year 12 A Level Government & Politics student), Lord Bowness and Sally Morritt (Year 13 A Level Government & Politics student).



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Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles, is championing the cause of flags, and is encouraging local communities to design their own flag to fly at times of national pride and celebration, with the benefit of guidance from the Flag Institute.

Anyone interested in designing a flag for the competition can read the Flag Institute's guidelines to 'Creating Local and Community Flags' at <http://www.flaginstitute.org/wp/british-flags/creating-local-and-community-flags/>. See the May edition of The Caterham and District Independent for more information about how to enter the flag designing competition, which is being officially launched in April.

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Chairman of Caterham Harestone Rotary Club, Martin Vaux, said: "The excellent tribute band performed for an enthusiastic audience, many of whom seemed to dance from start to finish. The hall never lost its 'buzz' and it is difficult to think of a more vibrant event that has raised money for Rotary Charities."



Abba Chique performing in de Stafford School hall.

## QUICK QUIZ

By Alec Herbert

Five questions on the holiday of Easter.

1. Which Scottish Division One football club plays its home games at Easter Road?
2. In the Christian calendar, what name is given to the Sunday before Easter?
3. Easter Island, famous for its monumental statues, is administered by which South American country?
4. Which composer wrote Easter Parade, a popular recording by Judy Garland?
5. As recently as 2015, Nick Easter has won international caps for England in which sport?

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## Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

This is my favourite time of year. Everything is springing into life, and the plants are definitely looking more alive than dead, but the list of jobs is getting longer by the day. First I am going to divide our lovely snowdrops. Ours are called S. Arnott and are probably the largest snowdrop you can grow. They are much better divided when they are still showing foliage. They die down quite quickly, so mark their whereabouts, and next spring you should get a nice surprise as they don't take long to clump up. This time of year is much better for dividing all grasses, particularly the deciduous types. Don't be tempted to do them in the autumn, although this year would probably have been fine as we have had a very mild, wet winter. I have a large clump of *Miscanthus Sinensis* "Morning Light" which I am going to divide. This grass is not at all invasive, and with



Sue Baines

thin green and white variegated leaves, approximately 4 ft tall, subtly lights up the border for many months. Other deciduous grasses can now be cut back, and if the weather is favourable I shall be cutting back my Penstemon. There should be a nice clump of fresh growth evident at the base. Seed sowing is now well under way. Mild weather sees me emptying the hardier plants out of the cold frames, and putting in the Sweet Peas, *Godetia*, *Clarkia* and Sweet Woodruff, which only need a little protection unless we get a very cold spell. Watch out for pests, although at this time of year it is my big feet that do most damage!

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"With the lighter evenings approaching, we will soon start running our road rides that are normally on a Thursday night."



North Downs Cycles.

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## A Very Happy 100th Birthday to Gladys Cuell

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Gladys can clearly remember growing up in Kennington, and said: "I remember Charlie Chaplin before he moved to America and felt sorry for him because we all knew his mother drank far too much and was living in the work-house!"

Gladys married her husband Francis, known as Frank, four days after war was declared in September 1939. Frank was in the Territorial Army, so they wanted to get married before he was called up to go to war.

After the war the couple had three children - a daughter Frances and two sons, Christopher and Paul. While Gladys was raising their chil-



Gladys Cuell on her 100th birthday, with her birthday card from Her Majesty the Queen.

dren, Frank worked as Operations Manager for Dale Martin's wrestling promoters, whose wrestling matches used to be enjoyed by millions on Saturday afternoon TV. Frank and Gladys eventually decided to move out to Old Coulsdon after their family-nad grown up. Frank sadly passed away in 1981 and Gladys made her final move to live in Caterham in 1994.

## Beneficiaries announced at the launch of Caterham Carnival 2016

Preparations are now well under way for this year's Caterham Carnival, which kicks off at 1pm on Saturday 11th June on Westway Common, Caterham-on-the-Hill.

The beneficiaries this year will be Caterham Pumas FC, Active Air Fitness, Ridge Radio and Chaldon Scouts. Last year, £9,995 was shared between Caterham Gymnastics Academy, Marden Lodge School, 1st Caterham Scouts and Caterham and Whyteleafe Tennis Club.

Chairman of the Caterham Carnival Committee, Sarah Parker, said: "We would like to encourage everyone to get involved with this fantastic community event, either by running a stall, performing in the arena or taking part in the Carnival procession. I would especially like to see more local schools involved in some way." For more information, email Sarah at parker-sarah1066@gmail.com



Caterham Carnival Committee members and representatives of this year's beneficiaries mark the launch of the Caterham Carnival 2016 at the Guard's Memorial in Coulsdon Road.

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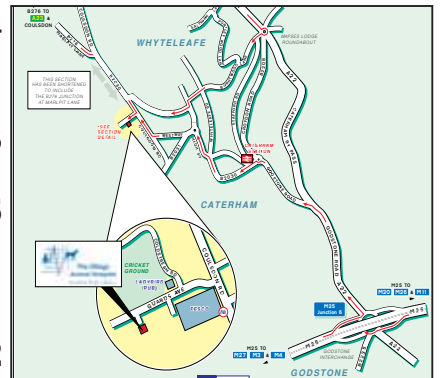
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## Sixties musical rocks de Stafford

On Thursday 10th and Friday 11th March, de Stafford pupils performed 'Return to the Forbidden Planet' in front of enthusiastic audiences. The sixties science fiction and rock 'n' roll musical exploded onto the stage in a memorable show.

Inspired by Shakespeare's Tempest, the performance was packed with classic hits including Great Balls of Fire, Monster Mash, Teenager in Love and Young Girl.

de Stafford Music Teacher, Miss Reid, said: "It has been an absolute pleasure to work with such a talented group of students and I am so proud of everything they have achieved and the performance they



The cast of 'Return to the Forbidden Planet'.

gave. Well done de Stafford for raising the bar once again!"

The de Stafford cast members were as follows:

Captain Tempest: Dan Behan;  
Dr Prospero: Darcy Braimoh;  
Miranda: Amie Whickman;

Cookie: Caitlin Etheridge;  
Ariel: Katie Whickman;  
Science Officer (Gloria): Meg Bradstock;  
Danny and Sandy: Jodie Lever and Esme Jennings;  
Navigation Officers: Adam Bradstock and Holly Palmer.

## Pigeons teach Hillcroft pupils a lesson in genetics

Pigeons, the Mister Men and Charles Darwin were the subjects of a joint science lesson at Hillcroft School in Caterham recently, as children began a study of genetics and heredity.

Last year the school opened a Darwin-themed walk in the playing field. Hillcroft kept up its link when it played host to a visit from Darwin Trust member and pigeon enthusiast John Ross, as well as the scientist's great great grandson, Randal Keynes. Hillcroft's science teacher, Tom Holloway, said: "Darwin was fascinated by pigeons and bred them in the build-up to writing The Origin of Species. Because of our links to the Trust, we were lucky enough to have John come along and bring some pigeons with him, to demonstrate the concept of genetics and hereditary features.



John Ross tells the Hillcroft pupils about his pigeons.

"The Mister Men and Little Misses were involved because we got the children to imagine what it would be like if some of them had children, and what they would look like! They came up with some wonderfully imaginative pictures and had a lot of fun with it, but at the same time, it was a superb way to teach the lesson that we were trying to get across to them."

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## Coulsdon College celebrates three year success story

Coulsdon Sixth Form College has been celebrating its three year anniversary of being in federation with Reigate Sixth Form College, a Beacon College, graded 'outstanding' by Ofsted.

In those three years, the College has gone from strength to strength. A Level and BTEC pass marks have been above 99% for the past two years and are predicted to be higher again this academic year. Applications are currently running at over 50% higher than two years ago and with over 1,000 applicants already received this year-to-date, the College is the fastest-growing sixth form college in the UK. Sixth Form Colleges Commissioner at the Education Funding Agency, Peter Mucklow, has sited the partnership between Reigate and Coulsdon as a Flagship project.

Federation Executive Principal, Steve Oxlade, said: "When the Government asked me to take over Coulsdon College three years ago, I wasn't sure what to expect.



Coulsdon College Principal, Brett Freeman, with students.

What became apparent really quickly was that the College had all the foundations for greatness - wonderful resources, dedicated staff and a huge local demand for a successful sixth form. Ten months later and Ofsted gave us a glowing commendation, and we've just gone from strength-to-strength since then.

"I always hoped that I would be able to say to a parent or student living in Coulsdon - why are you travelling all the way to Reigate when you have a great sixth form college on your doorstep? The word has got out now and

everyone can see it for themselves."

Coulsdon Principal, Brett Freeman, added: "We are delighted to have achieved a major increase in our local applications, whilst maintaining our popularity with students further afield. We do have a limited number of places on some courses and I would urge students to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment."

Coulsdon College's next full Open Event takes place on Wednesday May 4th from 5pm-8pm. For further information, please contact Julia Parlett on 01737 558061.

## Tots' Chatterbox Challenge helps to raise funds for 'I Can' charity

On Wednesday 9th March, the Little Movers group (aged 6-18 months) at Hamsey Green Children's Centre took part in a Chatterbox Challenge to help raise funds for the 'I Can' children's communication charity.

Play Worker, Lisa Malcolm, led the tots through a series of activities designed to help develop communication skills such as story-telling, singing nursery rhymes and colouring activities.

The event raised £50.43 through cake sales and donations and the money will go to help children across the UK who are struggling to speak and understand. For more information about



The Little Movers group and their mums taking part in the Chatterbox Challenge.

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## Silent Disco raises funds for Breck Foundation

On Saturday 12th March a Black Light Silent Disco was held at Caterham School to raise funds for The Breck Foundation.

Breck Bednar was a 14 year-old boy from Caterham who was murdered on 17th February 2014 by someone he met online. Breck loved playing computer games and he was groomed and murdered by someone he had come to trust whilst playing online games. The Silent Disco was very well attended, with the venue packed with people wearing headphones and dancing to their choice of three different music channels. Many of the dancers were wearing neon clothing and glowed brightly in the dark while they danced.

On Thursday 17th March, which would have been Breck's 17th birthday, The Breck Foundation held a No Tech 4 Breck Day to encourage youngsters to stay off all technology continuously for 24 hours and pay a penalty each



Some neon glamour at the Silent Disco.

time they went online, or used their phone/ipod/ipad/console/pc or other device during the 24 hours.

Breck's mother, Lorin LaFave, is helping to raise awareness of the potential dangers of the internet amongst young people with a busy schedule of meetings and presentations all over the country.

For more information about the Breck Foundation and future fundraising events, visit [www.breckfoundation.org](http://www.breckfoundation.org).

## Caterham Chiropractic hosts Open Event for new patients

On Wednesday 2nd March, Caterham Chiropractic held an Open Event at its premises in the Caterham Valley Medical Practice in Eothen Close, Caterham Valley. The event gave prospective patients a chance to meet the practitioners: Gary and Orit, the Chiropractors; Sue, the Clinical Massage Therapist and Fiona, the Acupuncturist, to find out more about the treatments available in the clinic.

Gary was also showcasing Shockwave therapy, which is advanced treatment for soft tissue injury such as tennis elbow and plantar fasciitis. This is now becoming the best non-invasive option for chronic tendinitis, with research showing a 77% success for chronic plantar fasciitis.

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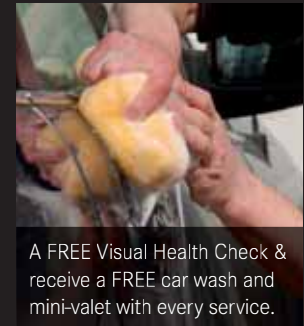
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As a major national advertising campaign is launched across England to encourage voter registration ahead of district, parish and Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections, Tandridge District Council is encouraging local people to visit [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) now to register to be able to vote on Thursday 5th May.

Registering for the elections in May will also mean voters are registered before the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union is held on 23rd June.

The Electoral Commission's national voter registration campaign reminds people to register by Monday 18th April. In England advertising will appear across TV and online on demand video services. This is in addition to the work already being carried out across England by the Commission and partner organisations.

Returning Officer, Chief Ex-

ecutive Louise Round, said: "Our message is simple: you can't vote, if you aren't registered by 18th April. Time is now running out. Make sure you can take part in these elections. I'd encourage everyone to take action now if they're not already registered to vote."

Ben Brook, Head of the Electoral Commission, English Regions, said: "Our public awareness campaign across England aims to encourage anyone not yet registered, to do so as soon as possible. Our research shows young people, students and recent home movers are less likely to be registered to vote. If you're not registered you won't be able to have your say on issues that directly affect your day-to-day life in the Tandridge District. Registering is quick and easy to do but you only have until Monday 18th April if you want to vote in the important elections in England this May."

### IT'S ABOUT TIME

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### REMEMBER TO REGISTER!

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## Oasis Academy student ranked number 1 in Great Britain for 50m backstroke

On Sunday 14th February at the Kent Swimming Championships, it was confirmed that Oasis Academy Coulsdon student, Joseph Parker, is the number one ranked swimmer in the under 14s 50m Backstroke in Great Britain! Year 8 student, Joseph, has been swimming since he was six and competitively since the age of seven.

Joseph said: "The best part of the sport for me is getting to swim with friends, especially when it is competitively in relay races. The thrill from this can't be beaten! I love swimming, it is something that I want to pursue and hope I can make a career out of".

This passion has seen Joseph achieve not only fastest 50m Backstroke, but he is also ranked 16th in the 100m Backstroke and 7th in the 50m Freestyle; this means he is comfortably on course to compete in all three events at



Joseph with his medals.

the British National Championships later in the year. Joseph's Head of Year and PE teacher, Mr Cheshire, said: "There are thousands of boys who compete all over the country in this category, and to be quicker than every single one of them is outstanding. Joseph has always shown great perseverance and applies himself to everything he does. He sets a great example to his peers and I am therefore delighted that his hard work and determination has been rewarded". Joseph trains and competes with Edenbridge Swimming Club and Joe's wins were the first gold medals won by the club at the Kent Swimming Championships.

## Support Whyteleafe FC

by Clive Davis

With at least a mid-table finish secured, Whyteleafe FC's 1st team will remain in the Ryman League Division One South next season.

Following a pulsating 4-3 win on 5th March against Guernsey at home, the following weekend the team narrowly lost out 1-2 to Hythe Town, but Manager John Fowler is looking to the future and giving some of the Club's U21s a chance to shine.

Youngsters Sam Clements, Conal O'Leary, Conor Wilford, Jamarie Brissett and Dylan Ramazani are already in the squad and will be looking to play regularly for the 1st team in 2016/17 – the Club's 70th season.

To celebrate the milestone, the Club is holding a dinner dance at the Hilton Hotel in Croydon on Friday 20th May. The Club is keen to hear from ex-players or fans who want to attend or have Club memorabilia



Conal O'Leary - one of the Under 21s who has recently broken into the 1st team.

from events and matches held during the last seven decades, such as the recent 9-a-side tournament held on Friday 18th March where eight teams played, raising more than £500 for Sport Relief.

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Against this constantly shifting backdrop, financial advice will be the key to making informed choices. The following ideas could be a good place to start for those who want to better understand the opportunities and traps in 2016.

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- Be mindful of the 'lifetime allowance', even if you're a younger saver.
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The 5K winner, Ryan Taylor (centre,) second place Gareth Parr (left) and third place, Daniel Catt.



Warm up exercises before the 5K race.

# CATERHAM BUNNY FUN RUN

**Continued from page 1**  
 Caterham Rotary Club's organiser for this event, Richard York said: "We aim for everyone to have had a good time. We also hope they 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 quoting the amount raised and for which charity or organisation." Caterham Rotary is very pleased to have had the support of local sponsors: Bunny Hop Dance and Fitness, Surrey National Golf Club, The Cater-

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If you wish to challenge yourself further The Rotary Club of Caterham are organizing a half marathon and 10k on Sunday 3rd July starting on Redhill Aerodrome. For more information please see [www.caterhamrotaryhalf.co.uk](http://www.caterhamrotaryhalf.co.uk).

Next year's Easter Bunny runs will be on Sunday 9th April.



1K winners, Nicolas Smith (left) who was followed by Simeon Daly (centre) and Oliver Pace).



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### Tandridge Community Fund awards grant of £1,000 to Ridge Radio

On Wednesday 16th March, the Chairman of the Tandridge Community Fund, Mike Moss MBE, presented representatives of Ridge Radio community radio station in Caterham with a cheque for £1,000. The donation is the latest to be made out of the interest being earned by the Fund which was set up by Mike in 2007 for the benefit of Tandridge voluntary groups and good causes.

Founder of Ridge Radio, Mark Jones, said: "This donation will cover the cost of purchasing two new computers to run our radio equipment, which is essential kit to ensure the future of the station. We celebrate our fifth anniversary on 1st April, so this donation is a great birthday present! I would like to say a big thank you to the Tandridge Community Fund." With the support of Surrey County Council, the radio station has just opened a small recording studio,



Mike Moss MBE presents the cheque to Ridge Radio presenter, Rebecca Bird and her co-presenter, Andre.

equipped with sound and video recording equipment for the creation of You Tube videos for local musicians to hire.

Mark said: "We hope the studio will help us to raise funds for Ridge Radio by offering an affordable, local facility for up and coming local talent. Other studios charge at least £35 per hour but our prices start at just £20 per hour, which we hope makes it more accessible to youngsters."

For more information on applying for a grant from the Tandridge Community Fund call Mike on 01883 713322. Mike would also like to hear from anyone wishing to make a donation to the Fund that will stay invested for posterity, helping to generate the interest to award grants. To tune in to Ridge Radio, which currently broadcasts over the internet, go to www.ridgeradio.dreamhosters.com.

### Join Caterham Cricket Club for start of play this season

by Richard Parrett

Caterham Cricket Club have begun their preparations for the 2016 season. The juniors have been practicing since early January and the seniors started their indoor training schedule from 25th February. We run two Saturday League sides and one Sunday XI playing friendlies, plus some innovative shorter formats for players aged 15 to 21. Summer 2015 was one of achievement for Caterham CC. An expanding junior section and promotion by our 2nd XI to Division One of the FBSCC made the 1st XI's relegation a disappointment rather than a disaster, and the club hopes to bounce back with a promotion challenge in 2016. Despite the lack of silverware amongst the juniors, the progress made in the last two years in expanding this section was demonstrated with us fielding teams at U9s, U12s,



Caterham CC Chairman, Nick House (left), receiving the runners-up trophy for the 2nd XI at the League Dinner from BBC radio and TV presenter, Nick Murphy.

U14s and U16s (and a separate girls team on occasions). 2016 will see opportunities for all age groups from U8 to U17 plus our cricket taster sessions for girls aged 8 to 12. New members are welcome including senior and junior players, umpires, scorers, and general volunteers. Please contact us by email to secretary@caterhamcc.com or colts@caterhamcc.com (for junior members) or via our website www.caterhamcc.com.

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# Kenley Airfield celebrates its local heritage

by James Highsted.

On Saturday 19th March, Kenley Airfield held its fourth Heritage Day to celebrate the renowned site as part of the Find Your London festival.

The 11-day festival invites people to savour the many great outdoor spaces all over the capital with Kenley's historic airfield featuring as one of the venues.

The Heritage Day gave visitors the chance to go on guided walks of the Airfield, to watch a model aircraft display and go on a walk and talk through the gliding hangers.

There was also an opportunity for people to see information about the Kenley Revival Project after it was successfully awarded a Heritage Lottery grant to improve and preserve the Airfield back in October.

Kenley Airfield Friends Group Chairman, Alan Morgan, said:

"The Find Your London festival is a celebration of London's open spaces and you could apply to be involved, which we did. It is a nice way of putting Kenley beyond the local environment and to get some wider publicity, both for the Airfield and for the Kenley Revival Project to restore the airfield.

"We have now got a full-time project manager and a part-time volunteer manager, whose job it is to organise the outreach to schools and local organisations."

For more information about Kenley Airfield Friends Group and the Kenley Revival Project, visit [www.kafg.org.uk](http://www.kafg.org.uk)  
All photos by James Highsted.



The interior of an old bomb shelter at Kenley Airfield.



Lambretta enthusiasts line up outside the Portcullis Club.



Kenley Airfield Friends Group committee member, Neil Quinn (left), taking visitors on a guided tour of the Airfield.



Some of the model aircraft before taking to the sky.

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## Eating Out Celebrate in style at Bollywood!

Review by Julia Church

With its spacious, bright interior and welcoming ambience, Bollywood Indian Restaurant in Godstone Road, Caterham Valley, is the perfect venue for a special celebration or family get-together. Even when the restaurant is full, couples enjoying a romantic night out can still have a quiet conversation without needing to shout above loud music or background noise.

The food represents excellent value and is cooked from fresh ingredients by their experienced chef. The kitchen has also recently been re-awarded a five star hygiene rating by Tandridge District Council.

When I dined there with my partner Roger recently, we decided to let restaurant manager, Khan, recommend the dishes that he thought we would enjoy. Roger and I are both guilty of choosing the



A special birthday celebration at Bollywood.

same favourites when we dine out so it was nice to experiment with some new dishes. Khan recommended the Chicken 65 for Roger's starter and a new dish, Stuffed Tomatoes, for mine. Although not yet on the menu, the Stuffed Tomatoes were lovely and can be ordered by special request! Roger said that his chicken was a bit more spicy than medium, but not too hot for his palette, and the meat was nicely done.

Khan recommended a wonderfully flavoursome Vegetable Korai for my main

course, and Lamb Nagpuri, cooked with mushrooms, tomatoes, onions and spicy sauce, for Roger. Roger's dish was one of the Chef's Specialities and is one of the restaurant's most popular dishes. The side dishes of Tarka Dall (lentils with garlic), Mushroom Rice and Paratha bread were the perfect accompaniments.

Khan's choices were just right for our tastes so I would definitely recommend trying something new and exciting when you next dine at Bollywood!

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## Who wants to be a Volunteer?

by Helen Hammer

The Caterham Volunteer Centre offers a diverse range of volunteering opportunities.

Conservation projects are especially good for health, happiness and helping the local environment and The Downlands Partnership carries out management work on many glorious countryside sites across North East Surrey (from Banstead to Caterham).

The Task Days are supported by conservation volunteers of all ages that enjoy helping with practical work in the great outdoors. There are local scrub clearance tasks taking place during the spring which are ideal to try if you are new to conservation volunteering. Scheduled tasks run across the area on Mondays to Thursdays and some Sundays. There is no fixed commitment.

The Downlands Partnership can accommodate and welcomes larger corporate,



Helen Hammer.

community and school groups by special arrangement and also offers voluntary work placements for people interested in a countryside management career. Or if you love weddings, why not volunteer as a Wedding Co-ordinator? The Soper Hall Community Centre has now been given a wedding license so it needs someone to take wedding bookings and to liaise with couples to arrange their special day in this historic building. The role would involve corresponding by email, talking on the phone, showing couples round and advising them of availability. If you are interested in volunteering then please call the Volunteer Centre on 01883 818350.

## Rare white fox spotted at Caterham Barracks

A beautiful white fox in Caterham-on-the-Hill was captured on a phone camera by Caterham resident, Jenny Bulford, in early March. Jenny spotted the fox outside her office window at The Officers' Mess in the old barracks in Coulsdon Road.

Jenny said: "I just happened to look out of my window and there it was, looking around just a few yards away. I have never seen a white fox before so I grabbed my phone and quickly took a couple of photos before it disappeared."

After sharing the photo on Facebook, a couple of local residents said that they had spotted the white fox around the barracks a few times over the years.

Apparently white foxes are very rare because they do not have the protection of the usual fox camouflage so their lifespan is normally very short. It looks like this lucky fox has found a safe haven in Caterham!



The white fox spotted close to The Officers' Mess. Photo by Jenny Bulford.

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### Downland Chorale

On Saturday 9th April, the Downland Chorale is holding its Spring Concert in St. John's Church, Canon's Hill, Old Coulsdon, CR5 1HA. Tickets cost £12 for adults, £5 for children and £25 for families. For tickets call 07729 618226. For more information visit [www.downlandchorale.org.uk](http://www.downlandchorale.org.uk)

### Caterham Art Group

On Wednesday 20th April, Caterham Art Group is holding an oil painting demonstration of a River Thames scene by Roger Dellar ROI RI PS at 7.30pm in the Douglas Brunton Centre, Chaldon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill.

For more information visit [www.caterhamartgroup.org.uk](http://www.caterhamartgroup.org.uk).

### Jersey Guys and Gals

On Saturday 2nd April at 8pm, Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions Club are hosting the tribute act, Jersey Guys & Gals at an all singing, all dancing concert at the Oasis Academy, Homefield Road, Coulsdon CR5 1ES. Doors open at 7pm.

Anna Langford, who lives in Caterham and is a professional dancer, will be among the performers.

Tickets cost £19.50 and the proceeds will go to local worthy causes. There will be a licensed bar. To book tickets call 01883 742680.

### Greek Evening

On Saturday 7th May, Caterham Rotary Club is holding a Greek Evening at de Stafford School hall, Burntwood Lane, Caterham CR3 5YX from 7pm-11pm. There will be live entertainment, with a Greek Bouzouki band and dancing. Tickets cost £18 per person to include a traditional Greek meal, available from Matthew Baker on 07961 873084, email [matthew@champconsultants.co.uk](mailto:matthew@champconsultants.co.uk). There will be a licensed bar selling beer, wine and soft drinks.

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## Visit The Chalet this spring and support St. Catherine's Hospice

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A water feature at The Chalet, attracting a variety of butterflies.

As well as enjoying the garden and wildlife, there will also be the opportunity to get up close to Mr Gold's Silver Phantom Rolls Royce, limited edition Blue Train Bentley and private helicopter. After exploring the grounds, visitors can enjoy home-made tea on one of the terraces.

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