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Chaldon residents oppose 'unfairness' of Council's Local Plan

by Julia Church



Chaldon residents demonstrate their opposition to the first draft of the Local Plan outside the entrance to Surrey National Golf Course in Chaldon.

Chaldon residents have been voicing their concern over the identification of up to 1,315 potentially developable homes in the village according to the first draft of Tandridge District Council's ('TDC's') Local Plan. The Local Plan is being prepared for the whole of Tandridge for the next 20 years. As part of the process, TDC asked all land owners to put forward prospective pieces of land, green belt included, for possible development.

As a result, a number of green belt sites in Tandridge have been identified as potentially 'developable' after five years, including Surrey National Golf Course, with an Estimated Site Yield of 1,076 homes, and the land to the east of Roffes Lane, with an Estimated Site Yield of 239 homes. Although Chaldon only occupies 1.9% of the total Tandridge area, 1,300 new houses equates to 13.6% of the 9,400 TDC needs to provide to meet government

targets. Chaldon resident, Mr. Colin Batabyal, said: "If these proposals go through, Chaldon will treble in size. This is not just a huge issue for Chaldon, but for all the surrounding areas too, since they will be significantly affected as well. "We just aren't geared up for this sort of increase in houses, people and cars. Some people won't care about the loss of the golf club, but there are so many other aspects that will be affected, including traffic, general infrastructure (gas, electricity, water pressure, sewage), wildlife, doctor's surgeries, schools and even things like the tip!"

The Local Plan documents can be read at: <http://bit.ly/1YtPs7R>. Scroll down and click on "HELAA APPENDIX 3" to see the sites that TDC have identified as potentially deliverable and developable for new housing. Comments to be e-mailed to: localplan@tandridge.gov.uk by Friday 26th February deadline.

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The Developable and Deliverable sites in Tandridge are listed in the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment document, (HELAA Appendix 3 in the Local Plan documents, as referred to on the front page). The document indicates that both sites are not only 'developable' but also 'suitable, available and achievable'. When concerns about the status of the two sites, according to the HELAA Appendix 3 document, were expressed to TDC, the Chief Planning Officer, Mr. Piers Mason, said: "The Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) at this stage sets out whether a site could be developed, not whether it should be developed. It seems strange, but it is

necessary at this early stage of plan making to ensure the Council considers and exposes to consultation all the land put forward by land owners. This is to ensure, should the Council decide not to pursue a particular piece of land for development, it can explain to a government appointed Inspector that it has considered it fully, if only to later discard it for sound planning reasons. The suitability of a site when assessed at this stage may appear contradictory to the conclusions of other pieces of evidence, but of course all this is being consulted on and therefore until the jigsaw is all pieced together, conflicting positions will exist. This can only happen once the Council has been able to listen to all views and opinions."

On hearing about the concerns being expressed by the residents of Chaldon about the disproportionate amount of potential new housing earmarked for Chaldon in the first draft of the Local Plan, East Surrey MP, Mr. Sam Gyimah, said: "The current consultation is the first stage in Tandridge District Council's development of a local plan. It contains all sites submitted as 'available' by landowners, to allow residents to have

their say. It does not seek to determine which are unsuitable on the basis of infrastructure, the green belt and other restrictions at this stage. In developing its strategy for the future of our area, the Council must communicate clearly with residents and give full consideration to their views. I would strongly encourage all residents to respond to the consultation."

Following the short-notice photo call at the entrance to Surrey National Golf Course, Tandridge District Councillor for Chaldon, Pat Cannon said: "I am very pleased to see that so many people from Chaldon have taken an interest in its future and how the preservation of our green belt space is of paramount importance in the prevention of urban sprawl."

The Local Plan documents can be viewed at www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan or in local libraries. Comments must be submitted to TDC no later than Friday 26th February. They can be submitted via the website, e-mailed to localplan@tandridge.gov.uk or sent by letter marked "Local Plan Consultation" to: Planning Policy, Tandridge District Council, Council Offices, 8 Station Road East, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 0BT.

'The Apprentice' candidates, Sam and Elle, release second children's book.

Sam Curry and Elle Stevenson, two candidates from the BBC's Apprentice show last year, have released their second children's book, 'Gobble Gruff'.

Following the huge success of their first book 'Snottydink', the duo have been working hard on their second children's book which was released just before Christmas.

Part ogre, part cat, Gobble Gruff tells the tale of an oversized beast living in a magical forest surrounded by friends and family who are a fraction of his size.

Co-author, Sam Curry, who attended Caterham School, said: "Publishing the book was a lot of hard work. It was definitely a big learning curve. I'm really proud of the book though: it's a great story with a strong message and I'm



Sam Curry and Elle Stevenson.

sure children will love reading it."

Sam's proud grandparents, Ann and Alec Herbert, who live in Chaldon, said: "As the Apprentice receives literally thousands of applications for every series, we were delighted and very proud that he was one of the 18 selected and that Sam has produced this second book. Sam is a very talented young man and we cannot wait to see what his next book is about."

Gobble Gruff is available to purchase from Amazon and also in store at the Rainforest Cafe and other London independent bookstores.

A disproportionate amount of potential development is also earmarked for Caterham in the Local Plan. Although less than two thirds of the size of Oxted Caterham already has double the population but potential sites for a total of 854 properties have been identified for Caterham compared with 597 for Oxted. Numbers put forward for Caterham include 69 dwellings for Church Hill and 13 at Timber Hill Recreation Ground.

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Participants may choose to raise money for their own charity or for Rotary charities. Many runners dress up in bunny outfits. Every finisher is given an Easter egg with the 'Best-dressed Bunnies' and fastest runners getting larger eggs.

Local organisations can put together their own teams to take part in the race and raise funds for their own charity.

Chief organiser of the event, Richard York, said: "Last year we were let down by the weather but still nearly 400 participants took part. Please come and join us in 2016 and help increase the £20,000 raised since our first event back in 2008."

The 1k run is in Queen's Park and along Wood Lane, with no roads to cross, and marshals at each turn.

The 5k race is over an undulating course through Chaldon and Caterham and the course record is 17 minutes 19 seconds. Emily of Bunny Hop Dance and Fitness will be leading the warm up for both runs. The Chair of Tandridge District Council, Rose Thorn, will start the runs and



Alice and the March Hare at last year's Bunny Fun Run.

present the prizes.

A registration form and fee is required for each runner. The fee (non refundable) is £6 for the 5k race and £3 for the 1k run. Registration taken out on the day is double the pre-registration cost.

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Popular Warlingham restaurant wins prestigious award from Le Routiers

On Wednesday 13th January, Tina Griffiths from the acclaimed independent restaurant guide, Les Routiers, visited Chez Vous restaurant, hotel and lounge bar in Warlingham to present the team with the Restaurant of the Year Award 2016.

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Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

Despite excessive wind and rain my Sorbus Pink Pagoda has shone through for many months now. A lone blackbird has helped itself to a few berries, but it is still beautifully laden. On the other side is the Callicarpa, an elusive shrub that is completely overlooked during the summer months, as it is very drab. However, like the ugly duckling, it is transformed in autumn, with beautiful purple berries. The berries of both plants are quickly devoured in cold weather. Another plant that has increasingly impressed me, is the dwarf variegated Skimmia Marlot. It is a fairly new plant, but super in troughs or pots, especially in winter. With such a strange season, some plants have already flowered several months earlier than usual. So I'm wondering if there's going to be a floral void in April/May, though nature has a way of surprising us. I am tempted to start seed sowing, but know from experience that it



Sue Baines.

is better to wait until the latter part of February. Later sown seeds soon catch up, and are generally a lot sturdier. I have left pruning roses, as they put on new, often weaker growth in exceptionally mild weather. Some did get cut back to avoid "wind rock" if they seemed a bit top heavy. However I feel in this topsy turvy season that I had better make a start soon, whatever the weather, although I will leave feeding until next month. There is still lots of tidying to do, as the debris harbours plenty of slugs and snails that are marching towards the tender shoots of Delphinium and Lupins as I write. Happy Gardening Year!

Caterham Dance School students twirl to first place in competition Grand Final

On Saturday 9th January Caterham Dance School entered three couples into the Champions Of Tomorrow Grand Final 2016, held in the magnificent Empress Ballroom at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool. This prestigious competition has been running for 31 years but this was the first time that Caterham Dance School had taken part. Thomas Loveless (11) and his dance partner Emily Leeves (also 11) competed in the Juvenile Beginners Waltz and Quickstep and the Juvenile Beginners Samba and Cha Cha. Out of 36 and 38 couples respectively, they went on to win both events. Chris Boxley (17) and his dance partner Emily Coltman (also 17) tied for sixth place in the Under 35 Beginners Waltz and Quickstep and were placed third in the Under 35 Beginners Cha Cha and Jive. Roy Foster and his dance partner Katherine Bottomley came first in the Over 45 Beginners Waltz and Quickstep and the Cha Cha and Jive.



The Caterham Dance School winners in Blackpool.

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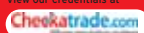
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for Lewisham East and the Shadow Secretary for Health, Heidi Alexander; Cartoonist for the Financial Times, Jeremy Banks (Banx); Tory MP for Portsmouth North and Minister for the Armed Forces, Penny Mordaunt and Editor of The Spectator Magazine, Fraser Nelson. The panel answered questions from the audience on a range of topical subjects including whether or not junior doctors should be allowed to strike and whether the UK should rethink its policy on asylum

seekers following the assaults that took place in Cologne on New Year's Eve. Following the live broadcast, Reverend Duncan Swan said: "It was exciting to be the hosts of Any Questions and great that so many people came along. We are always pleased to hold events that attract new visitors to St. Mary's. Our 150th anniversary is a very special year for us."

Readers Letters

Thank you

We would like to thank all the residents of Caterham, Whyteleaf and Warlingham who contributed so generously to our Christmas house-to-house collection with Father Christmas and his sleigh last December. The total collection was a record at £5,725. We are currently in discussions regarding recipients of the money and full details will be announced in the next few weeks.

Mike O'Reilly, President, Caterham Rotary Club.
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Tandridge Community Fund to take over running of Oxted Donkey Derby

by Mike Moss MBE, Chairman, Tandridge Community Fund

Readers may or may not be aware that 1st Oxted Scout Group, who have been running the Oxted Donkey Derby every June for the last 44 years, will not be running the event any more but have handed the reins over to Tandridge Community Fund ('TCF'). They have kindly agreed to assist TCF by letting us use some of their equipment free of charge, for which we are grateful.

The purpose of TCF is simply to raise capital, which is invested and the interest earned is given to voluntary groups in the Tandridge District area. Initially it took some time to raise sufficient capital to earn enough inter-



Action from last year's Oxted Donkey Derby.

est to pass on to voluntary groups. However, the invested capital has grown and grown, so that the interest given to groups has increased to several thousands of pounds each year. As both Chairman of TCF and President of 1st Oxted Scout Group, I am aware that the public have enjoyed the Donkey Derby over the years and many people have said that they would

like it to continue.

By taking over the running of the Donkey Derby, TCF will make even more funds that can be given to the voluntary groups of Tandridge. The date of this year's Donkey Derby is yet to be confirmed but if you would like to assist with the running of the event or would like more information about TCF please call me, Mike Moss, on 01883 713322.

Switching on of Cedar Tree lights raises nearly £500 for League of Friends

On Monday 11th January the Chairman of Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council, Cllr. Chris Botten, presented Jean Baker, Chairman of The League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital, with a cheque for £482 representing the proceeds of the collection made at the switching on of the Cedar Tree lights last Christmas.

On receiving the cheque, Jean said: "I would like to say a huge "thank you" to both Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council, and to those local people who donated money at the lighting of the Cedar Tree event held prior to Christmas. The sum collected was extremely generous, and it was generous of the Parish Council to give it to the League of Friends. We will in turn donate this money to Caterham Dene Hospital to help fund the refurbishment of the Physiotherapy Department."



Cllr. Chris Botten presenting the cheque to Jean Baker at Caterham Dene Hospital.

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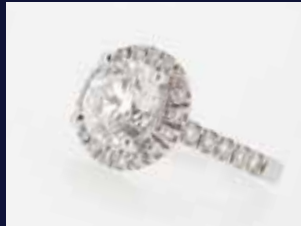
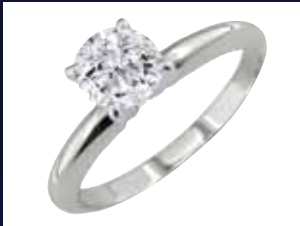
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Hillcroft pupils watch as their cardboard town goes up in flames.

set light to it because it was part of such a fascinating lesson. It was a controlled demonstration, and the best way possible to teach the children some potentially life-saving lessons in a secure environment. It also made them realise how quickly a fire can spread." After the demonstration of how the Fire Brigade do their work, the children were then given a guided tour of the fire engine to find out what all the different pieces of equipment do.

Mrs Richardson said: "It was a hugely enjoyable event, and one the children won't forget in a hurry – and the most important thing is that they won't forget the lessons they learned either. One day, that knowledge could help save lives." Hillcroft Primary is part of the GLF Group, a Surrey-based multi-academy chain which now runs over a dozen schools across the south east, based on a model of strong collaborative management.




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Presenters showcase Ridge Radio at Open Event

On Tuesday 12th January, Ridge Radio in Croydon Road, Caterham Valley, held an Open Event to promote the community radio station to potential new presenters.

Visitors packed the premises as founder, Mark Jones, explained the history and ethos of the station to the visitors and invited them to take part in a live broadcast.

Mark explained that thanks to the power of social media they have a band of dedicated followers from all over the world including Egypt, USA, South Africa and Australia and recently upgraded to a licence for 350,000 listeners. Co-hosts Bob Wilson and Julia Hockin, whose show "Rock on the Ridge" is broadcast on Saturdays from 8pm-10pm, told the visitors about how they met through Ridge Radio and found the perfect partnership both as co-presenters and in their own lives.

Bob and Julia were "blown away" recently when they heard they had been nominated for Best Radio Programme by the worldwide music club Wrinkly Rockers Club and were thrilled to hear on 1st January that they had won the award.

More excitement came to Ridge



Presenter Bob Angel with budding presenter, Amanda, at the Ridge Radio open event.

Radio at the start of the New Year when presenter Aaron Woolie visited the Ashcroft Theatre in Croydon on Friday 22nd January to interview the very funny Cheryl Fergison who plays Heather Trott in Eastenders. Cheryl is performing in the musical Carnival Dreams at The Ashcroft Theatre from 3rd-6th February. Aaron's interview can be heard at www.ridgeradio.dreamhosters.com/listenagain.

The station can be listened to online and via iPad/iPhone/iPod, Android, Blackberry, Windows Phone & Palm. For more information about Ridge Radio and to view the programme schedule, visit www.ridgeradio.dreamhosters.com



Aaron Woolie with Cheryl Fergison at the Ashcroft Theatre.



Bob Angel and Julia Hockin with their Wrinkly Rocker's Club award.

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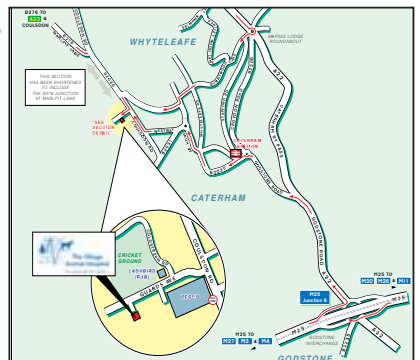
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Who wants to be a Volunteer?

by Helen Hammer, Manager, Caterham Volunteer Centre.



Helen Hammer

If you think you don't have time to commit to being a regular volunteer, why not volunteer for Caterham Volunteer Centre's Event Team? Team Caterham helps with community events that need support. It started two years ago and is a great way for people in the local community to get involved on a really flexible basis. Anyone can sign up. You receive emails about upcoming events and you can help as little or as much as you like. Events include The Caterham Festival - a six-week programme with over 100 events. The success of the Festival relies on community help to make it happen. More hands make light work and there is something for everyone! Phil Charrington is a volunteer for Team Caterham. He worked as a fireman for 30 years and on his day off he used to help out at my daughter's school. Twenty years on he still helps out at the school but now volunteers for Team Caterham as well. His daughter is also part of Team Caterham but has less time to give as she

has just had a baby. Supporting local community events on a flexible basis gives you a feeling of well-being and is really good for your self-esteem. To find out more about Team Caterham and how you can sign-up, contact the Volunteer Centre on 01883 344444 or email caterhamvc@tvsc.org.uk . Tandridge Voluntary Service Council regularly runs free training courses for volunteers. For information about courses taking place throughout February visit www.tvsc.org.uk. On Wednesday 24th February the East Surrey Funding Fair is taking place at St. Joseph's Church, Ladbroke Road, Redhill, RH1 1LF, where local organisations can meet potential funders and learn how to make successful funding applications. For more information contact info@tvsc.org.uk or call 01883 722593.

Quick Quiz

by Alec Herbert

Julia is a nice name. Five questions on Julias.

1. From 2010 until 2013, Julia Gillard was the first female Prime Minister of which country?
2. Julia Sawalha was Saffron Monsoon in which TV comedy?
3. Who has co-presented Watchdog, Top Gear and Country File amongst her many TV programmes?
4. Which writer created the children's books of "The Gruffalo"?
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International Needs Annual Concert

International Needs is holding its annual concert at the Fairfield Halls in Croydon at 7.30pm on Saturday 13th February to help raise funds for maternal care projects. The Croydon Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Darrell Davison, will present an evening of Valentine's Classics including Romeo and Juliet, The Sleeping Beauty, Bolero and the Bartered Bride Overture, and Sophie Dee will perform the Grieg piano concerto. The event is sponsored by Pi Consulting.

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8688 9291 and at www.fairfield.co.uk. For further information telephone Helen on 01883 331332 or email inuk@inneeds.org.uk.

Downland Chorale Concert

On Saturday 6th February the Downland Chorale is hosting its "Come and Sing Workshop" from 11am until 5pm at de Stafford School, Burntwood Lane, Caterham CR3 5YX. Join Downland Chorale for a day of singing "Sing Africa" by Jonathan Willcocks with conductor, Iain Cooper and accompanist, Duncan White. No previous experience required. Tickets cost £12.50 including score. Bring your own packed lunch. Drinks are provided. For more information call 07729 618226 or visit www.downlandchorale.org.uk.

RSPB Talk

East Surrey RSPB is hosting a talk entitled: "Out of the Amazon" by Swapni Kumbhokar, about the birds that live in the Peruvian rainforests, from 8pm-10pm on Wednesday 10th February at the White Hart Barn in Godstone. There will be refreshments at half-time. Entrance

is £3 for adults and £1 for children. All, including non-members of the RSPB, are welcome.

For more information visit <http://www.eastsurreyrspb.co.uk>.

Abba Chique

On Saturday 27th February, Caterham Harestone Rotary are presenting "Abba Chique" at de Stafford School, Caterham CR3 5YX. Tickets cost £20 to include Fish/Chicken and Chips. There is a vegetarian option available. There will be a licensed bar serving beer, wine and soft drinks. To book tickets e-mail abba-chique@harestonerotary.co.uk or call 01883 345678. All proceeds will go to Rotary charities.

Caterham Rotary Concert

On Friday 1st April at 7.45pm, Caterham Rotary Club are presenting 'The Trumpet and Friends Shall Sound!', an evening of short, well known pieces from a wide aspect of genres - classical, jazz and popular music. The concert is being held at Woldingham School, Woldingham CR3 7LR. Tickets, costing £15, can be purchased by e-mailing caterhamrotary2@gmail.com

Tandridge Trust to launch Dodgeball



Dodgeball.

Tandridge Trust will be launching Dodgeball at de Stafford Sports Centre on Monday 1st February and Wednesday 10th February.

Dodgeball is a high intensity, fast paced, non-contact sport, where players throw balls at their opposition on the other side of the pitch. Each game is played for three minutes with two teams of six battling it out in a match of 3, 5 or 7 games. The aim of the game is to eliminate your opponents! Hayley Bull, Development Manager at Tandridge Trust, said: "We are really thrilled to be bringing a new sport to the Tandridge district. We worked in consultation with young people from Tandridge to see what sports they would like to be involved with and this came out top. It's free to try and

it will give the young people a chance to try something new."

No experience in the sport is necessary, just a willingness to get involved and give it a try. Loose, comfortable clothing is best and please bring water.

Aimed at ages 14-18 years old, sessions will run at 5pm-6pm Mondays and Wednesdays at de Stafford Sports Centre, Caterham. The first session is free. Thereafter the cost is £1.50 per session.

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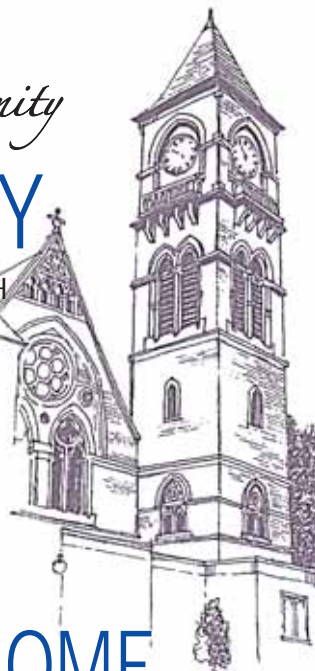
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Breck Foundation holds fundraising silent disco

On Saturday 12th March a Black Light Silent Disco is being held from 7pm-11.30pm at Caterham School, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham.

The Breck Foundation was launched in memory of 14-year-old Breck Bednar from Caterham who was murdered in February 2014 by someone he met online.

The minimum age for the event is 17 as Breck would have celebrated his 17th birthday on 17th March this year. Tickets are £18 per person which includes headphone hire and first drink, to be taken before 8pm.

Dancers choose the music they dance to from three channels, so there is something to suit all tastes. Dancers wearing neon will positively glow! Tickets are available from www.breckfoundation.org.

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"These days there is an increasing demand for gluten-free products and I have popped some on to my website. My Raw Chocolate Cake, for example, is indulgent but nutritious at the same time."



Roxie Chandler.

Having studied Environmental Science, Roxie is acutely aware of how food production can impact on the environment, so she uses organic ingredients and buys local produce whenever possible. Even Roxie's business cards are made from recyclable paper.

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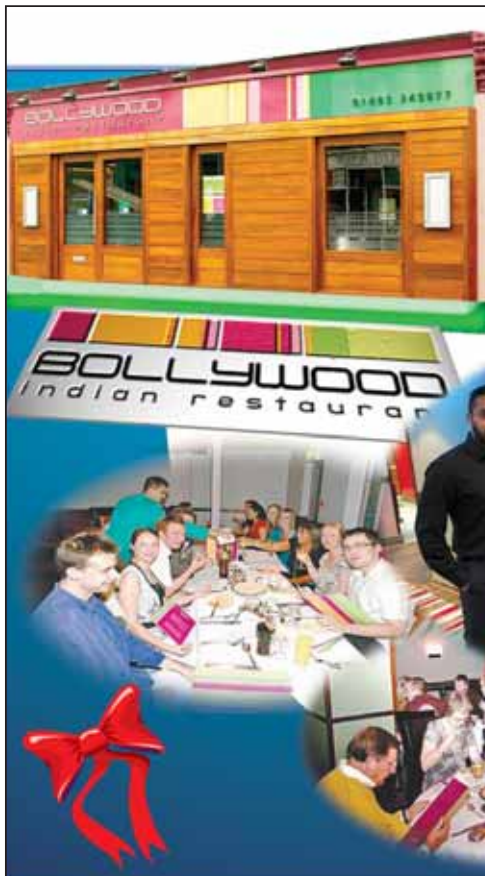
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Eating Out

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Review by Julia Church

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said that the lamb was very tender and my Aubergine Curry had a lovely flavour. We shared a portion of Lemon Rice, the Chef's Special Salad and a portion of rice-based Appam Bread. The Special Salad consisted of mango, guava and avocado spiced with pepper powder and lemon juice dressing. As we were enjoying our meal, the chef, Jinson Paul, emerged from the kitchen to proudly present us with the Jumbo Prawn Masala so that we could include one of their seafood House Specials in my review. It was an impressive sight that caught the attention of all the other diners in the restaurant! As I am a vegetarian, Mum enjoyed the prawns in their Masala sauce and I shared the potato and rice accompaniments. The whole meal was a feast for the eyes, and we were both very happy with the variety of food we enjoyed and the wonderful presentation. At the end of the meal Mum said: "It is a different experience coming here. I am very impressed with the food and the service has been superb all evening." Diners wishing to sample a variety of the dishes can order a Non-Veg Thali for £15.95 or a Veg Thali for £13.95, which are both platters of sample portions of a variety of dishes with a portion of rice and bread - perfect for those new to South Indian cuisine. Of course we were too full for a dessert but there is a Chef's Special homemade dessert amongst



Chef Jinson Paul with the Jumbo Prawn Masala.



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