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Warlingham residents rally to save popular local garage

A scheme to demolish Manor Park Garage in Westhall Road, Warlingham, and replace it with a block of flats is being strenuously opposed by local residents who do not want to see the closure of their popular local garage.

The planning application submitted to Tandridge District Council by the Trademark Group is for the "Demolition of the garage and erection of a three storey apartment building containing 14 residential units with associated landscaping and car parking for 16 vehicles."

If planning permission is granted, the owners of Manor Park Garage, which has occupied the site for 34 years, will have three months' notice to vacate the premises and re-open for business elsewhere. However, with the loss of so much commercial land in Tandridge in recent years to accommodate residential developments, it is highly unlikely the owners will find anywhere suitable in the area to relocate to.

At a Planning Meeting of Warlingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th May,

Warlingham resident, Debbie Miles, expressed her concern about the proposed new development, saying: "I believe the new development will be out of character and not in keeping with the village. Manor Park Garage contributes to the local economy and is an employer of six staff, whose jobs will be lost if the development is approved. It has been proven that the site is not unsatisfactory as a commercial site as businesses have been thriving there for over 60 years."

Warlingham Parish Council have submitted a formal objection to the planning application, details of which will be available to view on their website at www.warlinghampc.org.uk.



Warlingham residents showing their support for Manor Park Garage, which is threatened with closure if planning permission is granted for a block of flats to go on the site.

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by Julia Church

Ten years ago this month saw the publication of the first ever edition of The Caterham Independent, with a blazing front page advertising the forthcoming Caterham Carnival.

The circulation of the paper was just 9,000, to the homes and businesses in Caterham and Chaldon. Despite the recession knocking on our door in 2008, I am delighted to say that the paper has steadily increased its circulation over the years and is now at 26,000, circulated to Caterham, Chaldon, Netherne-on-the-Hill, Godstone, Warlingham, Chelsham, Hamsey Green, Kenley, Whyteleafe and Old Coulsdon!

The name of the paper was soon revised to The Caterham and District Independent to take account of our distribution to Caterham's neighbouring towns. The first edition of the paper



The front page of the June 2006 edition of The Caterham Independent.

featured an interview with Lembit Opik, who was then leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats. The first edition also had a feature about the Caterham Healthcheck that was taking place, called 'ABC - A Better Caterham', to review things in Caterham that needed 'a bit of a boost'.

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all our loyal advertisers that have supported the paper over the years, especially those who have advertised since 2006, including JJ Browne Jewellers; Computer Solutions; It's a Pet's Life; The Ballet Box; Crystal Carpets; Park and Bailey; Butlers; Bollywood and Caterham Valley Computers. Huge thanks must also go to the many other people who have supported us in a multitude of ways, far too numerous to mention on this page. Thank you.

The Caterham Festival 2016 - bigger and better than ever

The Caterham Festival 2016 is now well under way, with a host of different activities taking place to entertain the residents of Caterham and attract hundreds of visitors to the town this summer.

The Caterham Festival Committee have spent the past year planning the programme of events lined up for the Festival which includes a number of exciting new attractions this year, such as the three days of Jazz being held in the Miller Centre, The Caterham Club and The Old Surrey Hounds.

The Chairman of the Caterham Festival Committee, Andy Parr MBE, said: "I have been really looking forward to the Festival. There are some great new events, especially the jazz. Lots more people and businesses have wanted to be involved this year. The Day Space in the Raglan Precinct will be holding an Art Exhibition on the day of the Street Party on 5th June and Chaldon's Women's Institute are holding their Queen's 90th Birthday Tea on 1st June. Caterham School are also getting involved, with lots of events including an art exhibition. "St. Mary's Church are holding a number of special events because it is their 150th



The Foam Fight at last year's Street Party. This year the Street Party in the High Street, Caterham-on-the-Hill, is taking place from 1pm-6pm on Sunday 5th June.

anniversary this year. The Festival is getting bigger each year!

"What I am really looking forward to is the Beer Festival during the Festival Finale on Saturday 2nd July. There will also be a prosecco bar for the ladies and entertainment for children. In the evening the Oxted Brass Band will be performing Last Night of the Proms music, followed by a firework display."

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Council approves scheme for 48 flats on Rose & Young site

On Thursday 28th April, Tandridge District Council's (TDC's) Planning Committee approved two planning applications for the redevelopment of the Rose & Young site in Croydon Road, Caterham. The first application, submitted by the owner of the site, that has been derelict for 20 years, was for 48 flats on four floors over a ground floor retail unit with basement car park beneath. The second application was for a part-four, part-five storey 107-bedroom Premier Inn hotel with a restaurant and retail unit on the ground floor, and basement car park beneath. The permission granted for the owner's scheme is subject to the owner signing a Section 106 Agreement that states that if building has not commenced within one year, the Council can re-look at the requirement to include



The derelict site in Croydon Road, Caterham.

affordable housing in the scheme. At the time the planning application was submitted, evidence was produced to show that it was not financially viable to include affordable housing. Following the decision to grant planning permission for the owner's scheme, the Chief Planning Officer for Tandridge District Council, Mr Piers Mason, said: "The Council has a duty to consider planning applications made to it. Whatever the owner's motive, the Council appreciates that granting planning permission does not guarantee development will go ahead. Our aim is for the site to be redeveloped. "Bearing in mind the long history of inaction and the lack of guarantee that a planning permission will be

implemented by the owner, the Council will continue to pursue the compulsory purchase of the site. The Council's partners have the funds and plans in place to deliver the hotel and retail scheme as soon as they can acquire the land." Caterham Valley Parish Council objected to both planning applications, as they did not consider either scheme to be suitable for Caterham for a number of reasons, including traffic management, parking and the excessive density of the dwellings in the residential scheme. Chairman of Caterham Valley Parish Council, Cllr. Jenny Gaffney, said: "It would appear that for something to be financially viable in Caterham, this often means it is to the detriment of Caterham which generally leads to serious overdevelopment of a site. "The government parking standards and TDC's own density policy in their Core Strategy CSP19 were ignored/dismissed. Where Caterham is concerned, these always seem to be guidelines with lots of scope for manoeuvre.



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"The comment has often been made that it is better to have something rather than nothing on the Rose & Young site but both of these options in their current form are overdevelopment of the site and set high density precedents for future development in the town. Both potential developments also ignore the concerns of many local residents who will have to put up with more parking in their al-

ready saturated roads." Both planning applications and associated documents and comments/objections can be viewed on the Planning Portal at www.tandridge.gov.uk. The application number for the owner's scheme for 48 flats is 2015/1926 and the application number for the Premier Inn scheme is 2016/138.



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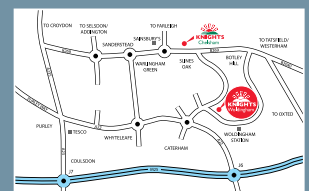
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Summarising the Parish Council's objection, Cllr. David Cooley said: "Warlingham Parish Council is very concerned about the potential loss of a highly regarded business, which is important to the community. We do not want to lose an important employment site nor do we believe that residential property at this location would be of benefit to Warlingham."

In response to the concerns expressed by Warlingham Parish Council and the local residents, the Chief Planning Officer for Tandridge District Council, Piers Mason, said: "The application is still under consideration and we are carefully considering the proposal against the Council's adopted policies, while taking account of the comments we have received. It is important to strike a healthy balance between keeping the existing stock of employment land within the district to help maintain its viability and vitality and allowing the

release of land for alternative uses where that proves to be the most suitable option.

"We do have policies in the Development Plan which seek to keep suitably located commercial sites, particularly where they remain in use and are viable. It does not appear any research has been carried out to look at the viability of the site for either the existing use, or an alternative commercial use and we will have to consider whether the site is unsuitably located for commercial purposes as part of making a decision."

To view the Planning Application and the comments made during the consultation period, go to www.tandridge.gov.uk, click on the link to 'Planning' and search for Planning Application No. 2016/554.

Brian and the team at Manor Park Garage would like to say a big "thank you" to the people of Warlingham for showing their support.

Planning matters high on agenda at the Chaldon Annual Village Meeting

The Head of Strategic Planning Policy at Tandridge District Council, Sarah Thompson, was one of the guest speakers at the Chaldon Annual Village Meeting held in Chaldon Village Hall on Thursday 19th May.

Sarah spoke about the recent changes in the government's planning policy and the importance of Tandridge having a strong Local Plan.

The next speaker, David Carlisle from Planning and Environment Consultancy, AECOM, spoke about the CR3 Neighbourhood Plan and how important it is for the residents of Caterham, Chaldon and Whyteleafe to make their views known about the Plan. David said: "It is incredibly important that the Neighbourhood Plan has support and engagement. The residents of CR3 need to get down to the nuts and bolts of what makes their neighbourhood tick and concentrate on those."

Chaldon Village Councillor, Bob Milton, who is the lead



From left: Cllr. James Richardson; Sarah Thompson; Cllr. Bob Milton.

councillor for the Neighbourhood Plan for Chaldon, reiterated the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan to the audience and also put out an appeal for people to come forward to fill vacancies on the council.

After the speakers answered questions from the audience, the Chairman of the Council, James Richardson, thanked the guest speakers for attending the meeting.

See page 6 for information about how to participate in the CR3 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation.

Correction

The Parish Meetings reported on in the May edition of The Caterham and District Independent were the Annual Parish Meetings of Warlingham Parish Council and Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council, not their Annual General Meetings, as stated. The Annual Parish Meetings report on the councils' activities over the past year and the AGMs are held to elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the next year. We are sorry for any confusion that may have been caused by our error.

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On Sunday 8th May, the Vice-Chairman of Tandridge District Council and Armed Forces Champion for Tandridge, Councillor Pat Cannon, represented the Council at an Armed Forces event for the Laying Up of the Whyteleafe Royal British Legion Standard. The event was co-ordinated by the Royal British Legion and took place at St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe. The Whyteleafe Branch of the Royal British Legion closed in 2008 and sadly will not be re-opening.

During the service, led by Reverend Tim Goode, the flag was presented to the church for safekeeping by local war veteran, Mick Bromley. The service was followed by a reception at the Royal British Legion and Ex-servicemen's Club in Caterham-on-the-Hill. Amongst the Armed Forces in attendance were representatives from the 4th Armoured Medical Regiment based at Keogh Barracks in Aldershot.



Cllr. Patrick Cannon (centre) with the Armed Forces Champion for Runnymede, Shannon Saise-Marshall and Royal British Legion representative, Peter McNeil, flanked by two members of the 4th Armoured Medical Regiment.



Members of the congregation with Rev. Tim Goode outside St. Luke's Church after the service.

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Man charged with Caterham stabbing

A 20-year-old man from Caterham has been charged following an incident on Sunday 8th May at around 8.20pm in the Croydon Road area of Caterham.

Liam Chambers, 20, from Caterham has been charged with a Section 18 GBH, affray and possession of an offensive weapon. Chambers is due to appear at Guildford Crown Court on Thursday 2nd June for a preliminary hearing.

Another three men, who are all in their late teens, have been bailed until Thursday 9th June pending further enquiries.

The victim, a man in his 40s from Caterham who suffered stab wounds as a result of the incident, has been discharged from hospital. Anyone who witnessed the incident or the events surrounding it is urged to contact Surrey Police, quoting reference 45160038130. Information can also be passed anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

There is still time to have your say on the CR3 Neighbourhood Plan

The residents of Caterham, Chaldon and Whyteleafe are being asked to express their views on the first draft of the CR3 Neighbourhood Plan before the deadline of 23.59 on Friday 10th June.

As featured in the May edition of The Caterham and District Independent, the Neighbourhood Plan sets out the local issues and needs identified by volunteers, who are known as the CR3 Forum, during the course of their research over the last four years. Once the final version is officially adopted, the Neighbourhood Plan will become part of Tandridge District Council's set of policies that are used to make planning decisions in the area, giving the CR3 community a significant role in future planning and decision making for the area. The only other area of Tandridge to have produced a Neighbourhood Plan is Woldingham.

The first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan ('The Pre-submission CR3 Forum Neighbourhood Plan 2013-2035') can be viewed online at www.cr3forum.org.uk or

printed versions are available at Caterham-on-the-Hill and Caterham Valley libraries.

The significance of the Neighbourhood Plan was emphasised to the audience at the Chaldon Annual Village Meeting held on Thursday 19th May. However, members of the audience expressed the view that people were being put off from reading and commenting on the document because it had so many pages.

In response, it was explained that the Neighbourhood Plan is very large and detailed because it covers several areas such as housing, transport, education and retail. People are not expected to comment on the whole document, but can read the sections that are of particular interest and comment on those.

To make your views, however brief, known about the Neighbourhood Plan please e-mail your comments on the Pre-submission document to: CR3forum@gmail.com or send by post to CR3 Admin Officer, Salmons Lane, Whyteleafe, Surrey CR3 0HB.

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Chief Planning Officer speaks at Soper Hall

On Wednesday 18th May, Caterham Valley Parish Council held its Annual Parish Meeting in the Soper Hall in Caterham Valley. The guest speaker at the meeting was Mr Piers Mason, the Chief Planning Officer for Tandridge District Council. During his speech, Mr Mason spoke about the current landscape of change presenting challenges to local communities trying to work within the planning system. He also spoke about the importance of the Local Plan with regard to ensuring the best possible outcome for Tandridge when addressing the requirement for new housing over the next 20 years. Mr Mason said, reassuringly: "People sometimes ask me if I care about Caterham and I say yes, I care very much." Following a short question and answer session, Chairman of the Parish Council, Mick Lincoln, spoke about the Council's activities over the past year including the



Mr Piers Mason speaking in the Soper hall at Caterham Valley Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting.

many donations made to support local organisations and events. The meeting was immediately followed by the Annual Statutory Meeting when Cllr. Jenny Gaffney was elected the new Chairman of the Council and Cllr. Peter Roberts was elected Vice-Chairman. The outgoing Chairman, Mick Lincoln, was thanked for his hard work on the Parish Council over the last eight years.

Cllr. Sally Marks is elected Chairman of Surrey County Council for second year

At the Surrey County Council Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th May, Sally Marks, Conservative County Councillor for Caterham Valley, was elected Chairman of the Council for the second year. After the election, Cllr. Sally Marks said: "I am very much looking forward to a second year as Chairman of Surrey County Council and to meeting more amazing Surrey residents doing wonderful things to support our community. This last year has been such a privilege and I have had confirmed my belief that we have a caring, constructive and positive County. I have celebrated volunteers, presented awards and been humbled by the triumph over adversity. From Hurst Green to Haslemere; from Caterham to Cranleigh I have been able to witness some great community spirit."

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Hamsey Green Children's Centre opens new FROG garden

On Friday 20th May, Hamsey Green Children's Centre launched its new Forest, Recycle, Observation Garden (FROG). Lea Archer, Information and Advice Officer at the Centre, said: "The community really got involved to support the project. Local Cub groups have helped construct a bug hotel, volun-

teers built a mud kitchen and families have painted tyres and sheds. The day was fantastic!" Tandridge District Council also donated funds to resurface the garden and provided materials such as willow for weaving. Centre Manager, Alexa Collins, said: "Outside learning has huge benefits to children's development, from underpinning their language and communication to improving behaviour and reducing obesity. Thank you to everyone that came and supported us."



The new Forest, Recycle, Observation Garden at Hamsey Green Children's Centre in Tithepit Shaw Lane.

John Inverdale opens new Sensory Pod at Clifton Hill School

Students at Clifton Hill School in Caterham-on-the-Hill were excited to welcome the TV sports commentator John Inverdale to the school on Wednesday 27th April. John performed the official opening of a bespoke Sensory Pod, the result of several years of fundraising by the school.

Before the ribbon was cut, students gave a rousing rendition of the school song to a host of visitors including Sally Marks, Chairman of Surrey County Council, and representatives of the many organisations that helped raise an incredible £170,000 for the project. John Inverdale is the Honorary President of the Surrey branch of the Wooden Spoon, a rugby charity that raises funds for local disabled and disadvantaged children. The Wooden Spoon was the major sponsor of the project, along with char-

ities Garfield Weston, Wolfson and the ACT Foundation.

The Sensory Pod was designed by Osborne Technologies, specifically to meet the varied needs of the students at Clifton Hill, who have severe or multiple profound learning difficulties, and autism.

The visitors experienced a virtual rollercoaster ride, underwater adventure and rocket launch to demonstrate the exciting possibilities of the iPad-controlled technology.

Jane Lopez, Chair of Governors, said: "The Sensory Pod will transport students to an infinite range of places, times and situations, engaging the senses to enhance their learning. We thank the Wooden Spoon and all of our generous local donors, including Croudace Homes, the Sur-



John Inverdale speaking at the opening of Clifton Hill's new Sensory Pod.

rey National Golf Club, Caterham Rotary Club and the Army & Navy Lodge." Headteacher, Lucy Wilsjveld, said: "We believe that the Sensory Pod will enable our very special students to maximise their potential and enhance their quality of life".

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Kaitlyn is crowned Caterham's new May Queen

by James Highsted

Nine-year-old Kaitlyn Manning from Blindley Heath, has been crowned Caterham's new May Queen amidst glorious sunshine at The Arc in Caterham-on-the-Hill on Sunday 8th May. Kaitlyn, who attends St. Stephen's Primary School in South Godstone, will be responsible for opening this year's Caterham Carnival and will also decide what will be on the May Queen's float this year. Kaitlyn is following in the footsteps of her mum

Michelle and her cousin, outgoing queen Shivon Creasey, who attends Hillcroft School in Caterham.

The new May Queen said: "I'm excited and nervous; a bit of everything really!"

Proud mum Michelle Manning said: "Kaitlyn was Prince last year. You work your way up through the fairies, to girls in white dresses, to banner bearer, to crown bearer, Prince and then Queen, so she has worked her way up."

"As May Queen you have to do the Hayes Common walk, open the Caterham Carnival and be in charge of the May Queen float. I am really proud of her!"



From left: Armani Manning; Lexie Cardy; Shanay Creasey (in front); Shivon Creasy; New May Queen, Kaitlyn Manning; Ruby Birch; Lily-May Appleby; Elise Cardy. Photo by James Highsted.

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Entry forms can be downloaded from www.caterhamfestival.org or www.caterham-independent.co.uk or picked up from Caterham-on-the-Hill or Caterham Valley libraries or The Arc in Weston Drive, CR3 5XY. Copies will also be available from stands at the Caterham Carnival on Saturday 11th June and the Caterham Festival Street Party on Sunday 5th June.

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Keeping Pace with Her Majesty Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

Record Inheritance Tax bills in the last tax year are a timely reminder of the need for good estate planning.

It is not just because of David Cameron's family that Inheritance Tax (IHT) planning has been in the news recently.

Figures released by HMRC confirm that, in the last tax year, the government benefited from IHT to the tune of £4.6 billion¹. It is the first time annual revenues have exceeded £4 billion and represents a 21% increase on the amount of tax paid in the previous tax year. The income received by the Treasury from IHT has soared by 70% in the last five years.¹

The boost to the Treasury's coffers is a timely reminder of the damaging effect death duties can have on families' plans to create and pass on wealth, and also that there are perfectly legitimate ways of mitigating IHT through foresight and careful financial planning.

Heir Loss

While most assets have risen in value since 2009, the IHT nil-rate band has remained fixed at £325,000 per person (£650,000 for couples), so it's not surprising that the number of families paying IHT has risen.

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The Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) reports that housing assets now account for around half of the value of estates notified for probate, highlighting the impact that rising property prices have had on IHT receipts.

Home Help

In his Budget last summer, Chancellor George Osborne announced the introduction of a new main residence nil-rate band for the main home when it is bequeathed to a direct descendant. This new band will add £100,000 to the threshold from April 2017, and will rise in stages to £175,000 in the 2020/21 tax year.

In the meantime, IHT receipts are expected to rise to £5.6 billion per year by 2020/21², despite the concession for home owners.

The introduction of the main residence nil-rate band will certainly help families reduce their liability to IHT, but it needs to be considered alongside fundamental estate planning such as writing a Will, establishing trusts where appropriate, and making use of annual exemptions like gifting.

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The Bourne Society celebrates 60 years

by Liz Bonsall

The country's largest local history society, The Bourne Society, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 19th March. Over 150 members attended the 60th AGM, held at Coulsdon Manor Hotel. There were exhibitions from local organisations, a complimentary lunch and interesting talks in the afternoon from Gwyneth Fookes and Roger Packham, notable local historians.

The Society's first meeting in 1956 was attended by an enthusiastic group of 14 led by Jeffrey Spence, a dedicated railway enthusiast, and Charles Silverthorne, a local librarian.

They could hardly have imagined the growth of their Society from 14 to over 2,000 members today. The Society was delighted that Dr. Ron Cox, a founder member, attended the 60th anniversary. The Society's activities are many and varied, with the publication of a quarterly journal and occasional local history guides, monthly talks, an annual Heritage Tour, oc-



Members enjoying the Diamond Jubilee celebration at the Coulsdon Manor Hotel.

casional Day Coach Tours, Pub History Visits and Landscape Walks. In addition the Bourne Society maintains a presence at numerous local events, recognises local sites of historical importance through its Blue Plaque scheme and liaises with local schools.

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collapsed last week following heavy rain. Thankfully, there were no casualties at the school. "The school has just four toilets between 250 girls in the boarding section at present. CHECK would like to thank the people of Caterham for their quick and generous response to our appeal to help the girls." Donations can still be made on the MYDONATE section of the charity's website www.checkkimilili.com or by sending a cheque to Geraint Jenkins MBE at 32 Banstead Road, Caterham CR3 5QE. Two of the walkers also raised £500 for COAT (Caterham Overseas Aid Trust).



Geraint Jenkins MBE (centre) holding the Kenyan flag with CHECK supporters after the sponsored walk.

QUICK QUIZ

By Alec Herbert

Summer is here (or should be) so here are five questions on June.

1. June Brown has appeared as which "soap" character since 1985?
2. June Carter, an American country singer, married which fellow country and western superstar?
3. Juno, after whom the month is named, was the Queen of the Gods in which mythology?
4. "June is Bustin' Out All Over" is a song from which musical?
5. Which now famous London landmark was officially opened by the Prince of Wales on 30th June 1894?

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2. Johnny Cash; 3. Roman;
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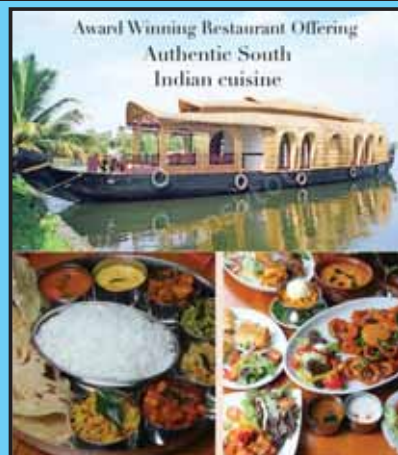
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The spice garden of India

Review by Julia Church

Kerala is a beautiful region in south west India and the port, Cochin, is the commercial capital. It is the home of chef, Jinson Paul, who grew up with traditional Keralan cuisine. He uses authentic Keralan cooking techniques and recipes in his kitchen at The Cochin so that diners can experience many of the region's exotic recipes for themselves.

We were recommended the Boiled Egg Roast to share for a starter where the eggs are dipped in batter, then deep fried and served with a creamy, spicy sauce, served on a banana leaf. We agreed it was a dish that we would both highly recommend.

Jinson Paul likes to come out of the kitchen and meet the diners later on in the evening, to see what they think of the food. He may even tell them about how he taught some celebrities how to make the perfect Masala Dosa!

When my daughter Jenny and I visited the Cochin recently, we both tried South Indian dishes that were completely different from what we normally ate when going out for a curry.

We also tried the Drumstick Soup made of lentils, shallots, ginger, garlic and curry leaves which was a lovely, light and tasty starter. Jenny also had the Lamb Coconut Fry starter which had a very generous quantity of lamb and Jenny said had lots of flavour.



The Boiled Egg Roast starter

For our main courses, Jenny had the Neerulli Prawn Curry made with King Prawns and cooked in a special sauce made with shallots. It is one of the chef's special dishes and went beautifully with our side dishes of Mushroom Masala and Beetroot with Coconut. I had a dish that is not on the menu - a Mixed Vegetable Curry that Jinson Paul prepared with a great selection of vegetables including green beans, carrots and potatoes. We shared a portion of Appam bread which is gluten free, made simply from rice and a small quantity of lentils. Nicole explained that the chef can adapt any dish to individual customer's tastes or dietary requirements, if they have a nut allergy for example, as every meal is freshly prepared once it has been ordered.



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Eating Out

Enjoy a summer sizzler at The Curry Leaf

Review by Julia Church

A summer sizzler was exactly what I enjoyed when I visited The Curry Leaf Indian and Bangladeshi restaurant in Old Coulsdon recently. I have found that Indian restaurants always have an excellent choice of vegetarian dishes and the dish I chose when I visited with my friend Jill, was excellent.

After sharing a starter of tasty spicy and plain papadoms, Jill chose one of the 'Specials of the Day' the Honey Lamb, and I chose one of the 'Tandoori Ka Kamal Sizzling' dishes, the Special Sizzler Mixed Vegetable.

To go with our main courses we chose Sag Paneer (spinach with cheese) and Bindi Churchuri (fried Okra) as our vegetable side dishes, along with a portion of Fruit Rice and a Peshwari Naan.

Once Jill's Honey Lamb and all the side dishes were on the table, our waiter, Dewan, brought my sizzling vegetables

to the table on a separate trolley and served them onto my plate, still sizzling. The array of food looked sumptuous and tasted as good as it looked. Jill said that she was not normally very keen on rice but she tried the Fruit Rice following my recommendation. She agreed with me that it made a lovely change to have rice with dried fruit in, including dried slices of banana and sultanas. My Special Sizzler Mixed Vegetable was nice and firm, not over-cooked and soft. The texture and flavour of the vegetables, which included tomato, potato, big chunks of onion, pepper and aubergine, was perfect (and only cost £7.40 for a huge plateful). I had to make a space on my plate specially for the vegetable accompaniments and rice. Jill and I both agreed that the Sag Aloo was a lot creamier than we had experienced elsewhere, and the Okra was rather unusual and interesting. It was medium spicy and was also cooked just right so that it was not too soft. Jill said the sauce for her Honey Lamb was very rich and fragrant and really nice. It is one of the several new additions to the Specials of the Cuisine section of the menu. The Curry Leaf has Special



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Audiences pack Chaldon Village Hall for 'It's a Deadly Game'

by Madeline Castrey

CADDYS (Chaldon Arts, Drama and Dance Youth School) recently staged their performance of *It's a Deadly Game*, specially written for them to be performed at the end of their Easter Production Week. The cast of 27 learnt the whole script, ten songs and dances in one week and their performance in support of Momentum Children's Charity was a resounding success.

Due to public demand, a second showing of this production took place on 23rd April in support of The Rainbow Trust, and a very special award was made to one of the young performers.

The inaugural CADDYS Award for Outstanding Achievement and Endeavour, sponsored by Professor Howard of Chaldon, was presented. The recipient was 12-year-old Felicity Smith. The award was presented by Professor Howard, who said he had



Felicity Smith with her award for Outstanding Achievement and Endeavour.

watched with delight many performances that Felicity has taken part in. Felicity has displayed continuous commitment and passion for the performing arts, and regularly has any audience in stitches with her comic timing and command of the stage.

CADDYS are very much looking forward to their next production weeks during the summer holidays. If you would like to get involved in this fun and lively young group, please email caddysproductions@gmail.com, or visit www.caddys.org.uk for more information.

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Dan Jaconelli

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result of this. We therefore thank all our customers for their loyal support, not forgetting all the local estate agents who provide us with continuous maintenance work, keeping their rental property up to scratch. Lastly, thank you Julia Church and her team at The Caterham and District Independent for helping us to attract new customers over the last ten years. I wish you all the best for the future."



Chris and Julia pop open Champagne for the double celebration. Photo by Jenny Bulford.

What's On

Caterham Art Club

On Wednesday 15th June, Caterham Art Group are holding a watercolour demonstration of a farm landscape by William Newton. The demonstration will begin at 7.30pm and will be held in the Douglas Brunton Centre, Chaldon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill. Visitors are welcome. For more details visit www.caterhamartgroup.org.uk.

Chaldon Village Picnic

On Sunday 5th June from 12 noon-5pm, the annual Chaldon Village Picnic is being held in Six Brothers Field (entrance via Willey Broom Lane, CR3 5PD). Please bring your own picnic.

Summer Fair

Whyteleafe Primary School in Whyteleafe Hill are holding their annual Summer Fair on Saturday 25th June from 11.30am-2.30pm. Amongst the family fun will be sideshows and stalls, a Bird of Prey Display and entertainment from the Whyteleafe School Choir, Mini Singers and Warlingham Dance Studio. Refreshments will be available, including a barbecue and Pimms tent.

East Surrey Choral Society Concert

On Saturday 2nd July at 7.30pm, East Surrey Choral Society with soloists from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama will present

'Love is in the Air'. There will be romantic music from stage and screen featuring 'Hiawatha's Wedding Feast' by Croydon's own Samuel Coleridge-Taylor. The event will be held at Woldingham Village Hall, Station Road, CR3 7EU. Tickets will be available on the door or online at www.escs.org.uk. Tickets cost £10 for adults. Free entry for children aged 14 and under.

Warlingham Fair

The Warlingham Fair is taking place on Saturday 18th June from 11am-4pm at Blanchman's Farm Nature Reserve, Limpsfield Road, Warlingham CR6 9LJ. The attractions will include a lunchtime concert by singer, John Lazenby, Xtreme Stunt Team, Dog's It's a Knockout, stalls, sideshows and lots more. For more information visit www.warlingham-fair.org.uk

Caterham and District Carnival

The Caterham and District Carnival is being held on Westway Common, Caterham-on-the-Hill on Saturday 11th June from 1pm-5pm. The Carnival Procession leaves The Arc in Weston Drive, Caterham, CR3 5XY to reach Westway Common at approximately 1pm for the judging of the floats. There will be a programme of arena acts, sideshows, stalls and a funfair amongst all the many attractions.

The Big Chaldon Village Breakfast

On Saturday 11th June from 9am-12pm, St. Peter and St. Paul School PTA are holding the Big

Chaldon Village Breakfast to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday and raise funds for the school. The Femmes, a close harmony girl band, will be coming along to provide live music during the event. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £2 for children in advance from The Harrow pub or by e-mailing ptastpeterstpaul@outlook.com or £6 for adults and £3 for children on the day and include a breakfast bap, a hot drink, morning papers, live music and games for the children. The event will be held at St. Peter and St. Paul Infant School, Rook Lane, Chaldon, CR3 5BN. Parking is limited.

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Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

All the planning and design is coming to a head now, but before I start putting my plans into action, I take a quick look round the garden. As my saying goes, a bug/weed in time saves 99. I try and work with the weather. If it is sunny and windy, I make sure everything is very thoroughly watered. I think the wind dries plants out as quickly as the sun.

With Chelsea at the end of May, the gardening term "the Chelsea chop" acts as a reminder to cut back late flowering, overly energetic plants that can become very lax and floppy. This works really well on my larger sedums, and as long as it's done fairly promptly, it should not curtail flowering. The lawn did not get much attention until the beginning of May. Warmer, lighter days means it's growing fast, so if the ground is damp, it will be raked and fed. I like the liquid "Evergreen" spray,



Sue Baines

that attaches to the hose end. This feed works really quickly, and lasts six weeks. Bare patches have a sprinkling of grass seed on lightly raked soil but protect with chicken wire, as the wood pigeons are quick to snack on the seeds! Keeping the lawn cut each week during summer months should keep it trim, unless drought prevails. My runner beans, soaked overnight and then kept in nicely damp multi-purpose compost for about a week, hung in a carrier bag in the greenhouse, are now ready to go into my vegetable patch. Cloches kept the soil warm and hopefully nematodes for slugs will mean we get a bumper harvest. I can't wait!

Club celebrates opening of new croquet lawns

On Saturday 14th May, the Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Councillor Rose Thorn, formally opened the new croquet lawns in Queen's Park, Caterham.

The lawns and new toilet facilities have been made possible following donations from Surrey County Council, The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge Surrey Legacy Fund 2014, the Croquet Association and the South Eastern Croquet Federation, as well as from Roger Lugg, David Gold and members of the Caterham Croquet Club.

Tandridge District Council supported the development of the lawns by giving a grant, managing the contractors and bringing the lawns up to a good playing condition.

Caterham Croquet Club has enjoyed an active presence in Queen's Park since 1986. Chairman of Caterham Croquet Club, John Gilbert, said: "It was most gratifying to welcome so many



Chairman, John Gilbert (centre wearing white cap) with Caterham Town Crier, Sonia Hunt, Cllr. Rose Thorn and supporters and members of Caterham Croquet Club at the Grand Opening of the new lawns.

members and guests to the official opening of our new lawns after four years of planning, fundraising and construction.

The setting on The Circle in Queen's Park is beautiful, with the backdrop of trees, colourful flower beds and very trim outfield. But the jewel in the crown is the croquet area - two full size lawns meticulously manicured. We must pay tribute to the two groundsmen, Phil and Graham, for all the work they have put into its care and

maintenance, in spite of the frequently dreadful weather conditions.

"We are very grateful to the donors and particularly to Tandridge District Council for the detailed planning, dealing with the various contractors at all stages and the subsequent aftercare. Now the Club can look forward to the next 30 years, with lots of new members and plenty of trophies."

For more information about the club visit Caterham-croquet.org.uk or call John Gilbert on 01883 340155.



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The 22 stunning arrangements on display were contributed by local churches and other organisations including Hillcroft Primary School, the local Brownies, Guides, Scouts and Cubs and Caterham Floral Club. Groups from within St. Mary's itself such as the choir, the Alpha Group and the bellringers were also represented.

On Friday 10th June the church is hosting a Comedy Night at 7.30pm as part of its anniversary celebrations. Tickets cost £10 to include a glass of wine and are available by e-mailing stmaryscaterham@gmail.com or calling 01883 348751.



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**Caterham Rotary Half
Marathon and 10k**

by Roger Easter

The third Caterham Rotary Half Marathon and our second 10k race, both again sponsored by North Downs Hospital in Caterham, will start on Redhill Aerodrome at 9am on Sunday 3rd July. Last year over 300 runners completed the Half Marathon with the winner, James Barker, claiming the £100 cash prize and coming home in 1 hour 13 minutes and 41 seconds. After hitting the beach with the Brighton Marathon and breathing in city views in the London Marathon, runners can now treat their senses in the summer to beautiful English coun-

tryside. Dotted in a blanket of lush green landscape, the route of the Caterham Rotary Half Marathon is mainly flat and apart from the grass finish, the surface is all road. The Half Marathon distance consists of two circuits of the roads surrounding Redhill Aerodrome including the village of Nutfield, with the 10k route taking one circuit. Both routes are certified so that the event is UK Athletics approved and times count towards athletes who wish to include the event for their national performance records. Race Management company Nice-Work are providing the

necessary expertise for the event. Richard York of Caterham Rotary Club said: "We are pleased to have Nice-Work on board and their knowledge and professionalism made a major contribution to the overall success of the day in 2015. We had many positive comments on race organisation from competitors who said that they would do it again." North Downs Hospital will have their physios on hand and we are delighted that Emily Watson of Bunny Hop Dance and Fitness will again lead warm up routines before the events commence. Antonio from La Pergola restaurant in Whyteleafe is providing the catering. A percentage of the money raised will go towards CRY, a charity that works to tackle Cardiac



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Caterham Valley

Guide price £950,000

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Guide price £925,000

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Caterham Hill

Guide price £700,000

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Caterham Valley

Guide price £625,000

An internal viewing is a must to fully appreciate this stunning and unique four bedroom home with landscaped rear garden and block paved driveway providing ample off street parking, situated in a highly sought after residential road with views across Caterham Valley to rear. EPC Rating D. UPCI792



Caterham Hill

£375,000

A well presented two bedroom semi detached bungalow occupying a well maintained level position with driveway and detached garage, situated within a short walking distance of Kenley Aerodrome and Coulsdon Common. Viewing highly recommended. EPC Rating TBC. UPCI787



Caterham Hill

OIEO £350,000

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