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## Councillors oppose a garden village in Chaldon

Chaldon residents have been expressing their surprise and anger that Green Belt land surrounding the ancient St. Peter and St. Paul Church has been identified as one of the sites under consideration for a "Garden Development" as part of the Local Plan.

On Thursday 16th March, Tandridge District Council's Planning Policy Committee agreed the Council's Preferred Strategy for development for the district up to 2033.

This supports the proposal for a garden village, of around

4,000 houses, which would require the release of around 1% of Green Belt land to be pursued as part of the Local Plan. The aim is to provide a mix of affordable and starter homes and would include new schools, a doctor's surgery, supermarket and investment in roads.

At this stage, the strategy does not set out in detail exactly where new development will take place, but sets out the principles on which decisions will be based. One of the sites put forward by landowners

and developers to be considered is at Alderstead Heath and Tolsworth Farm in Chaldon, adjacent to the North Downs Way National Trail. The other four sites are at Blindley Heath, land west of Edenbridge, Redhill Aerodrome and South Godstone. Once locations which can be developed have been identified, further consultation will take place to ensure the final Local Plan caters for present and future needs.

Without looking at the Green Belt, the Council says it will only be able to deliver just over a third of the housing needed. This approach would not boost the supply of housing as required by the government and would not pass the



Land at Alderstead Heath in Chaldon under consideration as the site for a proposed new garden village.

independent examination of the Local Plan, which could mean the Council losing the ability to control and plan for development in the district, putting more Green Belt at risk.

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## Councillors oppose a garden village in Chaldon

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The land in Chaldon is one of a number of sites added to the Local Plan's Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment ("HELAA") after the Local Plan consultation period ended on 30th December 2016.

Responding to the Chaldon site being one of the sites to be considered for the garden village, Chaldon Village Councillor, Bob Milton, said: "Chaldon Village Council has publically stated its willingness to work with Tandridge District Council ("TDC") on the Local Plan. We have put our faith in TDC to deliver a Local Plan that will meet the housing need for the district, but also protect and respect open and green spaces. This late, uninformed and arbitrary decision to include Chaldon land for consideration under the Local Plan has damaged the reputation of TDC and has raised doubts as to their commitment to full public con-

sultation and scrutiny of the Local Plan process."

Following the initial announcement of the proposal for a new garden village in February, Liberal Democrat District Councillor for Caterham-on-the-Hill, Chris Botten, said: "I welcome the recognition that our urban centres can take no more large scale development and that our infrastructure is creaking. I am pleased that the dangers of flooding due to poor planning and over development in Caterham have at last been recognised, as a result of fierce campaigning by residents. We desperately need clarity about the location of the "garden village", and I hope that the absurdity of locating it next to Chaldon means it will be ruled out quickly. That said, I believe the creation of a new residential settlement with schools, primary care and appropriate infrastructure is the right solution and that with careful planning, it will be seen that using up 1% of our Green Belt to save the rest is the best outcome for the district. We will, however, need to continue to fight to save Heath Road al-

lotments and other valued open spaces and to ensure that planners fully understand the flood issue. We need huge investment in our infrastructure, and we need to fight to find the resources to fund that investment."

Before the vote to adopt the strategy for a new garden village, Cllr. Botten proposed a new Recommended Urban Space Objective be included in the strategy to protect open spaces within urban areas. This proposal was agreed by members of the Planning Policy Committee who then voted in favour of the proposal for a garden village.

Following the vote, Councillor Peter Bond, Chairman of the Planning Policy Committee, said: "We now have a clear strategy that will be reflected in the development of a Local Plan that is infrastructure-led and which relieves the pressure on existing facilities. Releasing a small amount of the Green Belt will enable us to deliver the infrastructure we so badly need, while protecting the rest from incremental development."

## Caterham publishes its 'community vision' for the next 15 years

After many months of work by a team of enthusiastic volunteers, The Caterham Town Design Statement has been approved by Tandridge District Council ("TDC") and published. This exciting project, exploring how both Caterham Valley and Hill town centres could be invigorated for the benefit of the whole community, will be used in conjunction with the Caterham Masterplan being managed by TDC. These two projects together will maximise the opportunities for Caterham's two town centres.

The Caterham Town Design Statement has taken information from over 400 surveys completed by residents and local businesses, plus questionnaires and information from de Stafford School pupils and attendees at the Douglas Brunton Centre. There have also been detailed working groups involving over 30 local people from all walks of life in workshops and meetings who have pulled peoples' vision together into this final statement.

Subjects covered range from retail and business, through to access and parking, public spaces, leisure, our heritage, character,

buildings and functionality. It is hoped this will ensure that the town will be as loved and valued in the future as it has been in the past.

Chris Windridge, Chair of the project, said: "It is fantastic to have had the opportunity to be involved in this meeting of minds from the whole Caterham community. It is very encouraging that TDC has been so supportive of the project, and we look forward to an ongoing collaboration. The momentum to bring Caterham to a well-deserved prosperous future has been kick-started at last, and I would like to thank everyone who has helped realise this over the last two years."

Louise Round, Chief Executive of TDC, said: "We welcome the publication of the Caterham Town Design Statement, an informative piece of work which the Council contributed some funding towards in order to capture the community's vision of how they would like to see their town evolve. It will feed into the creation of a Caterham Masterplan which will set out a vision for Caterham for the next 15 years and deliver improvements to the town's appearance and its retail and leisure offer."

To view the document, visit [www.towndesign.net](http://www.towndesign.net). Follow on Facebook at "Caterham Town Design".

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## Six Nations Glory for Caterham's Kay Wilson

by Julia Church

Friday 17th March saw England beat Ireland 34-7 in a St. Patrick's Day Women's Six Nations final, featuring Kay Wilson from Caterham in the winning squad. It was also the first Six Nations Grand Slam in five years.

Kay kicked off her rugby career as a member of the Old Caterhamians ("Old Cats") Minis at the age of five before moving on to play with the boys at Warringham Rugby Club. When Kay was 12 she left to join the girls' team at Dorking Rugby Club.

On Saturday 11th March, in their match against Scotland, Kay scored seven tries, helping the team beat Scotland 64-0! Kay became the first player to score four first-half tries in the Women's Six Nations.

Shortly after the Final, Kay said: "My main feeling after beating Ireland was one of relief because we had not won the Six Nations since 2012 but kept coming second, so it was great to get the Grand Slam! Next we have the really hard training block ready for when we head to New



From left, England Women's Kay Wilson, Emily Scarrett and La Toya Mason with the Six Nations Cup just after the final.

Zealand in June to play Tests against New Zealand, Australia and Canada then we will be defending the World Cup in August." To follow the Red Roses, visit [www.Englandrugby.com/england/england-women/](http://www.Englandrugby.com/england/england-women/)



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## Agencies meet to push forward plans to tackle flooding in Caterham

On Tuesday 21st March, a meeting was held in Caterham-on-the-Hill to plan flood risk management in Caterham and Old Coulsdon, following the devastating flood on Tuesday 6th June last year. The floodwater from Caterham-on-the-Hill cascaded down on to Caterham Drive in Old Coulsdon, that already has poorly-maintained drains, causing serious cross-border flooding between Tandridge and Croydon. Therefore representatives from the planning departments of both Tandridge District Council as well as Croydon Council were present at the meeting. Surrey County Council, who is responsible for surface-water drainage and Thames Water who have responsibility for the sewers, as well as the Environment Agency, Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council, the National Flood Forum and the Old Coulsdon and Caterham-on-the-Hill Flood Action Groups all had representatives present at the meeting.

Following the meeting, Julie Blackman, Chair of the Old Coulsdon Flood Action Group, said: "I live in fear of rain because very little has been done to prevent a flood happening again. The flood was bad enough but the aftermath was even worse because we felt so let down but I think the various agencies are more aware of their responsibilities now and know that we, the Flood Action Groups, are not going to go away. It is good that they are talking to each other and doing some joined up thinking. I want all the flood victims, especially the elderly ones, to be reassured that we are still working to get some real action done to protect us from further flooding but it is a very slow process." A spokesperson for Surrey County Council said: "We are working on a study to investigate the opportunities for managing flood risk in the catchment between Caterham-on-the-Hill and Old Coulsdon. This is a partnership project with other authorities including London Borough of Croydon, Environment Agency, Tandridge District Council and Thames Water. All of us have met with the Flood Action Groups to address the resi-



Money Road in Caterham-on-the-Hill during last June's flood. Photo by Christine Hull. "Residents' questions in the areas affected by the floods." A statement from Croydon Council said: "The council is part of the official working and project group which has been set up to find long term solutions to the flooding in the Caterham catchment. We are committed to working closely with the Caterham and Old Coulsdon Flood Action Group, which is supported by the National Flood Forum." Julie added: "It is essential that flooding is taken into account when developers put in planning applications. The National Planning Policy Framework says that a development cannot increase the risk of flooding elsewhere due to inadequate infrastructure. The problem affects everyone because insurance premiums will go up across the whole neighbourhood if our infrastructure is not fit for purpose."

## Caterham celebrates launch of new Community Hub

Caterham Valley Library in Stafford Road is now a real Community Hub since the Citizens Advice Bureau has relocated to the newly-refurbished top floor. Also housed within the library building is the Caterham and District History Centre and the Caterham branch of the Tandridge Voluntary Service Council making it a real 'one stop shop' for Caterham. On Thursday 9th March, Sally Marks, Chairman of Surrey County Council and also County Councillor for Caterham Valley performed the official opening of the new Hub, along with Peter Longhurst, the Chairman of Trustees for the Caterham CAB and representatives from other organisations. Sally Marks said: "This is the culmination of a long held dream to bring lots of local organisations together under one roof and I am so very privileged to be able to open this wonderful space and facility for our community."



Clockwise, from left: Library Manager, Jacqueline Wilson; Volunteer Centre Manager, Helen Hammer; Library Manager, Sarah Henke Monti; Cllr. Sally Marks; CAB Chairman, Peter Longhurst.

Following the official opening, Caterham Rotary President, Colin Vane, presented a cheque to Peter Longhurst, saying: "We are very pleased to be able to support the Citizens Advice Bureau for Caterham & Warlingham. They are a voice for their clients and consumers on the issues that matter to them and within our community people have somewhere to turn when they need help."

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## Residents call for safety measures at Woldingham accident black spot

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Three people were taken to St George's Hospital in Tooting with serious injuries. Three people were also taken to East Surrey Hospital in Redhill.

The road was closed in both directions for over five hours, while emergency services, including fire and ambulance crews, dealt with the incident.

Officers are continuing to establish the circumstances of the incident and would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the accident or with any other information. Andy Bell, owner of nearby Birchwood Lodge Kennels and Cattery, said: "This is an accident black spot and I



The aftermath of the accident in Woldingham Road. Photo by Steven Bell, Birchwood Lodge Kennels and Cattery.

have been saying for a long time that there needs to be traffic calming measures put in here before somebody gets killed. This is just the latest in a number of crashes that have happened here over the years and someone will get killed if something is not done to slow the traffic down on this road."

A spokesperson for Surrey County Council said: "We take our residents'

safety extremely serious and, in light of the recent events, we will be conducting an inspection of the site to see if there is anything we can do to make Woldingham Road, which can get very busy, safer for all involved."

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Caterham resident, Michael Hewitt, spent many years photographing the Monaco Grand Prix and met John

Surtees on a number of occasions.

Michael said: "At Brands Hatch in June 1993 a two day "Tribute to John Surtees" race meeting took place for which a special souvenir programme was produced. John was very interested in my photograph used on the cover, showing him followed by Jackie Stewart coming through the Monaco chicane in 1966. He had never seen pictures taken from that angle. I explained that photographers were forbidden to stand where I had to take the photograph, but I obtained special permission to stand there for the first few laps of the Grand Prix."



Michael's photo of John Surtees followed by Jackie Stewart that was used on the souvenir programme.

## Conservation work complete at Chaldon beauty spot

Important conservation work is now complete at Quarry Hangers, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) in the Surrey Hills at Chaldon. Extensive targeted scrub clearance was carried out to improve the landscape and restore the rare and precious chalk grassland, typical of the North Downs. The work was funded by a grant from the Surrey Hills Trust Fund, a fund within the Community Foundation for Surrey, which helps to conserve and maintain the fragile environment of the Surrey Hills by awarding grants to support a wide-range of local projects from landscape conservation to community enterprise schemes. A match funding contribution was also made by the Downlands Trust, the registered charity partner of the Downlands Partnership.



Cllr. Pat Cannon at the Quarry Hangers site in Chaldon.

Chairman of Tandridge District Council, Councillor Pat Cannon, who visited the site, said: "I am delighted to see this conservation work happen in Tandridge. Chaldon is within the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and it's vital that we protect the very precious chalk grassland at Quarry Hangers. It's great to support this valuable work".

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Waringham School student, Maisie Keller, sister of Georgie Keller, who has recently secured a touring contract, will be appearing for the first time without Georgie, but supported by Sophie Tapping.

These photos show a selection of the artists lined up to entertain visitors to The Chalet this year.

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Pupils and staff at the Caterham school let their imaginations run riot. Super heroes worked alongside Minions, princesses and the Artful Dodger from Oliver Twist as young readers took part in a variety of events on Thursday 2nd March.

Popular characters from children's literature filled the school. There was even a crocodile from the Peter Pan story to add a bit of

wildlife to the proceedings.

Pupils took part in a World Book Day parade during the afternoon, helping to celebrate the national event's 20th anniversary of spreading the joy of reading around the country.

Head Teacher, Miss Kelly Brazier, said: "There was a wonderful atmosphere around the school and it was great fun for everyone. It is not every day you bump into Gangsta Granny, an Umpa Lumpa and Harry Potter in the classroom." Hillcroft Primary School is a member of the GLF Schools multi-academy trust.



Photos show staff and pupils at Hillcroft Primary School enjoying World Book Day.



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### de Stafford students present dazzling performance of "Annie"

On Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March, de Stafford School in Burntwood Lane, Caterham, opened its doors to their sell-out production of Annie.

The 46 strong cast and crew delivered a spectacular performance with the unforgettable songs "It's a Hard Knock Life", "Tomorrow" and "Easy Street".

An animated Caitlin Etheridge played the lead role of Annie, Katie Wickman played the bright and loyal Grace Farrell, Darcy Baimon

played the billionaire Oliver Warbucks, Amie Wickman played Miss Hanaigan, Jake Westman played her brother Rooster and Millie Bonas played his shady girlfriend Lily St. Regis.

Following the performances, Headteacher, Jeremy Garner, said: "The students were incredible and should be extremely proud of themselves. It was an absolute pleasure to watch such an accomplished performance. It was a slick, professional production and a huge amount of work went into the staging of Annie. I must extend my thanks to all the staff, students and volunteers that were involved."



The cast of Annie.

### Learn to dance with Caterham Dance School

Caterham Dance School at 60a Croydon Road in Caterham Valley, caters for all ages and ability in its modern, spacious studio, from classes in Ballroom and Latin for children aged five years up, to Waltz, Cha Cha, Latin and Jive for adult beginners or more experienced dancers. Professional dancers Clara Guzzardi and Damian Evans, the directors of the dance school, also hold Adult Ballet and Dance Fitness Classes and offer private tuition. They even choreograph "First Dance" routines for engaged couples, so they can wow their guests on their wedding day!

The Ballroom and Latin Drop-In and Social Night Fridays are very popular with the dancers.

Clara said: "One of the really nice things about the dance school is how friendly everyone is. Our students often pop down the road for a drink after class. A lot of people have made new friends here." Dancers do not have to attend classes as a couple. Single

dancers will be paired up and take it in turns to dance with each other as well as with the professionals.

Caterham Dance School were very proud to win 20 Firsts at the Jubilee Awards in Essex on Tuesday 21st March. For a full report and photos visit their website below.

The next course of classes for children of all age groups start in mid-April for the summer term. For details of all classes, courses, news and events happening at Caterham Dance School, visit [www.caterhamdanceschool.co.uk](http://www.caterhamdanceschool.co.uk)



Clara and Damian demonstrating a waltz.



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**Birthplace:**  
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**Marital Status:** Married to Penny.

**Children:** James (20) and George (18).

**Cars:** Chevrolet Cruze.

**Pets:** Patches our springer/cocker cross.

**Childhood hero:** Neil Armstrong or Chelsea FC football legend, Peter Osgood.

**Favourite Food & Drink:** Cassoulet washed down by a nice bottle of claret.

**Pastimes:** Walking; music; following Chelsea;



Reverend Canon Duncan Swan.

church history; cookery; quizzing and The Archers.

**Likes:** Real ale; positive people; a good detective novel; comedy.

**Dislikes:** Mushy peas, wasps and TV shows that humiliate people.

**Favourite TV show:** The Wire; Frasier comes a close second.

**Favourite book:** The Bible! Otherwise Lord of the Rings.

**Who would you most like to throw a custard pie at?**  
Ricky Gervais.

**Favourite song of all time:** "Stay with Me" sung by Lorraine Ellison.

**Favourite holiday destination:** South of France.

**Biggest influence on your life:** Jesus.

**Proudest moment:** The birth of my boys.

**Most embarrassing moment:** Blessing a stick insect called Terminator.

**Where would you most like to live?** New York.

**Who would you most like to meet?** J.K. Rowling.

**If you won the Lottery jackpot, how would you spend it?**  
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## Residents angry at delay over new playground

Residents living in the Caterham Barracks development in Caterham-on-the-Hill are still waiting for their playground to be refurbished, nearly two years after launching their "Save Our Playground" campaign in 2015.

Over the years the playground close to The Arc arts and recreation centre has fallen into ruin, with rotten fences, broken swings, splintered see-saws and torn flooring presenting a danger to children and an eyesore in the centre of the community.

Last November the residents were delighted to learn that an agreement had finally been reached for Linden Homes to hand the freehold, and Caterham Barracks Community Trust ("CBCT") to simultaneously hand the leasehold, of the land over to Tandridge District Council. However, the transfers have not yet taken place, so the playground is still unfit for local children to enjoy.



Local residents at the launch of the "Save Our Playground" campaign in 2015.

Paul Pozzoni of the Village Association ("VA"), that represents local residents, said: "CBCT have introduced wholly new conditions which are unacceptable to the VA. We have made repeated requests for a meeting to try and unlock this impasse. The VA is very disappointed that the simple issue of repairing a children's playground is proving impossible to achieve within any reasonable timescale." Chris Botten, Chairman of Caterham-on-the-Hill Parish Council, which will fund the refurbishment, said: "The Parish Council remains deeply frustrated that there has been no progress on the transfer of the leasehold of The Arc playground, so that refurbishment can com-

mence. Linden Homes are ready to transfer the freehold for this land simultaneously with the transfer of the leasehold from CBCT, which it was hoped would take place ready for the re-opening of the playground this spring. That clearly won't happen now, and we fear that the playground is being used as a hostage to other issues. We respect the fact that there are complications, that some matters are confidential, and we attribute no blame to any party for the delay. However, as it is, despite the recent removal of a dangerous dead tree, the playground remains unsafe and we call upon CBCT to agree the transfer of the leasehold to Tandridge District Council immediately, in order to allow the refurbishment to begin. We have reserved a large sum of public money for this project and are keen to see progress." Dick Moran, the Chief Executive of CBCT, said: "The Trust has been willing from before May 2016 to transfer the play area to the Council (either Tandridge or Caterham Hill Parish) and is disappointed it has not yet

happened. The mediation which was proposed by the Trust to resolve outstanding difficulties between the Trust, the Village Association, Linden (the developer of the Barracks) and the Council, set out the terms. "To transfer the property, as agreed at mediation, the Trust needed to be the freehold owner of the play area. The Trust's solicitor advised that some of the elements agreed at the mediation needed to meet legal requirements, including documentation required by the Charity Commission. As a charity, the Trust has to meet standards which are much

more demanding than normal property transactions. The transfer has been held up by legal issues and progress has not been helped by the Village Association withdrawing its solicitors. It has taken pressure from the District Council's solicitor to get close to an agreement and the Trust is hopeful that it will happen shortly."

In their quote on the current situation, a spokesperson from Linden Homes South East said: "We are working closely with other partners involved to ensure the Caterham Barracks playground is managed effectively to provide a safe play area for local children to use."

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*by Julia Church*

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## Caterham Rotary Club launches "Purple for Polio" crocus maze in Queen's Park

by Roger Easter

For over 30 years, Rotary worldwide and its members have been committed to fighting to eradicate polio across the world. The amount of polio-endemic countries has dropped from 125 to just three (Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan), with over 2.5 billion children receiving vaccinations thanks to the help of Rotary.

It was six years ago when Caterham Rotary Club first planted the Purple Crocus Maze in Queen's Park, Caterham in support of the eradication programme. The Club have planted many purple crocuses in recent years and at the end of last year Rotarians planted 2000 corms in Caterham Valley, which are now in full bloom. The purple colour symbolises the purple dye that is painted on the little fingers of small children to show they have been immunised. A special celebration was held recently in Queen's Park to



Rotary President, Colin Vane (centre left) and Cllr. Pat Cannon with two pupils from Hillcroft Primary School in the centre of the Crocus Maze in Queen's Park.

witness the unveiling of an enhancement to the Maze - a whole range of stepping stones sponsored by local school children and organisations who also attended the event, which included a presentation by Rotarian, Rod Stead and a "Purple for Polio" cream tea.

Caterham Rotary President, Colin Vane, thanked over 80 guests for coming along and went on to say: "This is one of many simultaneous Rotary celebrations being held currently at 4.00pm across Great Britain and Ireland, supporting both polio eradication and

International Women's Day. The aim is to eradicate polio completely by 2020. Guest of honour Pat Cannon, Chairman of Tandridge District Council, said: "The Council is delighted to support this event and further the ambition to eradicate polio for good. The stepping stone we have sponsored and the space we have allocated within the park for the maze will help remind Caterham residents and people from all over the district how close we are to preventing this cruel disease from affecting the lives of children around the world."



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# Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines



Sue Baines

A walk down the garden can take ages - it's a wonderful time of year, but busy. Seed sowing is in full swing. Lots of seeds take barely a week to pop up and grow more strongly than if planted too early. I do have to keep an eye on temperatures, as they can soar very quickly and plunge too (often in the same day!). Little and often and, as I always say, "a job in time saves 99!!". My dahlias are being potted up. Some are quite large as they are over five years old now. Often the larger ones will divide themselves, but if they don't, I just leave it as a large tuber. It will probably be the end of April before I take off the bags of manure over those that are in the ground. They were put over as winter protection last autumn. This means the manure is already in situ for hungry dahlias. Any surplus goes to nearby roses. Talking of roses, I have heard

that chopped up banana skins are a good source of food. I can't yet recommend it, but will definitely be giving it a go. I have already used nematodes in the conservatory, and any time now will use them on other potted plants around the garden. Vine weevil grubs can quietly decimate plants over winter. Now the soil should be warm enough for the nematodes to be active. Having lots of plants, I disperse nematodes through a feeder fixed to the hose. Whilst the hose and feeder are out, I like to feed the spring bulbs too, and any struggling border plants. I am careful not to overdo it, as overly lush growth encourages greenfly. It is not just the plants that are on the move!

# Quick Quiz

by Alec Herbert

**Literary animals - five questions on animals in well known books.**

1. Which book by Henry Williamson is set in the Devon countryside?
2. In "Watership Down" what animal was "Fiver"?
3. Which Lewis Carroll animal faded away until all that was left was a grin?
4. Which animals became the leaders in George Orwell's "Animal Farm"?
5. In "Wind in the Willows", which character has a love for motor cars and the open road?

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2. A Rabbit;
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4. Pigs;
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## Community orchestra celebrates its first birthday

by Daniel Goss, age 12.

On Sunday 19th March, the North Downs Community Orchestra filled the new Bawtree Hall at Hazelwood School, Limpsfield, with their wonderful music, conducted by Shona Fenion, a professional violinist from the local area.

The concert marked the first birthday of this inclusive amateur orchestra, which was founded to give a musical home to local musicians of any ability, whether learners, maestros, or the rather rusty. The repertoire included many well-known classical pieces, such as Pomp and Circumstance March No.4 and Toreador's Song from Carmen Suite No.2.

A special highlight of the event was the performance of 'Something's Stirring on Godstone Green', composed especially for the fun orchestra by Nick Drewe, a local composer. His inspiration came from visiting the orchestra at the Endeavor Scout HQ at Godstone Green. This idyllic setting prompted thoughts of day-breaking and activity unfolding and he could "almost hear the



The North Downs Community Orchestra performing in the Bawtree Hall.

music being played to him".

The programme was rounded off with a magical, rousing rendition of The Hall of the Mountain King by Edvard Grieg.

The orchestra was very grateful to receive a grant from the Hazelwood School Community Fund to facilitate orchestral sectional rehearsals (for string and wind instruments) led by Shona Fenion and professional trombonist, Richard Cross.

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**Preeti hits the catwalk at "Tea With Ovacomme"**

On Saturday 11th March, Whyteleafe resident, Preeti Dudakia, took to the catwalk at London's Mayfair Hotel to model the latest fashions at the Tea With Ovacomme fashion show. This is the second year that Preeti, an ovarian cancer survivor, has taken part in the event which helps to raise awareness of the symptoms of the disease.

All the models who took part have ovarian cancer and some are undergoing chemotherapy. All the survivors modelled clothes from Apricot fashionwear, Simply B and London Ethics. The event raised £6,500 which will help the Ovacomme charity to raise awareness amongst women who may be experiencing the following symptoms of the disease, but are reluctant to visit their GP:

- B - Bloating of the tummy,
- E - Eating less,
- A - Abdominal and pelvic pain;
- T - Tell your GP!

Preeti was diagnosed with

stage 3 ovarian cancer in May 2014 and had six cycles of chemotherapy which completed in October 2014. She has recently completed the second year of a clinical trial.

Ovarian cancer is the second most common gynaecological cancer in the UK and is diagnosed in over 7,000 women a year.

After the show, Preeti said: "All the models, including me, enjoyed the event. The models demonstrated that with positive thinking and the willpower to overcome, life does not stop just because you have cancer."



Preeti on the catwalk. Photo by Marc Storey.



The Tea With Ovacomme models, back row, from left: Jackie Rose, Rosellen Lambert, Jenny Woods, Laura Moses, Rebecca Parsons and Kelly Pritchard; Front row: Charmaine Wise, Rebecca Redshaw, Preeti Dudakia and Baney Young

**Kenley Revival Project holds its first Volunteer Forum**

The Kenley Revival Project team recently welcomed volunteers to their first volunteer forum at the Pear Tree pub in Purley. Volunteers and team members talked about the progress of the project to preserve and protect Kenley Airfield, volunteer opportunities and upcoming events. The event gave volunteers the opportunity to meet new project team members,

Information Ranger Cora and Kenley Common Ranger Coral. Coral will welcome volunteers to the next forum in two months' time. The team are currently looking for more volunteers to help with their Learning Festival on 26th-30th June. For more information about volunteering opportunities, visit [www.kenleyrevivalproject.co.uk](http://www.kenleyrevivalproject.co.uk).



Volunteers at the forum at the Pear Tree pub in Purley.

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## Eating Out

### Discover Indian Fusion cuisine at Shahebs

Review by Julia Church

A new Indian restaurant called Shahebs has opened at 55-57 Croydon Road, Caterham recently, serving traditional Bangladeshi favourites as well as "Indian Fusion" cuisine, meaning plated food with a modern twist, including South Indian food.

I visited the restaurant recently with my friend Anne. As we browsed the menu, Shaheb, the owner of the restaurant, was telling us that in April they will be introducing an Indian Tapas menu which will be available to order in the bar lounge adjacent to the main restaurant area. He said that families with children are very welcome in the comfortable bar, as well as in the restaurant.

They will also be launching a three-course Sunday Roast in April, complete with roast potatoes, homemade Yorkshire pudding, buttered vegetables and gravy, but with

an Indian twist. Shaheb's experienced chef, Vijay, has worked in many restaurants, including Chinese and Italian as well as Indian restaurants. For our meal Anne ordered Lamb Chop Patiyala that had been marinated with spices in a clay oven for her starter and I ordered the Ragda Pattie, a potato pattie served with chick peas in a tamarind and mint sauce. For our mains, Anne ordered the Meen Moilee, a South Indian dish of Sea Bass in a coconut, ginger and Indian-style Moilee sauce, topped with seaweed from Israel, and I ordered the Vegetable Biryani, which was cooked in the oven with a Roti bread lid, to keep in the steam, served with a vegetable curry.

We had vegetable sides of Brinjal Bhaji - strips of aubergine which is grilled and then crushed and cooked with garlic, ginger and onion, and Kadai Methi Paneer, a tasty dish featuring cottage cheese as the main ingredient.

Our meals were lovely, and Anne was especially impressed with the wonderful texture of her South Indian-style Sea Bass, which Shaheb said was a favourite with



The restaurant interior.



Ragda Pattie.

ladies, while the Mixed Grill is especially popular with male diners.

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## Whyteleafe FC ladies on course for success

by Clive Davis

After remaining unbeaten in the Surrey County Premier League, Whyteleafe Ladies have reached the final of the Capital Women's Cup and League Cup.

Whyteleafe FC Ladies Manager, Charlie Bickell, said: "This is our first season, so whatever happens in terms of results during the next few weeks, it's been a hugely successful one and we're already looking forward and planning for 2017-18. Who knows what this team can achieve? It's a very exciting time at the Club and it's great to be top of the league with promotion a very real possibility."

Whyteleafe Ladies will play their League Cup Final at Merstham on April 23rd v Egham Town Ladies and the Capital Cup Final v Ashford Town on May 7th at Bedfont Sports Club. Bouncing back in March from a string of defeats was the 1st team, which managed two wins and a draw to consolidate its mid-table position and give Manager



Whyteleafe's Kirsty Babington flies in to kick the ball.

Leigh Dynan the opportunity to start planning early for next season. The team's last two home matches at Church Road will be on April 15th v East Grinstead and April 22nd v Herne Bay. Kick-off 3pm.

Meanwhile, the Club's Foundation is running an Easter Soccer Camp for five to 12 year olds from April 3rd to 7th. The camp is a great way for boys and girls to develop their football skills, technique, standard of play and most importantly to have fun.

For details of the Easter Soccer Camp, matches and events at Whyteleafe go to [www.theleafe.co.uk](http://www.theleafe.co.uk) or telephone the Club on 0208 660 5491.

## STREET teens share their DofE expedition tales

On Tuesday 21st February, 15 and 16-year-old youngsters from STREET youth club in Caterham Valley gave a presentation to invited guests about their camping trip to Guildford last October, as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The youngsters were in two teams for the expedition, team "Uphill, Downhill" and "The Dream Team".

Team Uphill Downhill told the audience about the new skills they had learned on the expedition, including compass skills, camp crafts, basic first aid and navigation. They also tried their hand at photographing the beautiful Surrey landscape.

The Dream Team then spoke about their highlights of the camping trip, including visiting an abandoned gunpowder factory and an alpaca farm. Kyle Holmes said: "I would definitely recommend doing the Duke of Edinburgh award - it gives you such a sense of achievement!"



The STREET Duke of Edinburgh award participants, from back left: Brody Thompson, Stephen Perry, Sophie Earl, Kaia Nash, Ryan Salisbury. From front left: Taurea Gayle, Darcy Braimoh, Kyle Holmes, Emma Garrett, Mel Bransome.

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## Chez Vous win Hotel of the Year Award 2017

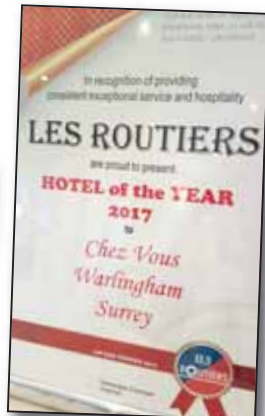
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The Chez Vous team with their award.



## New fundraising drive launched by Friends of Grange Park to deliver further improvements

Following their significant efforts to raise £100,000 for the new play area in Grange Park, Old Coulsdon, the trustees of the Friends of Grange Park are now continuing their efforts to improve the park's amenities further, to make it a community hub that can be enjoyed by beneficiaries of all ages in the community and stand as a credit to the village of Old Coulsdon.

During a recent consultation, many residents said they would like to see more facilities for children aged 12 and above. The trustees are planning to fund several table tennis tables which they hope to install in the area behind the pavilion over the coming few months. They are also providing three picnic benches in this area. Other requests included a trim trail and perimeter pathway, similar to the

popular path around Marpit Lane Recreation Ground which is suitable for buggies and wheel chair users. The trustees would like to hear in particular from local groups who use the park for fitness and recreation to find out more about their needs. To deliver these further enhancements will require another colossal effort

from the trustees and the community. The first event is the Easter Eggstravaganza on Easter Saturday, 15th April from 11am-3pm.

The event will be preceded at 10.45am by an official ceremony to dedicate the park the "Grange Park Centenary Field" in memory of those Old Coulsdon residents who lost their lives in World War I.

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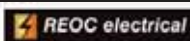
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## Jazz and Swing Concert

Caterham Overseas Aid Trust ("COAT") are holding an afternoon with the Paul Shearing Trio on Saturday 29th April from 2.30pm-4.30pm at St. John's Church, Clareville Road, Caterham Valley. Tickets cost £7.50 to include refreshments. To book tickets call Margeret on 01883 380104 or Phil on 07905 718346.

## Caterham Carnival Ball

The James Bond 007 themed Caterham Carnival Ball is being held on Friday 19th May at 7.30pm at Surrey National Golf Club in Chaldon. There will be a three-course meal, entertainment, casino, photographer and magician. Tickets cost £38.50. To book tickets contact: bethwood@prosperotheatre.com.

## Caterham Horticultural Society Spring Show

The Caterham Horticultural Society is holding its Spring Show on Saturday 22nd April at Hillcroft Primary School, Chaldon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill. The doors open at 2.30pm. Entrance is 50 pence. For more information visit <http://caterhamdistricthorticulturalsoc.weebly.com>

## All Saints' Church Quiz Night

All Saints' Church in Church Road, Warlingham, are hosting a quiz night on Saturday 22nd April at 7pm. Teams of six are invited to take part. Tickets cost £10 per person to include a ploughman's supper. Please bring your own drinks. For more information or to book contact Julie on 01883 623557.

## Swinging '60s Night

On Saturday 13th May, Caterham Rotary Club are holding a Swinging '60s Night at de Stafford School, Burntwood Lane, Caterham CR3 5YX, featuring live band "The Radiators" from 7pm to 11pm. There will be a licensed cash bar and a raffle. Tickets cost £20 to include a three course meal. To book tickets call Stef on 01883 347348 or Roger on 07861 929857. All profits will go to Rotary charities.

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## Chaldon Village Hall Quiz Night

On Friday 7th April, a Quiz Night is being held at Chaldon Village Hall, Rook Lane, Chaldon CR3 5BN, to raise money for the Caterham and Warlingham Citizens Advice Bureau.

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## Caterham Art Group

The Caterham Art Group is holding its monthly meeting on Wednesday 26th April at the United Reformed Church, Harestone Hill, Caterham at 7.30pm. There will be a mixed media demonstration by Adie Parker on an architectural theme inspired by a weekend in Turin. Visitors are welcome. Entrance is £4. For more information visit [www.caterhamartgroup.org.uk](http://www.caterhamartgroup.org.uk).



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