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The CR3 Neighbourhood Plan - Residents have another opportunity to Have Their Say!

The CR3 Draft Neighbourhood Plan is open for its second period of consultation until Saturday 17th June and all those who live or work in the area are invited to take part. Neighbourhood Plans enable individual communities to produce their own planning policies to shape future development according to local needs. The CR3 Forum is the body set up by the four Parish Councils – Caterham Hill, Caterham Valley, Chaldon and Whyteleafe - to produce the CR3 Neighbourhood Plan. A hardcopy of the plan can be viewed at Caterham Valley and Caterham-on-the-Hill li-

braries. It can also be viewed in Church Walk Shopping Centre on Saturdays from 10am on the 3rd, 10th and 17th June or at the CR3 Forum stall at the Caterham Carnival on Saturday 10th June. In addition, it can be viewed online at www.cr3forum.org.uk. Chairman of the Steering Group of the CR3 Forum, Cllr. Geoff Duck, said: "Many local volunteers have worked extensively on our Neighbourhood Plan collecting evidence, gathering public opinion, technical advice and drafting the planning policies in the document we are now con-

sulting you about. It is important because it is the document against which future planning decisions for our area will be measured by Tandridge District Council as the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan will be used in making planning decisions. It is vital that the views and opinions of the people who work and live in the area, and who know it best, are represented when it comes to planning and development and this Neighbourhood Plan is our vehicle for making that happen." The members of CR3 Forum are keen to canvass opinion on the contents of the Plan from as many people who live and work in the CR3 area as possible



Cllr. Geoff Duck, centre, shows the Neighbourhood Plan document to Tesco shoppers, Marc Wimble and Sarah Green who both live in the CR3 consultation area.

and feedback can be emailed to cr3forum@gmail.com or comments can be sent by post to: CR3 Admin Officer, Salmons, Salmons Lane, Whyteleafe, Surrey CR3 0HB.

Caterham is holding its very own 'Question Time' event - see page 3!

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Businesses celebrate the launch of the Caterham BID

Following a highly successful ballot in autumn 2016, Caterham Valley businesses joined together on Wednesday 10th May for the official launch of the Caterham Business Improvement District, or Caterham BID for short. The organisation includes 250 businesses from all sectors including office, retail, health and beauty, food, leisure and public sector and will be run by businesses, for the benefit of businesses.

The business plan promises to tackle a number of projects over the next five years, including marketing Caterham as a destination, parking and business support. This is particularly welcome at a time when many town centres, including Caterham, are going through a period of uncertainty and change. Speaking to a packed audience

at Casa Lola restaurant in Croydon Road, Chairman of the Caterham BID, Andrew Browne of JJ Browne & Son Jewellers said: "For a long time we have recognised the need for an organisation that can represent all businesses in the Valley and we have finally got it. We are facing considerable change in Caterham over the next few years and we will ensure our members' views are represented and that our businesses are aware of the opportunities that projects, like the Caterham Masterplan, will present. We will work together to make Caterham a better place to do business."

Guest speaker, David Gold, Chairman of West Ham United Football Club and Gold Group International incorporating Ann Summers, urged businesses to think positively in challenging



Andrew Browne (left) and David Gold shake hands at the BID launch event.

times and to seize the opportunities that will come with change. David Gold, who is hugely supportive of the local community, inspired and entertained the audience with his personal account of how he overcame adversity to achieve success.

Andy Parr MBE seeks to become East Surrey's next MP

The Chairman of the Caterham Festival, Andy Parr MBE, has been selected by the newly formed "East Surrey Forum" to stand as an Independent candidate for East Surrey constituency in the General Election on 8th June.

Andy has lived in Caterham for 34 years and is well known for his involvement in many local voluntary groups and organisations. To read Andy's manifesto, visit www.eastsurreyforum.co.uk. East Surrey Forum can also be found on Facebook.



Andy Parr MBE

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Get your questions ready for Caterham Question Time

On Thursday 15th June at 7pm-9pm, St. Mary's Church, Church Hill, Caterham, will be hosting the first ever Caterham Question Time as one of the line up of Caterham Festival events. The free event is being held by The Caterham Community Partnership (also known as "ABC - A Better Caterham"). The Partnership's aims are to make improvements in and around Caterham and to recommend future actions and policy. Previous projects undertaken by the Partnership have included the installation of the mini-roundabout at the bottom of Church Hill, the "Shabby to Smart" project to improve the appearance of the town centre and the launch of the Caterham Festival nine years ago. Member of the Caterham Community Partnership, Chris Windridge, said: "There are a lot of issues of concern to local residents at the moment, regarding housing, the Green Belt, flooding, parking and crime etc. so this event will present people with the opportunity to question our community leaders directly. "We hope it will be a lively and enjoyable event and people feel better



One of the panellists, the Leader of Tandridge District Council, Cllr. Martin Fisher, speaking at Warmingham Parish Council's recent Annual Parish Meeting.

informed about local issues by the end of the evening. The members of the audience can chat to the panellists afterwards over a glass of wine and nibbles, and ask them even more questions if they wish!" On arrival at the event, all guests will be invited to submit a question they would like to be considered to be included and the organisers will make a selection to address to the panellists that cover a range of different issues. See the Question Time advertisement for the names of the panellists attending.

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- Tandridge District Councillor for Caterham Harestone, Cllr. Michael Cooper.
- Chairman of Caterham Hill Flood Action Group, Mary Alston.
- Caterham Valley resident and ex-Chairman of ABC A Better Caterham, Chris Windridge.
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Flood victims share their stories at special event

On Wednesday 10th May, the Caterham and Old Coulsdon Flood Action Group hosted a flood awareness and information gathering event at the Douglas Brunton Centre in Chaldon Road, Caterham. The event was held in partnership with representatives from the National Flood Forum, Surrey County Council and Atkins Ltd. The afternoon was organised to invite the local community to come and meet the Caterham and Old Coulsdon Flood Action Group and get involved, as well as to share flooding experiences and knowledge with representatives from Surrey County Council and Atkins. The data that was collated on the day will be used to direct options for possible action to reduce future flood risk for Caterham on the Hill and Old Coulsdon. The National Flood Forum ("NFF") gave advice on the day to those residents who are still struggling to restore their homes following the flooding in June 2016, as well

as offering advice to those who are worried about their future insurance premiums. Further information can be found at: <http://www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk/flood-re/>. Tabitha Whitcombe, NFF Community Flood Resilience Officer, said: "The Caterham and Old Coulsdon Flood Action Group did a brilliant job in hosting this event. There was a real buzz in the room. Community members came to the event to share their flooding experiences, which in turn provided the representatives from Surrey County Council and Atkins with a real insight into what happened on 7th June last year."

The Caterham and Old Coulsdon Flood Action Group will be continuing to work in partnership with all flood risk management authorities to find ways to reduce the impact of flooding on the community. Further information about the Flood Action Group can be found at <http://caterhamfloodactiongroup.myfreesites.net/> **Lions support flood victims**

Tony Skilbeck, of Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions



Sam Gyimah MP meets Cllr. Eithne Webster and Tony Skilbeck during the event.

("COG Lions"), was one of those who attended the event. Tony said: "Immediately after the floods COG Lions, with Councillor Eithne Webster's assistance, supported six victims with relatively small amounts of funding but have been maintaining contact with several other victims who had to move out of their homes while extensive building works were carried out. If any readers were victims of the flooding and require financial assistance, please can they contact me, Tony Skilbeck, on 01883 335945."



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Local women's basketball team are double champions

by Jenny Bulford

The 2016/2017 season has been a great success for local basketball team, The Tandridge Stealers. The Stealers are the Surrey Women's Champions in the Surrey League and Surrey Cup, back-to-back, for the second year running. The team conceded only one defeat all season.

On Sunday 14th May, The Tandridge Stealers beat the London Acers 46-37 at Chessington Sports Centre to secure the Surrey Cup. It was a close game to begin with but by half-time they had extended their lead to a comfortable victory.

The Stealers are also the Sussex Women's Cup runners-up after being invited to take part in the Sussex Cup this season.

Coach, Andy Ballam, said:



The jubilant Tandridge Stealers after winning the Surrey Cup. Back row from left: Elisabeth Henderson; Liz Parrish; Kate Lee; Katie Jane Harris; Tammy Marshall; Coach, Andy Ballam. Front row: Lucy Hester; Katie Johnstone; Sharon Rennie; Jenny Bulford; Emily Church; Aimee Lindsey.

"We have a lot to be proud of as completing a "double double" (the Surrey Cup and Surrey League two years running) does not happen very often. It coincides with a lot of hard work and commitment from the girls and they should be really quite pleased with themselves."

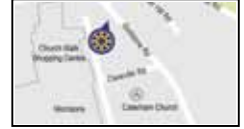
The Tandridge Stealers

formed in the late 1990s and many of the girls have National League level backgrounds. They train at The Oasis Academy in Coulsdon on Wednesday nights. For more information, call Andy on 07970 010277 or email newinkandy@gmail.com. The Tandridge Stealers can be followed on Facebook.



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Chaldon Village Meeting celebrates its heritage, environment and wildlife.

On Thursday 27th April, the annual Chaldon Village Meeting took place in Chaldon Village Hall.

After the Chairman of Chaldon Village Council, Cllr. James Richardson, welcomed everyone to the meeting, local wildlife expert, Adele Brand, gave a presentation about the wildlife of Chaldon and its habitats of ancient woodlands and grasslands that provide a haven for wildlife. She also spoke about how the community can help to protect once common species that are now in decline, like hedgehogs.

Liz Bonsall of the Chaldon History Group then gave a presentation about the activities of the group and explained how knowledge about Chaldon's history can help create a sense of identity for the village. Interesting facts about Chaldon and details about the group can be seen at www.chaldonhistory.org.uk

With local planning matters still high on the local agenda, Cllr. Bob Milton gave a presentation about Tandridge District Council's Local Plan and the CR3 Neighbourhood Plan, which is currently going through its second consultation stage.

Bob then asked for volunteers to



Cllr. Bob Milton speaking about the Local Plan at the Annual Village Meeting.

help create a Village Design Statement for Chaldon.

Bob said: "This evening is about celebrating Chaldon - our environment and wildlife - and we can help to protect the village by creating a Village Design Statement that will become part of the CR3 Neighbourhood Plan. Please think if you have relevant expertise that could help us to research and create the Village Design Statement."

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filters all incoming information and helps us make decisions based on our conditioning and belief system. This process is genetically predetermined but also based on previous experience such as our upbringing, early successes and failures and social expectations. It controls what we believe is good or bad for us right now but this can translate as "Don't leave your comfort zone!" and can stop us living our lives to the full. Situations arise all the time that threaten to take us out of our comfort zone, inevitably leading to stress. The answer, she said, is not to fight the autopilot, but to accept it.

She explained that using techniques to heighten our senses helps us to connect with our higher self, be more resourceful and create a more fulfilling life with our "autopilot" deployed

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Two exciting new additions to the programme this year are the Caterham Question Time event in St. Mary's Church on Thursday 15th June (see page 3 for more details) and the Caterham Colour Run on Westway Common on Saturday 17th June.

Andy Parr MBE, Chairman of the Caterham Festival, said: "I am really looking forward to the 9th Caterham Festival. We have some great new events like the medieval banquet and also some exciting speakers. I am particularly looking forward to hearing Mark Carter from BBC Surrey and Andy Robertshaw the renowned historian talking about women in WW1.



The Foam Fight at the end of last year's Street Party in the High Street. www.localeventphotos.co.uk.



The Samba band leads last summer's Carnival procession along Coulsdon Road.

I trust you will all be able to come and enjoy some of the events. Remember these events wouldn't happen without a dedicated band of helpers, supporters and sponsors." For the full programme of events visit www.caterhamfestival.org.

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Woldingham School pupil sets course record in the Mini London Marathon

On Sunday 23rd April, Woldingham School pupil, Charlotte Alexander, set a course record for her age group when she won the U15 girls' Mini London Marathon in an impressive time of 16 minutes 23 seconds. She now holds the title of U15 British Road Champion 2017.

Woldingham School's Director of Sport, Caroline Treacy, said: "Charlotte shows how natural talent, combined with dedication and passion, can achieve great things and we are extremely proud of her."

Charlotte is no stranger to running success, having represented the England Cross Country squad at the Schools International Athletics Championships in March, coming fourth in the U17 event and helping the England team scoop gold.

The Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon is the official British Athletics three-mile road championships for young athletes aged be-



Charlotte Alexander crossing the finish line at the Mini London Marathon.

tween 11 and 17. Previous winners of the Mini London Marathon include double London 2012 Olympic gold medalist Mo Farah.

For more information about the Mini London Marathon, visit www.minimarathon.co.uk/en/about-mini-marathon/

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Readers' Letters

Thank you

I would like to say "thank you" to everyone who was so supportive of me picking up litter in Caterham and Succombe's Hill, Warlingham, which I am doing as a volunteer to keep Caterham nice and tidy.

Thank you once again.

Stephen James, Caterham.

CHECK Flag Day

The Trustees of CHECK (Community Health and Education for the Children of Kimilili) would like to say "thank you" to the general public for their great generosity by donating £547.66 at our Flag Day in April. This will be very valuable to the local hospital and four schools, as vital resources can be provided to help the children in the small rural Kenyan town near the border with Uganda. If you would like to know more about the work of CHECK, please visit our website, www.surrey-community.info/check/ or find us on Facebook.

Geraint Jenkins MBE, Caterham.

Bourne Society commemorates St. Lawrence's Hospital by Liz Bonsall

On Saturday, 20th May, members of the Bourne Society local history group met to unveil their 31st Blue Plaque, part of a scheme to raise public awareness of what has gone before. Together with local councillors for Caterham and Chaldon; the Revd. Roger Lamont, former chaplain for the hospital; representatives of former employees and their families, and the owners of the selected pillar in Hambledon Road they listened to a brief history before witnessing the unveiling of the plaque by Mick Burnell.

Mick's family have lived in Caterham since the 17th century. His mother and aunt joined the hospital staff in 1913 and his father and uncles all worked at the hospital, as did Mick.

Caterham Metropolitan Asylum, as it was called originally, opened its doors on 29th September, 1870 to serve the insane poor of South London, most of whom had been housed in workhouses.

By the time of its closure in 1994 there had been great



From left: Mick Burnell, Reverend Roger Lamont, Liz Bonsall and local historian, Gwyneth Fookes.

changes in the care of people with mental health/learning disabilities which resulted in many former patients being able to live more independently in the community.

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COGS Lions make a splash for charity!
by Fran Paveley.

On Saturday 20th May, Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions ("COGs") held their first fundraising Swimathon for many years at de Stafford Sports Centre in Caterham. Six teams took part - as well as two from COGs, teams came from the Bletchingley Skills Centre, 1st Caterham Scouts, Rayners Estate Agents and The Pond Loaches, who all threw themselves wholeheartedly into the challenge. Each team had 25 minutes to swim as many lengths as they could. Rayners did an amazing 52, 1st Caterham Scouts swam

41 lengths as did COGs A team and The Pond Loaches. COGs B team swam 38 and an outstanding 20 lengths were completed by the Skills Centre. The event was part of Lions Centennial celebrations and raised over £800. Up to half of the teams' sponsorship money will be donated to a good cause of their choice, with the other half to Lions Club charities. Everyone had lots of fun, including Lion Tony Carter who, in spite of getting rather hot in the Lion costume, still managed to enjoy the day! The Club are most grateful to those who took part and to de Stafford for allowing the use of their pool.



The 1st Caterham Scouts with their Swimathon certificates.

Chaldon resident runs his first London Marathon to raise funds for NSPCC

On Sunday 23rd April, Chaldon resident, Dermot Goldbrick, successfully completed the London Marathon to raise funds for the NSPCC. Dermot said: "After cramping up badly at both miles 20 and 25, with the help of the fantastic support I received, I made it over the line in four hours, 19 minutes, just

missing out on my target of sub-four hours - and no that isn't an excuse to enter in 2018! "I've managed to raise £1,700 for the NSPCC to date but would love to hit my £2,200 target." If you would like to help Dermot reach his target you can donate to his JustGiving page at <http://bit.ly/2jynxdL>

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Chairman of Old Cats RFC, George Williams, said: "We wanted to have a special event to mark the occasion and give the opportunity for current and previous members of the club to come and say "Goodbye". The clubhouse has a lot of memories after the 30-odd years we have been using it."

The Festival featured a day of rugby, including the main event, the Old Cats 1st XV vs. the Invitation XV which kicked off at 3pm. There were also youth matches played against teams from Caterham School, as well as a Ladies Tag Competition.

At the end of the rugby, players and supporters

congregated in the clubhouse for an auction of the many and varied items of club memorabilia that will not be re-homed in the new clubhouse, raising £1,360. Old Cats RFC are always looking for more players and volunteers. For more information about Old Cats RFC

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The Old Cats Under XVIs pose for a photo before their match.

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Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

With our Open Garden weekend coming up soon, there is plenty to do. Previous cold nights and occasional late frosts browned a lot of new spring foliage, which is quickly being replaced. Unfortunately our Hydrangeas, with their embryo flowers, look to have been badly hit. I am hoping that they will put on their usual lovely display, and I am feeding with tomato fertiliser, as regular applications encourage flowers (and fruit on other plants). If they have been hit, hopefully they will catch up later. I am also sprinkling Hydrangea colourant on, as I adore the blue flowers. The colourant works on only the pink and blue, not white flowers. I have mine in pots, as we have naturally alkaline (chalky) soil. In the pots is ericaceous (acid) soil. It is a good indicator of acid soil if a garden has naturally blue Hydrangea flowers. So, fingers crossed for the Hydrangeas. As for the rest of my plants, most are coming on a treat. I am hoping that my blue poppies, which are showing buds, will be in flower as I absolutely love them. They are fussy, liking shady, cool weather and



Sue Baines

humous rich, acid soil and high rainfall. I have a corner bed where I keep all my "goodies". This year I sent off for them, although I often grow them from seed. This bed is protected by chicken wire, as the fox managed to almost decimate the bed a few years ago. My orchids are still only half the patch they were, as they are in the same bed. Blue seems to be the theme this year. It is such an easy colour, enhancing every plant it sits next to, whether it is a "hot" or a "cool" border, or something in between. I hope to see you at our Open Garden weekend at 116 Burntwood Lane, Caterham from 2pm-5pm on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June. Entrance is £4, in aid of the League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital. There will be tea, coffee and home-made cakes available to purchase and enjoy in our garden.

Quick Quiz

by Alec Herbert

With the Caterham festival imminent, five questions on festivals.

1. The Royal Festival Hall on London's South Bank was opened in which year?
2. The Cheltenham Festival, the leading festival of the National Hunt horse racing season, takes place in which month?
3. The Hindu festival Diwali, which takes place in many Asian countries, is also known by what name?
4. The film festival of which Italian city has the Golden Lion as its top award?
5. Which West Country music festival, which began in 1970, is now Britain's largest?

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by Julia Church

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The restaurant is named after the state of Kerala, which is situated on India's tropical Malabar Coast on the Arabian Sea, so the cuisine from the area specialises in seafood. The kitchen team, headed by their award-winning chef, all come from Kerala and use authentic recipes from the region.

I visited the restaurant with my friend Sally recently, and while we studied the menu we tucked into some mixed snacks - a variety of tasty, crispy nibbles served with mint sauce, carrot pickle and mango pickle.

Sally ordered the Kerala Chilli Chicken for her starter - mar-

inated pieces of chicken fried in batter with Indian shallots, which she said was a little bit hot, but not overpowering, and very flavoursome.

I ordered the Chilli Paneer - homemade cottage cheese marinated with chilli and coriander power and sautéed with onion, tomato and peppers. The generous portion of paneer had a lovely texture and went well with the tangy sauce.

As the restaurant is so proud of its seafood - King fish, squid, mussels and shell-on prawns all cooked in a special Kerala sauce. I chose a vegetarian dish, the Mushroom Koottu - mushrooms stir-fried with onion and tomato and sautéed in ginger and garlic paste and exotic herbs. We shared a portion of lovely, fluffy coconut rice and a portion of Beetroot and Peas Thoran to go with our mains.

To accompany our meal we chose a crisp Pinot Grigot from their range of wines, especially selected to complement the South Indian food.

Our curries were both mild, but Nesli, who was serving us,



Mixed snacks and dips.



Chilli Paneer.

said that the chef can make each curry either mild, medium or hot, to suit the individual customers' tastes. Nesli said that the menu is very child-friendly because they have so many mild dishes. They also have a special menu for customers who require gluten, dairy, or nut-free choices.

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Michael maintains his championship lead at Cadwell Park

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15-minute session. However, on his fourth lap, mechanical gremlins struck and a bracket holding the gear linkage broke, resulting in Michael being unable to change gear, and retiring from qualifying after limping round in fifth gear for one more lap. At the end of the session, Michael's one and only flying lap was good enough for fifth place on the grid. This was a remarkable achievement as this was only his second ever lap of the circuit. Our team then set about repairing the car for the race the next day. "On the Sunday, Michael took his position on the grid and got ready for the 25-minute race. He made an excellent start but the narrow track did not allow him to make any progress off the line, so he had to settle into 5th for the first corner. After a couple of laps, Michael set about making progress. By lap five, he had made his way into third place and right onto the tail

of the second place man. Despite applying sustained pressure and trying many different moves he was unable to squeeze his MCR past, so had to settle for third place." After the race, Michael said: "It has been a bit of a frustrating weekend, but considering the very limited track time we have had, third place is still an excellent result. This championship is all about being consistent and these results are still really important, and it is encouraging that my championship lead remains intact."



Michael hot on the tail of car no. 26 at Cadwell Park. Photo by Kevin Gibson.

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On Saturday 20th May, The King and Queen pub in the High Street, Caterham, hosted a Family Fundraising Day in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The event was organised by Pat Patel of Motomax shop in the High Street, with the help of Butlers of Caterham. The day featured a barbecue in the car park during the afternoon, and fun games for the children, followed by entertainment

inside the pub by local band, "Los Tres Amigos". Together with the proceeds of a raffle, the event raised £4,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Before the raffle was drawn, Pat made a short speech to the crowd, saying: "Thank you all very much for your support today. I would also like to say a huge "thank you" to all the local businesses who donated such generous raffle prizes."



Pat Patel, centre, with (from left) Simon, Martin and Rob from "Los Tres Amigos".



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Over 100 entries at Caterham and District Horticultural Society's Spring Show by Debbie Fox

Caterham's local garden show entrants showed their best blooms, rhubarb and asparagus in the Caterham and District Horticultural Society Spring Show on Saturday 22nd April. Over 100 exhibits at Hillcroft School, Caterham, delighted the three judges and 50 visitors. Marion Neden, who judged the homemade marmalade cakes, said that all the exhibits were very good examples. Dr Christina Curtis, who judged the floral arrangements, said there was an excellent standard. Dr Curtis is a national demonstrator for the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies or NAFAS. She deemed Jean Burns-Thomas the overall show winner for her floral arrangement entitled "Swirl into spring". Jean also won a bouquet for a dinner table arrangement judged by public ballot on the day. Sylvia Pocock, who judged the flowers and vegetables, deemed a begonia grown by Ray Brohier the best horticultural exhibit in show. She

was also delighted by a table exhibit made by 9th Caterham Guides. With a theme of "Fabulous beasts in myths and legends", the young people's table exhibit included a craft Loch Ness Monster circled by mermaids. Living moss and heather, and miniature signs pointing to 'Nessie' in a shimmering crepe paper loch, completed the six foot entry. Cllr Jenny Gaffney, Chairman of Caterham Valley Parish Council, presented the 9th Caterham Guides' leader, Janette Ralph, with a cash prize for the amazing exhibit. It also scooped a shield, which will be engraved with the name of the pack. 13 year old Tabitha Wren took away a trophy for the most prizes in children's classes. A highlight was her handwriting of a modern poem on St. George and the Dragon by Brian Patten. Nine year old Alice Barrow won a trophy sponsored by Tesco Caterham with her colourful picture of vegetables. New young entrant Caden Evans, aged seven,

showed a lot of promise. He took away three rosettes for winning first prizes in his age category. The cup winners in the Spring Show were as follows:

1. Jean Burns-Thomas won the Johnston Cup for best floral arrangement.
2. Ray Brohier won the Spring Cup for the best horticultural exhibit.
3. Peter Daniels won the Rudd Cup for showing three varieties of daffodils.
4. 9th Caterham Guides won the Woolwich Building Society Shield for their table exhibit on a theme of 'Fabulous beasts in myths and legends'.
5. Tabitha Wren won the Woolwich Building Society Cup for the most first prizes in children's classes.
6. Alice F Barrow won the Tesco Caterham Farm to Fork Cup for a picture of vegetables.

The Society is now looking forward to its annual plant stall at the Caterham Carnival on Saturday 10th June and the Summer Show on Saturday 8th July. For more information about the Society visit <http://caterhamdistricthorticulturalsoc.weebly.com>



Jean Burns-Thomas, winner of the Johnston Cup for Best Floral Arrangement.



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The Woldingham Fete is being held on Saturday 10th June from 2pm-4.30pm in the grounds of St. Paul's Church, Woldingham with traditional attractions, cream teas, fun for children and lots more. The proceeds will go to the church funds and supported charities.

North Downs Community Orchestra events

NDCO will be in Church Walk, Caterham on Wednesday 21st June from 1.30pm-3pm for a Come and Try a Musical Instrument session with members of the orchestra. Musical Director, Shona Fenion, will be on hand to demonstrate and help.

On the evening of Wednesday 21st June, NDCO are holding their Fun Evening Concert featuring film themes and classics in the United Reformed Church, Harestone Hill, Caterham. Tickets cost £5 on the door, £3 concessions. Free entry for Friends of NDCO.

For more information about NDCO visit www.thefunorchestra.co.uk.

Local History Centre AGM

On Tuesday 6th June at 7pm for 7.30pm start, Caterham and District Local History Centre are holding their A.G.M. at Caterham Valley Library in Stafford Road and Illustrated Talk entitled: "Who Do You Think They Were?" discovering the lives and experiences of our ancestors, by Surrey Heritage Officer, Julian Pooley.

St. John's Summer Fair

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Oxted Donkey Derby

The Oxted Donkey Derby being held by the Tandridge Community Fund is taking place in Master Park, Oxted from 1pm-5pm on Saturday 10th June, featuring seven races with six donkeys in each race. There will also be lots

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Concert

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