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## Council withdraws Compulsory Purchase Order on Rose & Young eyesore

Tandridge District Council ("TDC") has decided to withdraw the Compulsory Purchase Order ("CPO") issued for the former Rose and Young site in Croydon Road, Caterham.

The Council is confident the owner and Clarion Housing Group ("CHG") are close to exchanging contracts. CHG is a company committed to providing affordable

housing. The Council has granted permission for 48 units, with a supermarket on the ground floor. Substantial progress has been made by CHG to buy the site, together with significant work to demonstrate their scheme for affordable housing and a supermarket can be delivered.

The Council is keen to avoid the costs involved in

preparing for the Public Inquiry which considers the CPO. The Council is also keen to avoid the delays which could be caused by going ahead with the Inquiry, such as waiting for the decision of the Secretary of State and the potential of a legal challenge.

However the Council will be monitoring the progress of this scheme carefully and is still committed to securing the redevelopment of the site.

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The derelict Rose & Young site in Croydon Road, Caterham.

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The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight ("BBMF"), now in its 60th year, normally features a Spitfire, Hurricane and Lancaster but this year nearly all of the BBMF fleet have been grounded due to an issue with their Merlin engines. However, the Officer in Command of the BBMF, Squadron Leader Andy Millikin, did not want to let people down, especially in this anniversary year, and personally flew the Mark 19 Spitfire with a Rolls-Royce Griffon engine, over Kenley. Known as the "Ferrari" of Spitfires, the Mark 19 can fly at 550 mph and climb to 41,000 feet.

After the flypast, local BBMF Co-ordinator, Mike Street, said: "I thought it was

absolutely super. Andy did us proud in giving us those lovely passes. It was the first time I had heard a Mark 19 on its own, which sounded very much deeper and throatier than the normal Merlin engine. In true Battle of Britain style, everything came good!"



Kenley BBMF Co-ordinator, Mike Street (right) with spectator, Colin Ward.



The Mark 19 Spitfire. Photo by Mike Stephens



Photo by Terry Fletcher.



Reverend Tim Goode and RAF veterans pay their respects at the Kenley Tribute.



The crowd of spectators at the airfield.

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# Local girl, Kay Wilson, flies the flag for Women's Rugby.

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Kay wearing her Runners-Up medal after the match, with her brother, Paul; dad, Steve; sister, Helen and mum, Sue.

However, New Zealand scored five tries in the second half, including a hattrick by Toka Natua, and New Zealand won 41-32.

Kay, who went to St. John's CofE Primary School in Caterham, then St. Bede's School in Redhill, was instrumental in helping the team reach the final, having scored three tries in their semi-final victory against France, winning 20-3.

The final result was a disappointment for the team who beat Canada to win the last World Cup in 2014. Last

March they beat Ireland to win the Women's Six Nations. In their Six Nations match against Scotland, Kay scored seven tries and became the first player to score four first-half tries in the Women's Six Nations.

To follow the Red Roses, visit [www.englandrugby.com/england/england-women/](http://www.englandrugby.com/england/england-women/).

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## Council withdraws CPO on Rose & Young eyesore

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If progress is too slow, the Council says it will take any action needed to ensure redevelopment takes place, including using another compulsory purchase order.

Councillor Martin Fisher, Leader of the Council, said: "We are confident at this stage that use of compulsory purchase would be unnecessary, given the progress made by prospective purchasers. The use of the CPO process to date has assisted in delivering our aims of securing redevelopment of this important town centre site. We will continue to consider the use of a CPO to secure the redevelopment of this site should it again become necessary." On learning of the withdrawal of the CPO, Caterham resident and retired property lawyer, John Harvey, said: "TDC's statement that "CHG are close to exchanging contracts" is no more or less than admission that any deal is still out in the bush. In view of the history of failed developments, I am very uncomfortable with TDC regarding this as a suitable basis for abandoning the greater certainty of a confirmed CPO. "This decision will go beyond Rose and Young. TDC has admitted in minutes and agenda that the Caterham Masterplan will require compulsory purchase and what investor is now going to rely on our council delivering this?"

On a more positive note, Chairman of the Caterham Town Centre Working

Group, Cllr. Michael Cooper, said: "The idea of coming up with a CPO was to force action to do something about the derelict Rose and Young site. In that sense the CPO has worked in terms of turning the site from an eyesore into something for the benefit of Caterham. The reason it has been withdrawn is because the owner of the site is on the verge of selling to a firm that is committed to building flats with a retail outlet on the ground floor. "I am disappointed we have not been able to pursue the CPO because I think a hotel is what Caterham needs instead of flats and a retail unit. I understand there is much cynicism about the withdrawal of the CPO and I, too, am holding my breath!"

Local business owner, Andrew Browne of JJ Browne Jewellers, said: "I am very disappointed in TDC's decision to cancel the CPO at this very late stage. I am cynical about the current owner's plans to proceed to a development taking place, as we have been in this situation before and nothing came to fruition. I, along with several other applicants who had applied to speak at the public inquiry due to start in under two weeks, have spent time preparing our documents for the inquiry. "I appreciate that TDC have said that they will be monitoring the situation weekly and I hope that this development does happen as I, along with thousands of local residents and businesses, would be delighted that a development finally happens on this site." **The Caterham and District Independent will keep readers posted with further developments.**

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Speaking at the preview event on Thursday 3rd August, John Ward, Chairman of Caterham Art Group (pictured right with one of the award winners, Adrienne Parker) welcomed everyone to the exhibition that was a celebration of all the Art Group's work over the last year. John said: "Thank you to all the artists who have entered their pictures into the exhibition, and all those who support them. I would also like to say a special thank you to the art tutors who helped to stage the exhibition. To put something together like this is a real feat of logistics and engineering." Caterham Art Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the United Reformed Church.

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## Diary of a Plantaholic

by Sue Baines

Lots of rain this summer has encouraged plenty of overly lush foliage and once again it's "search and rescue" for many of my treasures, which started the season so full of promise. On the plus side, my apples, beans and cabbages are doing brilliantly. I took off lots of leaves on the beans, as they were smothering the flowers.

Another positive has been how lovely the grass looks. However on closer inspection a lot of the "green" isn't grass, but Mind Your Own Business! It thrives in damp conditions, so this year has had a field day.

Over the next few months we have decided it's time to downsize the garden a bit. This is a very alien concept to me, so it is a challenge that I'm really looking forward to. The hedge at the bottom of the garden has mostly been removed, much to my grandchildren's annoyance, as they adore playing Hide and Seek. The Fuschia Magellenica Versicolour hedge that we used to have around the patio will



Sue Baines.

take a while to fill out, and is not evergreen, but will hopefully fit the bill.

We're also taking out the Leylandii hedge behind the main border, replacing it with a fence. This will be much easier for Geoff and make no difference to the border apart from easier access.

The big change will be the front garden, much of which will be paved/gravelled over. We have lots of 30 litre pots, and so my most precious plants will initially go into these, and plenty of cuttings taken in case they don't transplant well. The bird bath that I love will go down to the middle lawn with it's surrounding paving.

It's all still in the flexible stage, but I'm hoping to create an easier but just as lovely a garden.

## QUICK QUIZ

by Alec Herbert

Each answer contains a colour of the rainbow:

1. Which film of 1990 was based on a Tom Clancy novel and featured a star cast including Sean Connery and Alec Baldwin?
2. Which was the only number one hit by The Beatles to feature Ringo Starr as lead vocalist?
3. In Cluedo, which man of the Church is a suspect?
4. In "Keeping up Appearances", there are four sisters, Hyacinth, Rose, Daisy and who else?
5. Bloemfontein is in which South African province?

Answers:

1. The Hunt for Red October;
2. Yellow Submarine (a double "A" side with Eleanor Rigby);
3. Rev'd Green;
4. Violet;
5. Orange Free State

## Children enjoy Hero's Week at St. Mary's Church

by Sarah Benham

Between 31st July and 4th August, 49 children attended St. Mary's Church in Caterham each morning to take part in their third Summer Holiday Club. This year, as well as the usual stories, songs and games, the children met many special visitors that fitted this year's "hero" theme.

The first visit was from the Metropolitan Police, who allowed the children to try on kit and try out some of the equipment before giving them road safety tips and demonstrating the finger print process.

On Wednesday, leaders and children alike were thrilled with a visit from Spencer the guide dog. Between them,

Wednesday's attendees raised over £14, enough for a new harness.

On Thursday, a physiotherapist showed the children how to make football injuries better before a fire fighter stopped by to instruct the children on what they should do if they were ever in a fire. The week was finally rounded off by a gentleman from the RNLI, who had the children adding up how many people his lifeboat could take before challenging them to get his kit on in under 90 seconds. Finally, he gave the eager listeners a valuable lesson in how to stay safe at the beach this summer.

The week concluded with the children giving their parents a presentation on Friday evening and some returned to the church on Sunday morning to teach the congregation one of their new songs.



The children meet Spencer the guide dog and his owner.

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The popular dog show. Photo by Sonia Hunt.



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## Warlingham celebrates another success story

Warlingham School has been celebrating after one of its students got the grades to take up a place at Cambridge University.

Amelia Hill achieved A\* in English Literature, A\* in Sociology, A in History and A in the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), to meet her offer from Cambridge to study English at Trinity College. The course is highly competitive, attracting applications from 762 top students.

Amelia was supported in her bid to go to Cambridge by regular Russell Group mentoring sessions, which are provided by the school. Hannah Rolley, from Oxbridge Link visited the school to speak to students and Amelia attended an Oxbridge conference in Epsom. Amelia was an enthusiastic member of the drama department and

an important contributor to many of the school plays. Amelia said: "I am thrilled to be going to Cambridge. It's somewhere that I've always aspired to go, but I wasn't sure it was viable. With hard work and support from Warlingham School, I've been accepted and I'm really looking forward to starting in October."

Amelia's triumph came amid another successful set of A Level results for the school: the A\*-E pass rate achieved at A Level was an impressive 98%, with 67% achieving A\*-C.

Nick Bradwell, Headteacher of Warlingham School, said: "Amelia joined Warlingham School in Year 9 and stayed until the end of Year 13. During that time, she was an outstanding student, both academically and in terms of what she contributed to school life. Whilst in the Sixth Form, she developed her leadership skills as a Senior Prefect and she was part of the school's very successful target group of students applying to Rus-



Amelia Hill.



Joe and Shauna Burke.



Daniel Hill.

sell Group universities. We are so proud of her achievement in being accepted into Cambridge University to read English and are delighted to have been able to support her in this endeavour."

## A super set of A Level results for Caterham School

Caterham School's Sixth Form pupils have achieved a superb set of A Level results this year – even better than last year. This year, a quarter of all grades achieved at Caterham were the top A\* grade and two thirds were graded A\*-A. An outstanding 90 per cent were graded A\* to B. These results place Caterham, once again, amongst the top performing co-educational independent schools in the UK.

Mr Ceri Jones, Headmaster, said: "This is a remarkable achievement for our pupils. The recent reforms to A Level have increased the challenge of assessment for pupils and mean it is harder than ever to achieve top grades, so these excellent results are testament to the hard work of our pupils and the outstanding talents of their teachers. It also endorses our

approach to education – inspiring and encouraging pupils to think for themselves and not just to regurgitate."

"Caterham is about so much more than just academic results. Pupils in this year group have exemplified this superbly: they have performed at this year's Edinburgh Festival, on the sports fields, in our concert halls, and in so many other extra-curricular pursuits. I am so proud of them.

"I have always believed that our pupils can be successful in an environment which is caring, optimistic and encouraging. Our results are testament to the uniquely supportive environment that is Caterham's hallmark.

"I am also delighted to see the variety and range of university destinations and courses that our pupils are moving on to; this year, they include a prestigious apprenticeship with KPMG and our first pupil to enrol on a degree in Cancer Biology and Immunology.

"As ever, there are some stunning individual performances in these re-



Head Boy, Hugo Soer and Head Girl, Lauren Hunt-Williams, both achieved a clean sweep of A grades in all their A levels.

sults and from an academic point of view I am particularly pleased that our excellent record of success with Oxbridge application continues. This year, several pupils have won places on some of Oxford and Cambridge's most selective degree courses – including Classics, Engineering, Biochemistry, Medicine and Economics. These pupils will be joining the 62 Caterhamians that we have sent to Oxford and Cambridge over the past four years."

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## Delight all round at Woldingham School

Woldingham School is delighted with this year's A Level results. 84% of the grades achieved were A\*, A and B and nearly half of the grades were A\* and A.

This year 19 girls, over one in five of the cohort, achieved three A\*/A grades or more.

Head Girl Pasha Orleans-Foli, from Warlingham, achieved grades of A\*AAA; she did not let the fact that her offer from Birmingham University to study Modern Languages and Music was unconditional get in the way of her commitment to excellence.

Over the last few years Pasha has combined her studies with playing for the BBC Proms Youth Ensemble, the London Philharmonic Orchestra Junior Artists, the National Youth Wind Orchestra and the Chineke! Junior Orchestra - which celebrates diversity in classical



From left: Pasha Orleans-Foli, Sophie O'Dell, Lucy O'Dell, Gabriella Deith, Sofia Osman, Bella Sell, Frances Russell and Charlotte Stewart.

music. Lucy O'Dell, from Caterham, has secured a hard-won place at the Royal Veterinary College, London to study Veterinary Medicine. Lucy's twin sister Sophie is off to Southampton University to study Spanish. Lucy and Sophie are very high profile members of the school community, regarded by all for the gusto and initiative with which they approached their Prefect responsibilities.

A delighted Mr O'Dell said: "My daughters' results are not only testament to their hard work but to the values that Woldingham

School has instilled in them over the past seven years."

Headmistress Mrs Alex Hutchinson said: "In this year of A Level reform and with the introduction of linear qualifications, we are thrilled with the tenacity and dedication our girls showed to their studies. With the support of the Woldingham staff, they have taken these changes in their stride; they have been a hugely aspirational year group and their commitment to all aspects of school life means that they are well-placed to take the Russell Group universities by storm."

## Lots to celebrate again this year for staff and students at Coulsdon College

Coulsdon College is celebrating its fourth year with a 99% pass rate at A Level and 100% at BTEC.

Head of College, Steve Gooch, is delighted with the results. He said: "The hard work of both students and staff has shone through yet again with these results. The students' excellent results show that those who join us enjoy their time and work hard to ensure they reach their full potential. I want to wish all our graduating students well and I'm especially pleased at the growing numbers heading off to excellent universities and higher apprenticeships."

Especially pleasing is the increase in students gaining top grades. A Level successes include:

- Bleu Samms, who received A\* English Literature, A\* Psychology and A\* Sociology. Bleu has accepted a place at Cambridge University to

study Psychology and Behavioural Science.

- Oliver Barlin, who after getting A\* in History, A in English Language & Literature and A in Sociology has decided to take a gap year and will also be applying for a place at Cambridge.

- De'Vonai Dwyer achieved A\* Mathematics, B in Biology, B in Chemistry and C in Physics, plus she took an AS in Mathematics (Further) and got an A. De'Vonai is off to Sussex University to study Medical Neuro Science.

BTEC successes include Laura Smith, who received the overall National BTEC Award for Travel & Tourism. Teacher, Donna Hollick, said: "I'm so proud of Laura and everything she has achieved. It was a difficult category but her outstanding work really shone through." Samekah Howard was on a 'mix and match' programme, where she



From left: Samekah Howard, Oliver Barlin and De'Vonai Dwyer.

combined BTECs and A Levels. In BTEC Computing she gained a triple Distinction\* and a C in A Level Computer Science. She now has an unconditional place at Bath University to study Computer Science.

Steve Gooch continued: "This has been yet another fantastic year at Coulsdon College; I couldn't be more pleased with this year's results. Staff and students have worked very hard and students have achieved the results which will act as their springboard to a successful future."

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## Excellent GCSE results for de Stafford students

Despite well-publicised reforms to the qualifications system, students at de Stafford are celebrating an outstanding set of GCSE results. New, harder content was included in the English and Maths specifications this year, yet 66% of students achieved the key threshold measure of 9-4 grades (equivalent to A\*-C) in both these core subjects. This matches the school's best ever set of examination results achieved last year under the old system and, with a number of students likely to improve their grades as a result of re-marked papers, this looks set to be another record-breaking

year for de Stafford. Headteacher, Jeremy Garner, said: "These outcomes do not happen by accident and are a testament to the dedication and hard-work invested by the students as well as the excellent support and guidance provided by staff, governors and parents. I am delighted that the cohort as a whole achieved such a fantastic set of results against a back-drop of such significant curriculum reform and change.

"The fact that the vast majority of de Stafford students leave us with outcomes well above the national average in Year 11 is a reflection of the superb progress they have made in their time here. This year group contributed so much to the school community and we wish them all the very best for the future."



Delighted de Stafford GCSE students, from left: Adrian Ridley, Darcy Braimoh, Jack Edun-Hughes, Holly Palmer and Jake West.

## Woldingham School students smash the national average

Whilst nationally 3% of the newly reformed GCSE exams were predicted to be graded 9, Woldingham School has achieved 19% of the highest grade. Seven girls achieved two grade 9s, a result that reflects the highest of academic standards. The national prediction was that 18% of all grades would be 7 and above; Woldingham's total is three times the predicted average at 58%.

In this year of mixed currency grading, all qualifications except English and Maths received the traditional letter grading with A\* as the highest grade. Two-thirds of Woldingham girls' qualifications were graded A\*/A, and a third of the year group achieved straight A\*-A grades. Combined with the new exams, over half of the girls achieved seven or more A\*-A/9-7 grades.

In total, Woldingham girls notched up over 500 A\*-A and 9-7 grades at GCSE.

Headmistress, Mrs Alex Hutchinson, said: "Woldingham girls have been unfazed by the new GCSE grading system and have delivered yet another outstanding set of GCSE results; I am immensely proud of them. It is clear from comparisons between the existing and



From left: Successful GCSE students Benedetta Bassano, Evelyn and Aileen Pickles and Winifred Wright.



Lauren Hindley from Oxted and Winifred Wright from Purley celebrate great GCSE results.

new grading system that it has, as predicted, been harder to achieve the top grades, and yet our girls have used their intelligence, endeavour and confidence to scoop up the elusive 9 grades. Their ability to manage change, whilst maintaining busy schedules in their full extra-curricular programmes, stands them in great stead for their Sixth Form studies and beyond."

## Oasis staff and students thrilled at GCSE success

The long wait for GCSE results finally ended for students at Oasis Academy Coulsdon on Thursday 24th August. The staff were thrilled to watch students opening their results envelopes alongside anxious parents. Many students shed tears of joy as they celebrated the results of their five years of rigour, resilience and passion for learning.

64% of students achieved a Grade 4 or higher in both English and Mathematics, comparable to our record-breaking results of the last few years; and an impressive 24% of all entries were graded A\*-A. The highest achieving students in the Academy have received results that are truly outstanding: Ben Wallner achieved three Grade 9s, 5A\*s and three A grades, including an incredible score of 158/160 in GCSE English Literature. Bethany Pankhurst was the top achieving female student, achieving three Grade 9s, 5A\*s and two A grades. Congratulations are also in order for Head Boy Dwain Tyndale who achieved two Grade 9s, one Grade 8, five A\*s and two A grades. Principal, Andy Booth, said: "I am extremely pleased with the results of many of our students and that

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Julian Van Gelder, Head of Science, reading results with Christina Klegg.



Dwain Tyndale, Davina Boateng and Isaac White celebrating their results.

the good work of previous years has continued despite the challenges of new examinations and specifications. I am proud of our students and the way they have worked so hard this year. I would also like to pay tribute to the staff who have worked tirelessly to support students, including giving up weekends and holiday time for interventions".

## Caterham celebrates record GCSE success

Caterham pupils are celebrating the School's best ever GCSE results this year.

An impressive 55% of all GCSE results were graded A\*, with 45 candidates achieving eight A\* grades or better.

A remarkable 85% of the results were graded A or A\*, which is another record for Caterham.

Mr Ceri Jones, Headmaster, said: "I am delighted that our pupils have smashed all previous records to achieve these brilliant, best-ever results. They have

achieved this despite the uncertainty surrounding the recent reforms to GCSE, which have meant it is harder than ever to achieve top grades.

"Behind the percentages and grades hitting the headlines are a wealth of personal achievements and the just reward for hours of hard work and dedication from this fantastic year group.

"As our Fifth Form now become the new Sixth Form, I will continue to stress the importance of ensuring a balance between that hard work and on developing themselves as individuals, developing their own interests and passions and making lifelong friendships."



These pupils returned from the Edinburgh Festival recently, where they were cast members in Caterham's production of *The Alchemist*. Now they have collected some brilliant GCSE grades. Pupils pictured are (from left to right), Nell Fahey, Jade Sander-son-Marsh, Isobel Sherlock and Ross Furley-Smith.

## GCSE Exam success at Warlingham School

Warlingham School is delighted to be celebrating an outstanding set of GCSE exam results – 73% of students achieved pass grades 4-9 in both English and Maths. Individual subject pass marks in English Language, English Literature and Maths were all significantly above the national level. The percentage of students achieving top grades (7-9) in both English and Maths has also seen a notable increase. Achievement across all subjects has been excellent, with 70% of students gaining five or more A\*-C / 4-9 grades.

Mr Bradwell, Headteacher, said: "This year, there has been a genuine concern shared by students, parents and staff, that the new GCSEs, and the new grading system in English and Maths, could disadvantage this year's cohort. So I am particularly pleased with the outstanding results achieved by Warlingham students this year. They have been rewarded for all their hard work over the last two years and it is a real pleasure to see so many excited students and proud parents this morning. Not only have we seen a marked increase in the number of top grades achieved in English and Maths, but also students across the whole ability range have achieved or exceeded their personal



Rhianna Patel (left) and Katie Day.



James Williams (left) and David Stevens.



Samantha Redman (left) and Beth Sharp.

targets. Congratulations to all of them and I would also like to thank all the staff at Warlingham School for all their efforts in supporting the students."



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## OPEN EVENING

For entry into Year 7

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Visitors will be given a tour of the school and an opportunity to meet staff and students. There will be presentations by Headteacher, Mr Bradwell, at 5.30pm, 6.45pm and 8.00pm. Please refer to the school website, [www.warlinghamschool.co.uk](http://www.warlinghamschool.co.uk), for further information about the evening.

## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

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## Enjoy a Fine Indian Takeaway from Royal Tandoori

Review by Julia Church

The Royal Tandoori Fine Indian Takeaway at 169 Coulsdon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill, has had a smart, new makeover and certainly stands out from the crowd in its location opposite Tesco. There is plenty of parking nearby, with free spaces in Coulsdon Road and in the Tesco car park. My daughters, Jenny and Claire and I had a takeaway from Royal Tandoori recently, as a treat while Claire was visiting from her home in Scotland. It was lovely to have a catch-up over a bottle of wine and a tasty, freshly-cooked Indian meal, saving me having to spend precious time in the kitchen.

For our starters, I had the Paneer Tikka, Jenny chose the King Prawn Butterfly and Claire chose the Lamb Tikka. Mine was a very tasty, vegetarian choice, with plenty of paneer (marinated chunks of cottage cheese) served with red and green peppers. Jenny's King Prawn Butterfly looked impressive and she said it was nice and juicy. Claire said her Lamb Tikka was filling, but she still

had plenty of room for her main course!

For our main courses I chose a Vegetarian Speciality, a creamy Vegetable Pasanda. Claire chose one of The Royal Specialities, the Chicken Tikka Korma (chicken tikka flavoured with coconut and almonds, cooked in fresh cream) and Jenny chose one of the Chef's Recommendations, the Lamb Rezala (a fairly hot dish prepared with fresh chillies and peppers in their special yoghurt-based thick sauce).

We shared a portion of Bombay Aloo (spiced potatoes), Onion Bhaji, Pilau Rice and a Peshwari Naan and Garlic Naan to accompany our meals. The quantity we ordered was plenty, with a little left over to save for the next day. Jenny said that she was pleased she had tried something different, as she had never heard of a "Rezala" before. It was cooked with red and green peppers, green beans, onion and a very tasty, spicy sauce. She said she was also impressed with how light and fluffy the Naan bread was. Claire said the Bombay Aloo "melts in your mouth" and the portion was plenty to share between the three of us. Royal Tandoori offers a free delivery service for orders

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## Planet Hollywood Disney Springs - an “out of this world” dining experience

Review by Helen Ovenden

Planet Hollywood, situated within a previously abandoned observatory in the lively Disney Springs complex, is well worth a visit when in Orlando. The Caterham and District Independent was invited to review the new restaurant and it was an opportunity not to be missed by me and my daughter Ella whilst on holiday in Florida.

We received a warm welcome from manager Sam and led to our seats through an incredible collection of Hollywood film memorabilia. Erica, our waitress, recommended cocktails and several of the restaurant’s dishes and we sat back and made our selections whilst being entertained by the state of the art multimedia system, which includes a 4,500 square foot video screen built into the dome of the observatory.

For our appetiser, we chose the High Range Platter. This featured a selection of starters from the menu, including their rich and creamy Five Cheese Dip, Shrimp and tasty Texan



Planet Hollywood Disney Springs.

Tostadas. An excellent choice. For our main course, Ella selected the L.A. Lasagne, which she described as an amazing blend of flavours. I had the St. Louis style pork ribs, which were succulent and the meat just fell off the bone. We had little space for dessert, but I chose the Planet Meltdown accompanied by hot caramel sauce. Ella tried the Chocolate Comet, one of the restaurant’s signature Supernova Milkshakes, which she described as out of this world! Planet Hollywood pride themselves on the presentation of their dishes and it is a fabulous dining experience not to be missed. For more information visit [www.planethollywood-intl.com](http://www.planethollywood-intl.com).



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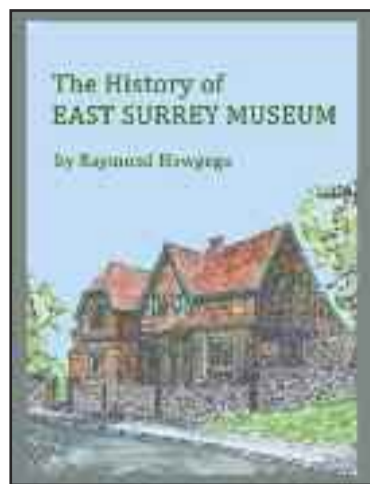


## The History of East Surrey Museum

by Ray Howgego

In this new and attractively presented 60-page book, author Ray Howgego traces year by year the evolution of the Museum from the Bourne Society pioneers of the 1970s, through the museum's foundation in 1980, right up to the present day. The author draws on the many thousands of pages of primary documents in the archives of the museum, augmented and enriched with personal reminiscences, to provide an accurate and readable account of the struggle to gain public and official support, the eternal battle for funding, and the extraordinary dedication of curators, volunteers and friends who gave up so much of their time to ensuring the museum's permanence and development. Every exhibition ever mounted by the museum receives a mention, while an opening chapter relates the story of the house and its occupants before the building's conversion.

Being centred on the museum and those who created and maintained it, many of whom were prominent in the commu-



nity and had affiliations elsewhere, the book is an important addition to the literature of East Surrey and is essential reading for museum friends and all who are interested in local history. This book is now in print and copies are available in the Museum at a price of £5 each, all profits going to the museum. Alternatively, send a cheque for £6.50, payable to 'East Surrey Museum', and enclosing your name and address, to: East Surrey Museum, 1 Stafford Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6JG.

## Well done Spooks!

For two hours a day, 89-year-old Godstone resident, Spooks Batchelor, has been cutting back the weeds encroaching onto the path alongside Bay Pond in Godstone.

Local resident, Paul Scoble, said: "Spooks has lived in Godstone all his life and wants to get rid of the weeds that have appeared due to the Council's financial cutbacks. What a lovely old gent he is!"



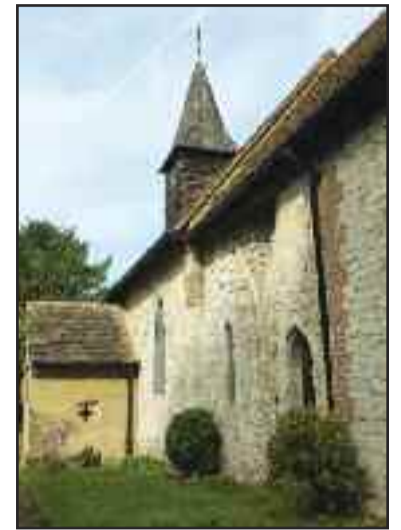
Spooks Batchelor cutting back the weeds at Bay Pond. Photo by Paul Scoble.

## Christmas Tree Festival at St. Lawrence's Church

The Guild of Friends of St. Lawrence's Ancient Church in Caterham-on-the-Hill is hosting a Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November.

Mary Mountain, a member of the Friends of St. Lawrence's Church, said: "We hope this will be a community event and are inviting local organisations and businesses to be part of it. It will involve producing a decorated tree to stand in the medieval church. This will provide an opportunity for local people to advertise by decorating their tree to reflect their organisation, e.g. hard hats for a construction firm or books and pencils for a school. There will be labels identifying each tree. We hope lots of people will join us in what, we hope, will be an enjoyable community event."

The public will be asked to vote and the winners will be featured in the local press and perhaps displayed at a local



St. Lawrence's Church. Photo by Jenny Bulford

venue afterwards. Friday 17th November will be "setting up" day and on Sunday November 26th, the trees will have to be removed and the church cleared for a service.

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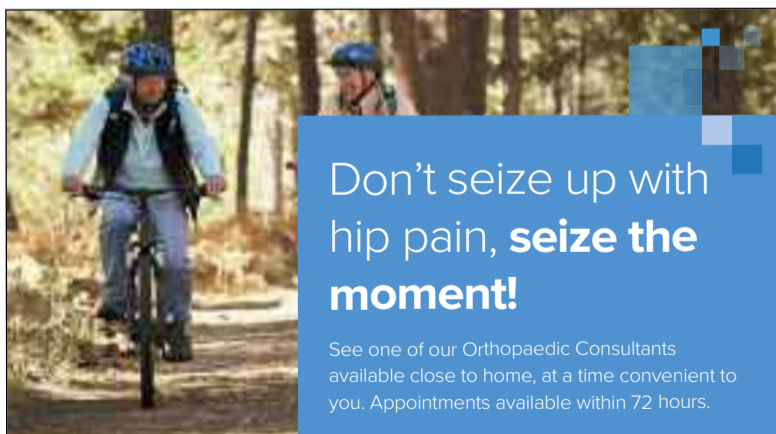
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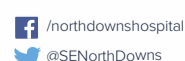
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On Saturday 12th August, an audience of 210 people packed the car park at The King and Queen pub in Caterham-on-the-Hill to see Fullers "Open Bar" presentation of The Comedy of Errors by William Shakespeare.

Staff set up an additional outside bar to meet the extra demand for liquid refreshments and there was a hog roast for peckish members of the audience.

In true Shakespearian style, the actors moved around the audience, encouraging interaction and participation in the performance, much to everyone's enjoyment. After much applause at the end of the play, many of the audience stayed behind to enjoy a drink and chat about the highly entertaining performance.

Afterwards, the landlady of The King and Queen, Kathy Hill, said: "For the second year, Open Bar excelled themselves yet again. In its fourth year, this annual event gets bigger and better every year. What more can you want - outstanding theatre without leaving your local pub, great



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food and beer as well as a perfect night for everyone! We at The King and Queen love this event as it brings in lots of new and old faces for something a bit different. Bring on next year when we will have two nights to meet demand. See you then if not before!"



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### North Downs Community Orchestra provides fun entertainment at the Douglas Brunton Centre AGM

by Annabel Leach, age 11.

On Tuesday 18th July, the Douglas Brunton Centre in Caterham held its well-attended Annual General Meeting. The Douglas Brunton Centre is a day centre for older people that includes a hairdresser, art club, exercise classes and many more exciting activities.

After the conclusion of business, members of the North Downs Community Orchestra, led from the violin by their conductor Shona Fenion, were delighted to entertain the attendees with a selection of their repertoire. They played a selection of well-known classics and pieces from films.

A professional harpist, Margaret Watson, played a medley of toe tapping Glenn Miller hits. In Radetzky March the audience accompanied the

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## The "Average Joes" storm into third place in 12 hour lawnmower race

On Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th August, local resident, Matthew Thompson from Caterham Osteopaths, his son Chris, also a professional osteopath, and Andy Ballam from New Ink Printing, came third in the British Lawn Mower Racing Association's 12 hour lawnmower race held in Five Oaks, near Billingshurst in West Sussex. Their team, the Average Joes, drove 290.16 miles in the 12 hours, racing from 8pm until 8am, completing 350 laps of a gruelling, bumpy, muddy track. The Northerners Kick Grass team came first, and a team from Luxembourg came second. Matthew's wife and mum to Chris, Barbara Thompson, said: "I'm very proud of them both as it's the first race they have done for three years because Chris has only just come back from New Zealand. Just before he went to New Zealand in 2014 he



The Average Joes lawnmower racing team, from left: Chris Thompson, Matthew Thompson and Andy Ballam.

won the lawnmower World Championships, and Matthew came third, so there is a certain amount of competitive spirit in the family!" For more information about the British Lawn Mower Racing Association, visit [www.blmra.co.uk](http://www.blmra.co.uk).



North Downs Community Orchestra performing in the United Reformed Church on 21st June.

orchestra with shakers and bells. Also in Land of Hope and Glory the audience raised their voices in song, bringing the performance to a rousing finale. Stella, the Centre manager, said: "It was fantastic to hear the Centre users joining in."

The Orchestra's next public performance took place at the Godstone Village Fete and Donkey Derby on August Bank Holiday Monday (see

photo on page 8).

The Orchestra welcomes new members, who play orchestral instruments, whatever their experience and ability. They will be holding an open rehearsal on Wednesday 13th September at The Godstone Scout Hut, The Green, Godstone RH9 8DU.

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e-mail [fitfest2017@mail.com](mailto:fitfest2017@mail.com). There is also a FitFest 2017 Facebook page.  
**Jumble Sale**  
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**RSPB Talk**  
On Wednesday 13th September at 8pm, East Surrey RSPB are presenting a talk entitled: "Wild Ethiopia" by Martin Davies, about the conservation and development issues facing the country. The talk is taking place at the White Hart Barn in Godstone and there will be refreshments at half time, finishing at 10pm. Entrance is £3 for adults and £1 for children. For more information visit [www.eastsurreyrspb.co.uk](http://www.eastsurreyrspb.co.uk).  
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**Old Coulsdon Camera Club**  
On Tuesday 26th September, Old Coulsdon Camera Club is presenting: "A Landscape For All Seasons" by Tony Worobiec FRPS at the Cameron Hall, Canon's Hill, Old Coulsdon. The meeting starts at 7.45pm for 8pm. Entrance is £5 (refunded on joining the Club). For more information visit [www.oldcoulsdoncameraclub.org.uk](http://www.oldcoulsdoncameraclub.org.uk) or e-mail

[lynda@oldcoulsdoncameraclub.org.uk](mailto:lynda@oldcoulsdoncameraclub.org.uk).  
**Caterham Art Group demonstration**  
On Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm, Caterham Art Group are holding an oil demonstration by Jamel Akib at the United Reformed Church, Harestone Hill, Caterham CR3 6SX. Visitors are welcome. Entrance is £4. For more information visit [www.caterhamartgroup.org.uk](http://www.caterhamartgroup.org.uk).  
**Caterham Community Choir**  
On Saturday 7th October, de Stafford School in Burntwood Lane, Caterham is hosting "An Evening With Caterham Community Choir" together with local supporting artistes. Tickets cost £5. To book tickets call Jean on 01883 345619 or Sheila on 01883 345678. All proceeds will go to the League of Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital.

**Downland Chorale**  
On Monday 18th September, Downland Chorale mixed-voice choir are holding an Open Rehearsal Evening introducing their new Music Director, Tom Chapman. The rehearsal takes place at 7.45pm at St. John's Church, Canon's Hill, Old Coulsdon CR5 1HA. The choir normally sings on Mondays from 8pm-10pm and will be practising John Rutter's Requiem for their winter concert. For more information call 07729 618226.  
**Quiz Night**  
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### An exciting new season kicks off for the Old Cats Under 12's

Old Cats Under 12's finished a very impressive season by winning the Chairman's Shield in the Surrey Waterfall Cup competition. They played Reeds Weybridge in the final and Old Cats came out winners - 45-15. The team, who started the season with only nine players, remained undefeated throughout the season. As the season progressed, new players came to the club and by the end of the season the team size had grown to over 22 players. One of the Under 12's coaches, Russell Taylor, said:

"This success comes as a result of great teamwork and of players never giving up, not to mention a wonderful set of parents supporting their sons and the team."

"We are looking forward to next season and hoping to continue with some enjoyable, fun rugby and if the boys can win a few games along the way, that would be great. We may have up to 25 players going into next season, but more new players are always welcome. If anyone fancies coming along to play, it would be great to see them."

Old Caterhamians sees the opening of a brand new clubhouse in September. For more information e-mail oldcatsyouth@gmail.com.

### Local community health provider is rated "Outstanding"

First Community Health and Care has been rated outstanding by the Care Quality Commission ("CQC") following an inspection in March 2017. This puts First Community in the top 2% of health organisations inspected by CQC in England. Sarah Billiald, Chief Executive of First Community Health and Care, said: "We are so proud of the whole team across First Community. We know we provide high quality services because we get such positive feedback from patients, but having the recognition from CQC is a great acknowledgement of the commitment and hard work of colleagues in every department and in every location."

"We truly believe that this rating of outstanding from CQC proves that community interest companies, where services are delivered by an employee-owned organisation together with the community, delivers the best results for all."

The report was published on Friday 18th August 2017 and can be viewed at [www.cqc.org.uk/provider/1-274331683](http://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/1-274331683).

### Local camera club focuses on new members

Tandridge Photographic Society ("TPS"), based in Godstone, has released details of a picture-perfect programme for the new season. Planned events include talks from high-profile guest speakers and regular club competitions to help members improve their photography skills. The Society is also looking to welcome new members to the club at the start of the season on Thursday 7th September.

Sarah Bedwell, Honorary Secretary at TPS, said: "Joining

when we kick off the new season is a great idea, as we put on a special Open Evening to welcome new members and discover what sort of photos they like to take."

Guest speakers this season will include Paul Sanders, former picture editor of The Times, and coastal adventurer and photographer Ken Scott. The club also organises friendly competitions, where members' photos are assessed by external judges who offer advice and suggestions for improvement.

For more information visit <http://tandridgephotographicsociety.org.uk> or email: [secretary@tpsinfo.org.uk](mailto:secretary@tpsinfo.org.uk).



The Old Cats Under 12's after winning the Chairman's Shield.



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An attractive five bedroom detached period residence occupying a beautifully maintained well established and secluded position situated in a highly sought after residential area close to Caterham town centre with mainline station into central London. EPC Rating G. UPC2063



**WHYTELEAFE**

**£675,000**

An opportunity to acquire a beautifully presented and deceptively spacious modernised and extended four bedroom detached property situated on a popular residential road in Whyteleafe with driveway providing ample parking and large landscaped rear garden with garden cube/office. EPC Rating D. UPC2068



**CATERHAM HILL**

**£585,000**

An opportunity to acquire a substantial four/5 bedroom three storey town house with landscaped front and rear gardens, driveway and garage situated on the popular Harbledon Park Village development. Viewing highly recommended. EPC Rating C. UPC2064



**CATERHAM HILL**

**OIEO £425,000**

A newly refurbished three bedroom end of terrace house with driveway and attached garage situated in a popular cul de sac on the popular Harbledon Park development and offered to the market with no onward chain. EPC Rating C. UPC2063



**WHYTELEAFE**

**OIEO £285,000**

An opportunity to acquire a larger than average two bedroom period conversion apartment requiring restoration throughout set amongst well established communal grounds and gardens with residents car park and garage on site offered to the market with no onward chain. EPC Rating F. UPC2062