The end of an era

Dismayed staff are told the Caterham Marie Curie hospice is set to close in the spring.

Marie Curie Cancer Care is restructuring its services in Surrey and its plans include the closure of the hospice in Harestone Drive, Caterham Valley in March 2009. The hospice closed its beds three years ago but since then the charity has funded four beds at the North Downs Hospital in Tupwood Lane for patients requiring end of life care in a hospital. The restructure means the closure of the four beds in North Downs hospital, but alternative provision will be available in St. Catherine’s Hospice in Crawley.

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Restructure of Marie Curie nursing care
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Currently, around half of all cancer deaths in the county occur in hospital but research by the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity shows most people in the UK would wish to die at home if they had a terminal illness. Earlier this year, the charity made a commitment to double the number of people being cared for at home at the end of life by Marie Curie Nursing staff.

As well as the closure of the Caterham Hospice, the charity is also reviewing the current Community Supportive Care Service and the Specialist Palliative Care team. It is currently talking with its staff and Surrey and Croydon Primary Care Trusts about its proposals and how best to support more patients and their families in the future through the delivery of more home nursing care.

Susan Munroe, Director of Nursing and Patient Services at Marie Curie said: “If we are able to invest more in the local Marie Curie Nursing Service we believe we will be much better placed to help more people achieve their wish to die at home.”

The beds at North Downs Hospital closed last week and patients requiring in-patient palliative care will go to either St. Catherine’s Hospice in Crawley, St. Christopher’s Hospice in Sydenham or the Caterham Dene Hospital.

East Surrey MP, Peter Ainsworth, said: “I recognise that, as an independent charity, Marie Curie is perfectly free to make its own decisions; however, I believe that they need to do a great deal more to convince local cancer sufferers and families that their plans are in the best interests of our community.”

If you would like to express your views to the charity whilst they are at the consultation stage you can write to:

Susan Munroe,
Director of Nursing and Patient Services,
Marie Curie Cancer Care,
89 Albert Embankment,
London SE1 7TP

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**Competition - Win a Royal Chicken & Pizza Feast!**

The Royal Chicken & Pizza in Coulsdon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill (opposite Tesco’s) are giving £25 worth of pizza’s to the winner of our competition! £25 will buy you one of their popular ‘Royal Party Buckets’ consisting of two large pizzas, eight pieces of chicken, two portions of garlic bread, two large fries and one bottle of Pepsi - perfect for a Christmas get-together with friends. The Royal Chicken & Pizza serves a delicious range of freshly-prepared and cooked pizzas to suit all tastes, including hot and spicy combinations for both those who eat meat and vegetarians. To go with the delicious pizzas, fried chicken and burgers are a selection of side orders (cold drinks and desserts so there is plenty to choose from if you are our lucky winner! To enter, send your answer to the following question along with your name and telephone number to: ‘Royal Chicken & Pizza Competition, The Caterham Independent, 33 High Street, Caterham, CR3 5UE or e-mail: ‘Editor@caterham-independent.co.uk’. Only one entry per person. Entries must be received by Wednesday, 24th December.

**Question:** How many pieces of chicken are there in a Royal Party Bucket?

a) Four; b) Six; or c) Eight.

The name of the winner will be published in the January edition of The Caterham Independent. Good Luck!

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Highways investigate the Mount Pleasant floods

Surrey Highways have been swift to take action, following the continued flooding of Caterham Valley since the recent ‘big clean’. During the clean-up over 15 tons of silt, and 180,000 gallons of water was extracted from the systems. Chairman of the Transportation Select Committee at Surrey County Council, David Hodge, said: “Although the operation was highly successful it did not clear the problems in Croydon Road and Mount Pleasant Road where flooding still occurred after the clean-up operation.

“I brought this matter to the Highway Officers’ attention and it was agreed to make arrangements for County Contractors ‘Conways’ to undertake a complete review of the drains and gullies and to use camera technology to check all the drains to ensure they were in good condition.”

The formal report from Conways is expected to show that there is a ‘fall’ difficulty with the rainwater at the junction of Croydon Road and Mount Pleasant Road as it flows to the link on the opposite side of Croydon Road. As the gradient levels out at the bottom of Mount Pleasant Road, the flow of the water slows down, causing flooding.

“Once Conways have completed their full report and Highway Officers have digested the full implications of the findings then I will arrange for a formal report to be brought to the Surrey County Council Local Committee. I hope to see the report within a month. This is a highly significant matter for us as thieves target motorists and householders with the aim of relieving them of their precious goods. Shoppers are urged not to leave their purchases on view in their cars. Thieves target car parks, particularly in the lead-up to Christmas, watching and waiting for people to off-load parcels and bags in their cars before going off to do more shopping. Shoppers are also reminded to be wary of pick-pockets - and to keep purses and wallets secure and out of sight.

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The December programme for their annual exhibition. Art Society has returned recently the Old Coulsdon ningham Jones and very based painter Carole Cun-
In recent weeks the gallery has been host to numerous artists including Farnham-
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Looking Glass Gallery revealed in new light!
The Looking Glass Gallery at The Arc in the old Cater-
Burtenshaw’s Beat by Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector, Elaine Burtenshaw
I would like to start with positive news around Halloween patrols. The lead-up to the festival was quiet and on the night itself my team received 27 calls which is cer-
tainly quieter than last year. Thank you to those that were out Trick or Treating in Tandridge for entering into the spirit of the night, to the members of the community who contacted me to thank my team for their presence out there and my team for changing shifts and ensuring it was an evening that could be enjoyed by all. You may have read recent reports about the waves in Caterham; I would like to reassure all of you this kind of crime is very unusual for Caterham and for Tandridge as a whole. This year in Tandridge, an area of 110 square miles, we have had just 11 personal robberies. This type of crime, along with all crime, we want to reduce further and my team are working with de-
tectives to identify suspects. If you have any information at all then please call us or Crimestoppers if you wish to remain anonymous. You should have received your Neighbourhood Policing letters through your door with the news in your area and details of future panel meetings. We have used these letters to launch Country-

Rotary and Round Table are coming your way
The annual Rotary Christ-
mas Tree Collection has been running in Caterham and District for approxi-
mately sixty years and is a joint venture between Caterham and Harestone Rotary clubs and Cater-
ham Round Table. Last year’s event made £3,500 for local worthy charities and the members will soon be out with Santa hoping to collect an equally impres-
sive sum this Christmas. The collections will be tak-
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Hillcroft pupils bounce to support toy appeal
Hillcroft Primary School pupils are supporting the Salvation Army’s Christ-
mas Toy Appeal for the third year running. This year they held a fund rais-
ing bounce with Salvation Army captain, Chris Sand-
ford, joining in the fun (pictured right). Gifts donated to the ap-
peal will be distributed to children in need in our community by the Salva-
tion Army’s network, so Christmas morning will be special. Please leave un-
wrapped gifts at Tots ‘n’ Weenies or Superdrug in Church Walk or the Centre Manager’s office. Please avoid giving cuddly toys as the Army is usually inun-
dated with them!
Oasis Academy hosts Business Breakfast

The Oasis Academy in Coulsdon hosted a Business Breakfast on Friday 14th November 2008 attended by local businessmen that had been invited by Principal, John Murphy. The audience heard a keynote address by Reverend Steve Chalke, MBE, on ‘Investment for the Future’ during the event that preceded the start of National Enterprise Week on 17th-21st November.

Explaining the objectives of the event, John Murphy said: “Business and Enterprise underpins every part of our curriculum. It is so important that we fully prepare our students for the workplace and we have modelled our student leadership team on business lines. We want to engage with businesses and harness their expertise. Our students are the workforce of the future, we want them to experience how a business works and understand how the subjects they are learning at the Academy relate to the real world; it will be a powerful motivational force to help them become the leaders of tomorrow.”

Afterwards the delegates were able to learn more about the work of the Academy with Lead Prefects on hand to guide them around the classes and answer their questions.

Breakfast hosts Business Oasis Academy

Local school helps to smash world record

Children from Warlingham Park School took part in the Big Sing 2008 recently and helped break the Guinness World Record for the biggest simultaneous sing along. At precisely 2.45 pm last Thursday, 28th November, the school joined hundreds of other schools from around the country to sing Des’ree’s worldwide smash hit ‘You Gotta Be’. The latest estimates suggest that a total of 600,000 children took part in the challenge, beating the previous record of 293,978 singers.

The senior members of the Warlingham Park School choir travelled to the O2 Arena in London to take part in the World Record challenge while the rest of the school congregated in the School Hall and linked up by mobile phone. Head of Music at the school, Debbie King who was at the O2 arena with the children commented: “The atmosphere at the O2 was truly amazing and the kids seemed to appreciate that they were taking part in something quite special.”

The World Record attempt organised by Big Sing 2008 helped raise funds for renowned charities including Marie Curie Cancer Care, CLIC Sargent and Youth Music.

The record-breaking choir from Warlingham Park School
New youth facilities for Caterham town centre

Surrey County Council has agreed terms in principle to secure local facilities in Godstone Road for youth services. This will mean that some youngsters who need a bit more support and help will once again have a centre in Caterham. It is also hoped to provide a Youth Cafe on the same site, which will be a vibrant, safe and appropriate place that will welcome all young people in the town. Sally Marks, member for Caterham Valley, said: “I am delighted that after several false starts Surrey County Council will now be able to provide facilities for youth in the town centre. It has been very disappointing to me that following the closure of the previous site we have not been able to provide local facilities that meet the needs of the local community. This has been due to some of the options we have considered, not being suitable due to such things as poor disabled access or affordability and value for money to taxpayers. I am hoping that, subject to planning consent being granted by Tandridge District Council and the fit out of the facilities, the service will be opening its doors in the first half of next year. Given that the provision of such services has remained a high priority to me and to many others, I am hopeful that any planning application for this site would be looked on favourably by the Planning committee at Tandridge District Council and am sure that the application will receive support from the Caterham Valley District Councillors - and hopefully the Parish Councillors too. I am also hopeful that as part of the scheme we will be able to provide a ‘Youth Cafe’ that will be a welcoming place for our youngsters. It will be vital to work closely with partners and community groups over the next few months to maximise the potential for this exciting new venture”.

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Marden Lodge School, Croydon Road, Caterham CR3 6QH

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*The Hillcroft Surestart Centre holds a Stay and Play every last Wednesday of the month 9.30-11.30am for local registered childminders.

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The community room & kitchen facilities are also available for private hire during weekday evenings & weekends. If you are arranging training or meetings for your organisation - call us to arrange a viewing of our facilities

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LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

Public Land, Caterham on the Hill including: High Street, Town End, Church Road, Chaldon Road, Westway, Recreation Ground, Westway Common, & Queens Park

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application has been made to the Licensing Authority of TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL for a premises licence.

Details of the application are as follows:

The provision of Regulated Entertainment
A copy of the application may be inspected between 09.00 & 16.00 Monday to Friday at the address shown below.
Any responsible authority or interested party wishing to make representations on this matter must submit those representations in writing to Licensing Section, Tandridge District Council, Station Road East, Oxted, RH8 0BT www.tandridge.gov.uk by no later than 29th December 2008 stating the grounds on which the representation is made.
Please note that it is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and, on summary conviction for the offence, a person is liable to a fine not exceeding level five on the standard scale (currently £5,000).

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Official Launch Day
Saturday 28th February 2009
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The theme for our launch day is ‘When I grow up I want to be…’
Come along and meet the team at our official opening.
Fun activities, fancy dress parade for the children, dance display and lots more!

Give me a call - Jackie Bolton 01883 625255

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Closing date for completed application forms: Monday 8th December 2008. Examination and interviews in February 2009.

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Grassroots Grants
supporting local communities

Surrey Community Foundation is delighted to have awarded £160,000 to 47 community groups. This is the total amount awarded so far from the three year Grassroots Grants programme, which aims to support small voluntary groups who are making a big difference to their local communities. Grassroots Grants is funded by the Office of the Third Sector (OTS) and administered nationally by the Community Development Foundation (CDF).

Surrey Community Foundation is managing Grassroots Grants for Surrey and has awarded over £90,000 this month alone to 26 local voluntary groups. This included a grant of £5,000 awarded to 1st Godstone Scout Group to fund a refit of their headquarters, which will provide a storage space for the club’s equipment. This will then provide the group with the space to accommodate more members. Surrey Community Foundation will award over £1 million in grants over the three years of the programme (2008-2011) to support community and voluntary groups to build stronger and more active communities.

Professor Patrick Dowling, Chair, Surrey Community Foundation said “We are absolutely delighted with the excellent projects which Grassroots Grants have been able to support so far. We would encourage other small voluntary organisations locally to contact us for details on how to apply for a grant.”

To find out more about Grassroots Grants, please contact Surrey Community Foundation on 01483 555640 or email: grantsadmin@surreycommunityfoundation.org.uk

The memories of a Caterham scout
by Andy Parr

Some readers may remember Les Hayley, now age 92 whose parents ran Hayleys stores in the Valley, where the HSBC bank now stands. He returned to Caterham recently to show his daughters where he grew up.

As a child he had been a Wolf Cub in the 1st Caterham Cub Pack, who were then based next to the Methodist Church in Coulsdon Road. He then became a Scout in the newly formed Valley Troop, now the 3rd Caterham. He was unable to come up and see the exhibition that was held earlier this year at the East Surrey Museum, or to attend the centenary of the 1st Caterham, but was interested in seeing some of the articles.

He was able to identify over half the people in a 1928 photo of the 1st Caterham at camp. He could also identify the leaders and some of the youngsters in a lorry at the 1930 Fire Brigade Carnival, and thinks it is a picture of him in a 1929 edition of the Scouter magazine, hanging onto the side of Warlingham Scout swimming pool - he still can't swim. It was great fun talking to him, and I learnt a lot about Scouting members.

92 year-old veteran scout, Les Hayley, takes a trip down Memory Lane during his recent visit.

in the 20's. He talked to the cubs, and Neil Burtenshaw presented him with a 1st Caterham Centenary Scarf.

I also introduced him to Vi Mattock, (nee Waters) at 103 years old, Caterhams oldest resident. They hadn’t seen each other for about 70 years, but amongst other things, remembered playing in the park together as children.

Were you a Cub or Scout in the early years? Can you remember anything else? please contact Andy Parr on 01883 340561 if you can.

Competition winners!

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Shimol Patel, owner of VitalTone Pharmacy, with a selection of the large range of beautiful Christmas gifts available in his store in the heart of Caterham Valley.
Eating Out

A Chinese feast at Blossom House
by Julia Church

I travelled to the near east for a delicious Chinese meal recently, just three miles from Caterham to Hamsey Green to be precise! It was the first time I had the pleasure of dining at Blossom House, and I was very impressed by the friendly staff, relaxed environment and deliciously cooked food. Mr Lau, the owner, recommended a set dinner for my dining partner and I - the Peking Feast, one of a choice of three set meals at £18.00 per head. The Peking Feast is a best seller amongst Mr Lau’s customers, with generous portions of a selection of favourite dishes, offering better value than when chosen separately from the menu. To start with we were served with Peking Mixed Appetisers, consisting of Sea weed, paper wrapped prawns and saté chicken. Despite their description, the prawns were wrapped in mouth-watering pastry rather than rice-paper, and the saté chicken was beautifully moist and tender. This was followed by Crispy Duck served with pancake, fresh vegetables and hoisin sauce - a firm favourite of mine. Having let the first two courses go down, we were then served our main course of Deep Fried Chilli Beef, Chicken and Cashew Nut in yellow bean sauce, King Prawns with fresh seasonal vegetables in garlic and Special fried rice. The Chilli Beef was lovely and crispy while the combination of chicken and cashew nuts with yellow bean sauce was pleasantly sweet - a very nice combination. With the juicy King Prawns and the rice there was more than enough food for the two of us - a genuine feast indeed!

The alternative set dinners are the Blossom House Feast - a sizzling favourite amongst families with youngsters, and the Szechuan Feast, for those who prefer their food more highly spiced. With its great food and helpful staff, this contemporary Chinese restaurant is well worth travelling east for! To book a table call Mr Lau on 020 8651 4723.
Mamma Mia - What a night!
Review by Julia Church

Hen nights, special birthday celebrations, works outings – they were all there, dancing the night away at the Abba Night at the Rayon D’Or in Purley Way, Croydon. If you haven’t discovered the Rayon D’Or yet, then get along soon for a night to remember! This sophisticated venue at Airport House provides all the ingredients for a celebration with good food, friendly service and top-class entertainment. The theme for the night when I visited Rayon D’Or recently was Abba, and the girls performed to a packed restaurant full of happy diners, eager to get onto the dance floor as soon as the show started. The doors to the suite opened at 7.45pm, allowing plenty of time for everyone to get seated at their tables and enjoy the buffet before the ‘Abba Girls’ took to the stage shortly after 10.00pm.

At £22.50 per ticket, the evening offered excellent value, with a delicious selection of hot food to feast upon before the entertainment kicked off. The main courses included Beef Pot Roast with tomato sauce, Seafood and Vegetable Pie, Chicken wrapped with Graadvalax in white wine sauce, Braised Lamb Steak covered in rosemary and garlic sauce and Poached Dressed Salmon, with rice/vegetable/salad accompaniments. Dessert consisted of Chocolate Brownies, Fresh Fruit Salad and Baked Cheesecake. The only problem was deciding what to choose, with such a tempting range of dishes on offer. The Rayon D’Or has a packed programme of themed Party Nights for 2009, including such favourites as Tina Turner, Elvis Presley, Simply Red and Lionel Ritchie. They are now taking bookings for New Year’s Eve when you can enjoy a buffet and dance to the theme of the 70’s and 80’s for £65. For more information call 020 8781 1816.
A Bollywood Banquet

My dining partner and I were made very welcome into this very warm, cozy and friendly restaurant for their special Wednesday Banqueting Night at £10.95 per person. The buffet comprised five courses with a wide range of choices for each course. All the food is freshly prepared and can be adjusted for the individual to taste from mild to very hot.

We were seated and offered papadoms (always a good start to a curry), but these are not included as one of the courses. We had a bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon (£14.95) to accompany our meal, which was an excellent choice.

For our first course we selected Chicken Chat (juicy pieces of chicken in a spiced sauce with a fresh garnish of salad) and Shish Kebab (fresher cooked tender minced lamb with a fresh garnish of salad). We followed this with Chicken Jalfrezi (chicken cooked in a slightly hot prepared sauce, garnished with onions and green peppers) and Dum Pukht Gosht (subtly flavoured lamb cooked with saffron and brown onions). I normally go for a Tikka dish but chose this dish on the recommendation of the waiter and it was lovely and tasty - the lamb was so tender and the creamy sauce very smooth. Our third course consisted of Sabzi Curry (fresh vegetables cooked with a little spice) and Saag Aloo (spinach and potatoes), a favourite of mine! Our fourth course was Garlic Naan and Pulao Rice.

By this time, we were very full, so chose a coffee for course five although we could have opted for two scoops of ice cream. The Wednesday Banqueting Night is very popular with diners, and the restaurant was soon packed with couples and groups of friends. At the table next to us we met Stephen Bull from South Croydon and Gary Sharpe from Purley. They are regular visitors to Bollywood, dining most Wednesdays, and said they come back time after time for the excellent food and the very accommodating owner and staff!
CATHEDRAL KITCHENS

Quick Quiz
by Alec Herbert

“Alright Dave?” – Dave is in all the questions or answers:
1. In only Fools & Horses, who regularly asked “All right Dave”?
2. David Cameron represents which constituency?
3. Salem House is the school, Mr Creakle the headmaster, and Doris Spenlow and Agnes Wickfield were his wives. Who is the title character of this novel?
4. Who was BBC TV’s Sports Personality of the Year in 2001?
5. Which character had the Christian name David – Starsky or Hutch?

Answers
5. Starsky (Ken Hutchison).

Sunday morning, 16th December 2008. Kenley Financial Ltd.

Readers’ Letters

Rose & Young - Chief Executive of TDC’s Response

I refer to the letter from Mark Lewis that appeared in The Caterham Independent in November, concerning the former Rose & Young site and other matters affecting Caterham. Mr Lewis alleges the Council has tolerated and kept quiet the fact the Rose & Young site and other matters affecting Caterham. We have had many meetings with prospective developers to discuss the site’s development. These meetings we cannot consider a blockage to it being implemented.

A high street is not simply a high street, but the reality is no such partner, or scheme, has emerged to date.

Compulsorily acquiring a private site without a viable commercial development to implement would be likely to incur substantial costs and risks and would result in Council taxpayers taking on a significant financial liability. Nevertheless the matter is being kept under review should a viable worked up proposal come forward and there remained a blockage to it being implemented.

Without these pre-conditions we cannot consider a CPO for the site with all the accompanying costs and uncertainties and the possibility the government would not confirm any such order should an objection be made.

We have had many meetings with the owners and prospective developers to discuss the site’s development. These meetings have been carried out with a flexible approach to appropriate new uses, which are reflected in our planning policy for town centres. (Cont. on page 20)

Only a Winter’s Tale?
by Jerry Connor, Kenley Financial Ltd.

When David Essex topped the charts at Christmas 1982 with ‘Winter’s Tale’, the UK was in the grips of a deep period of recession. Inflation hit 13% and interest rates a dizzy 10%. Unemployment was rising and people were worried about Sterling.

We had just fought a war several thousand miles away (The Falklands) and people were pretty much down in the dumps. Does any of this sound familiar? Gordon Brown had said that boom and bust had been abolished. I think maybe he got that wrong! But how do things really compare this time around?

As we approach 2009, many people are worried about the spectre of losing their jobs, homes and businesses. This time we have rising unemployment because of faltering demand but interest rates are lower and retail prices will be coming down. There undoubtedly will be winners and losers in this current financial climate.

Savers will be amongst the winners. Despite what is reported we are a nation of savers and there are six times as many savers as borrowers. Over the next few months the credit squeeze between banks will ease and interest rates for savers will come down markedly. The recent cut in interest rates to 3% was in reality a 33% drop in potential income stream. So please act quickly as securing good rates will be harder to do in the New Year. National Savings have also signalled a move to reduce the return on their accounts and even Premium Bonds.

The winners will include those with large mortgages and stable employment. Next year the proposed tax breaks and falling mortgage rates will signal better times ahead if you fall into this bracket. Hopefully this recession will prove shorter than some fear; the statistics do not on the face of it seem as bad as in 1982. We could do with some good news, a rising stock market and more stability in general. Things did get a lot better after 1982 so let us hope history is repeated.

Have a great Christmas and a prosperous new year!
In the garden
by Alec Herbert

Around the middle of November, I was asked if it was too late to scarify the lawn and give it an autumn feed. I feel it is and certainly by the time you read this article it will be.

The lawn needs time to recover from being thatched and scarified and as growth is now more or less stopped such recovery will be more difficult. I would now be inclined to leave the lawn until the spring, then rake out the moss and dead grass, aerate and use a spring feed, thus encouraging new growth. Through the winter, try to keep off the grass, especially when it is wet as walking on it will compact the ground and restrict new growth later on. Winter is a good time to plan and implement changes to the garden. If an established plot contains many perennials, they may have become overcrowded or strangely looking. Tackle one area at a time and if possible lift everything out and ensure all weeds are removed. Dig over the ground, adding as much organic matter as possible, then replant either the complete clump, or healthy young sections from around the edge of each clump. A decent mulch around each area will assist in suppressing any remaining weeds. Try interspersing winter flowering cyclamen, pansies and primroses as most will flower through to spring giving colour through the dark months of winter.

Pots and patio containers which have been planted with summer flowers do not have to remain empty. Plant these up using small upright conifers, small skimmias or choisyas, trailing ivies and winter flowering heathers. Keep in mind that the heathers will require an ericaceous based compost. Finally it is an ideal time to check plant stakes and supports for climbing plants. Many will have become damaged by the wind, overweight plants or simply rot. If this is so replacement is so much easier whilst the plants are relatively dormant.

Try to keep off very wet or frosty ground and enjoy the slightly different challenges that winter presents to the gardener. Oh, and by the way, a very happy Christmas.

Caterham Baptist Church Christmas Services

Wednesday 17th December
Evening Carols at 8.00pm and refreshments

Sunday 21st December
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Christmas Morning
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Festival of Christmas Trees
A Festival of Christmas Trees is being held in St. Lawrence’s Ancient Church in Caterham-on-the-Hill over the weekend of 6th-7th December from 10am to 5pm. Come along and see the trees exhibited by local clubs, societies and businesses. Entrance free.

Tandridge Photographic Society
On December 11th at 8.00pm Tandridge Photographic Society (TPS) is holding an evening of members’ digital audio-visual presentations, giving members a chance to experiment with imaginative interpretations of images and music. TPS meets at the rear of the Community Centre, High Street, Caterham on the Hill. For further information, please contact Steve Elms on 01883 494646.

Carol Concert
The East Surrey Choral Society is holding a Carol Concert with audience participation at 7.30pm on Saturday 13th December at Caterham Valley United Reformed Church. Tickets cost £5 from the box office, telephone 01883 344373, or on the door.

Munch with Music
The next event in the series of Munch With Music concerts at St. John’s Church, Caterham Valley, is on 3rd December when the Farthingdown Choral Group will present items with a seasonal flavour. The doors open at 12.15pm with music from 1.45-1.30pm. Please bring your own sand-wiches. Admission free.

St. Mary’s Concert
A ‘Concert for a Festive Celebration’ is taking place on Saturday, 6th December from 7.00-9.00pm at St. Mary’s Church, Caterham-on-the-Hill. Performing will be the Band of the Surrey Yeomanry and the choir and organ of St. Mary’s. Tickets cost £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children and OAPs, available on the door.

Cinderella
Woldingham Pantomime is presenting ‘Cinderella’ at the Woldingham Village Hall, directed by James Reddick. The evening performances take place at 7.30pm on 30th December and 2nd/3rd January and the matinee performances take place at 2.30pm on the 1st and 3rd January. Call 01883 653040 to book tickets.

Celebrity launch for Downlands Trust

Conservation charity, the Downlands Trust, got off to a great start recently when it was launched at the Coulsdon Manor Hotel last month. Over 120 guests attended the launch that was attended by actress Susan Hampshire who formally introduced the Trust. There were also presentations by guest speakers Alan Law from Natural England and Graham Precey, Legal & General’s Head of Corporate of Social Responsibility. The new charity has been set up and will be run by volunteers to support the countryside management work in the Downlands Project area (Northeast Surrey and South London). It will assist the Project in promoting the conservation and improvement of our natural environment. For more information, telephone 01737 737700.
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Guy Fawkes winners

Well done to the winners of the Round Table’s ‘Build a Guy’ competition which was judged on 8th November. First place: Eight year-old Dylan Thomas from Marden Lodge School (pictured right with his sister Megan); Second place: Seven year-old Emma Garrett from Hillcroft School (centre); Third place: Luke and Ben Cunningham aged nine and six from Audley School (left).

Readers’ letters (Continued from p15)

Regarding the Council’s approach to planning issues, Caterham is an area subject to considerable development pressures reflecting the prevailing view that it is an attractive place in which to live and conduct business. Planning officers apply policies consistently to ensure development within Caterham, as elsewhere in the district, reflects its distinctive local character and resist inappropriate development. The newly adopted Core Planning strategy will greatly help in this.

On a specific point the opening of Kentucky Fried Chicken is cited as evidence of more fast food outlets. However, planning permission was not required, as the restaurant just replaced an existing restaurant (Pizza Hut). Evidence the Council actively supports local moves to improve Caterham is also found in our strong efforts to help the ‘A Better Caterham’ group in its excellent work on initiatives to promote environmental improvements. This support has been given through much expert officer and councillor advice and attendance at many meetings. We remain willing to make a financial contribution when the group puts in a detailed bid to the Development Agency.

I hope these comments are helpful to provide a more balanced assessment around the Rose and Young issue and some other concerns expressed in your newspaper.

Stephen Weigel, Chief Executive of Tandridge District Council

A resident’s viewpoint

It was with great pleasure I read Mark Lewis’s letter printed in your November issue. He mirrors, I feel, what the majority of us agree with in the Valley. We have a council that has shown an interest in Caterham and its more important issues.

Julia Cook, Caterham

Congratulations!

Congratulations on The Caterham Independent! At last a local paper that knows what to do during the next round of elections.

Gordon Frith, Caterham

Get fit to the core!

by Steve Robertson, Energy for Life

It’s that time of year again when some of you will be thinking of your skiing holiday for Christmas. The rest of us still need to keep our training regime in tip top condition so for the benefit of all of us we will look at core strength and balance. Core strength refers to the strength and stability around your abdominal, lower back and hip muscles and as skiing incorporates a lot of twisting and rotating, it plays a critical part in controlling the movements on your skis. The stronger your core, the easier it will be to perform more challenging manoeuvres and maintain good form. It will also help reduce the risk of injury. Balance is also critical for skiers. Good balance will enable you to land tricks easier and crash less. Here are some examples of exercises from our training program at Energy for Life.

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Change to Museum opening times

The opening times at East Surrey Museum have been reviewed with immediate effect and the museum is now open from 10.00am to 17.00pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and will no longer be opening on Sundays. Museum Curator, Katy Newton, said: “We hope that our new extended times will allow many more of you to visit and we look forward to seeing you in the near future.”

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“IT was Martin & Co’s first time of entering the awards and was prompted by the upbeat feedback we consistently receive from franchisees, landlords and tenants,” commented Managing Director Ian Wilson. “We fully recognise the responsibility everyone in our organisation has to enhance the letting experience. This comes at a time when many new landlords are entering the market and require the security of a competent approach from a committed and professional letting agent.

“We are proud to play a major role in driving lettings standards upwards, and we are already campaigning for regulation in the industry at the earliest opportunity. In the meantime, this award will hopefully provide our clients and prospective clients with the assurance that they have chosen the letting agency that our own industry has recognised as the one that receives the highest level of support from its franchise operator.”

Awards for St John volunteers

The annual Transfer of Colours and Presentation of Awards Ceremony for St John Ambulance Surrey took place at St Mary and St Nicholas Church, Leatherhead on 26th October.

The awards recognise an outstanding achievement of community service with St John Ambulance and were presented by Lady Hamilton of Dalzell DL, former President of Surrey St John Ambulance (pictured right).

There were 44 awards for individuals each giving 500 hours of volunteering, 12 for people giving 750 hours and 22 awards for people who put in a staggering 1,000 hours last year. Volunteers also won long service medals and bars representing up to 50 years of service each – a grand total of 835 years! Divisional President Stuart Latham clocked up a remarkable 50 years of volunteering for St John but was unable to attend the ceremony.

The Colours, which feature the eight pointed cross of St John, were passed from the custodianship of Leatherhead to Weybridge Division for the coming year.

Caterham Divisional Officer, Philip Greenfield, receives his award for serving 750 hours with St John

Caterham Division volunteer, Mark Peters, receives his 12 year award
Old Cats RFC
by Old Cats Chairman, Steve Dalgleish

The Old Caterhamians, your local community rugby club, is approaching mid-season with all sections of the club enjoying their sport. The mini section, which caters for players from the age of five through to 12 have over 100 members training every Sunday morning at the club grounds under the watchful eyes of qualified coaches and enjoying friendly games with local opposition sides. The youth sides of the club are also building numbers in each age group, playing friendly and league games within the Surrey Competition. The U13 squad of 30+ players have played local sides in friendlies and recently started their league games. The U14/15 combined squad are attracting players from local schools as far away as Oxted and are training every week, playing friendly matches later in the season. The Under 17s have a squad of 27 players and started their league season on November 23rd with a home game against Sutton & Epsom. This is a strong age group with two of their players already having played in senior matches. The U18s league season does not start until January 09 with their first league game away to Cobham on January 11th. The squad of 26 players are looking to follow a successful season from last year and are continuing to build strength in their final youth year. The Ladies senior squad have won two of their four league games so far with a further three games having been postponed so far this season. They are hoping to play future players from our developing youth sides that train alongside them on a Wednesday evening. The men's first team have had mixed results in their league and are yet to settle into their season having suffered injuries to key players from the start of this season. The club's A and Ligers teams are playing friendly and merit shield games and looking to develop new players through them for the first team. Anyone interested in playing, spectating, helping out or coaching at the club will be warmly welcomed into this friendly family environment. For more information go to: www.oldcats.co.uk

New garden waste service

From spring 2009, a new garden waste service is being introduced by Tandridge District Council to help residents compost their garden waste, instead of burying it in landfill sites. Residents will be able to take out an annual subscription for a fortnightly service which will take away grass cuttings, hedge trimmings, leaves, plant prunings, weeds and old or used compost in a special bin. Bins will be provided as part of the subscription, which is expected to cost around £40 a year. The new service, which will be carried out by Biffa Waste Services, will start in spring 2009. Initially it will be available for up to 6,000 households in the Caterham, Oxted and Warlingham areas. Residents will be able to take out an annual subscription for a fortnightly service which will take away grass cuttings, hedge trimmings, leaves, plant prunings, weeds and old or used compost in a special bin. Bins will be provided as part of the subscription, which is expected to cost around £40 a year. The new service, which will be carried out by Biffa Waste Services, will start in spring 2009. Initially it will be available for up to 6,000 households in the Caterham, Oxted and Warlingham areas.

Chairman of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Glynis Whittle, said: “We are very excited about the new service. It will provide a much greener way for residents to recycle garden waste and will also reduce the amount of rubbish being sent to landfill. We have decided to offer a subscription service, because not all residents will want their garden waste collected, especially those who are already composting theirs.”

More details about the service will be available after Christmas.
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