

# Parish Council NEWS



## Whyteleafe Road crossing - Progress at last!



Councillors Webster, Botten, Burningham and Orrick using the new road crossing in Whyteleafe Road

For several years the Parish Council has called for a proper, lights-controlled, pedestrian crossing outside the schools campus in Whyteleafe Road. Indeed, when the project was to be further delayed by insufficient funding from Surrey County Council's Highways Department, the Parish Council stepped forward with a much needed injection of cash to keep the scheme on track. This has been the largest amount the Parish Council has committed to any single plan and so we are delighted that the works have finally been completed.

The installation of road humps and table as part of the works should help reduce the overall speed in that section of Whyteleafe Road even when the lights are green. Whilst it has taken a long time, and has often been frustrating with delay upon delay, we believe the crossing to be essential for the safety of the pupils at Audley Primary, St Francis Primary and Sunnydown schools.

Mrs Daphne Shields, Head teacher at Audley School said, "Audley parents, staff & pupils are really pleased that the traffic lights have been installed in Whyteleafe Road. This will help to increase the safety of all who attend Audley and particularly our pupils. Thank you to all who contributed to the drive in getting this completed."

Although the Parish Council is pleased that the crossing has been installed there is a design problem with the drainage that the Parish Council is pursuing with the County Council.

### THANK YOU

**An estimated 700 people witnessed the switching on of the Cedar Tree Lights this year with £433.75 being raised for the Caterham Community First Responders.**

As usual it was a real community event and the Parish Council would like to thank the following for their assistance: Buxton Homes for supplying the power for the Cedar Tree Lights and for allowing use of their car park; Blends Catering for supplying the mince pies; The Caterham Arms for serving and supplying the mulled wine; Vivace Pianos for the piano accompaniment; Audley school for the staging; St Francis School and the Caterham Community Choir for leading the carols and the Scouts; Mr Parr who supplied equipment and helped out on the night; and Father Christmas and his helpers.



St Francis School Choir



Councillor Sarah Burningham, Chairman of the Parish Council

It was a privilege to be re-elected as the chairman of the Parish Council for this year and I look forward to continuing to work with councillors, our clerk and warden.

As well as working on projects directly linked to life on the Hill, such as our winter maintenance program, we are also closely involved with neighbouring Parishes in formulating a Neighbourhood Plan for the CR3 area.

Working with the Valley, Chaldon and Whyteleafe is an opportunity to have more influence over what happens in our immediate area. People often express the view that they feel powerless about changes to their town, and, claiming back a sense of control over how we live our lives locally is hard work but hopefully worth the effort.

For more information go to <http://caterhamareaforum.wordpress.com>





# Update on Planning Issues

by Councillor Hilary Turner

The Parish Council considers all major planning applications which are made to Tandridge Council, and we comment where we think that a proposal will have a local impact.

We supported the plans to redevelop the former garage site at the junction of Chaldon Road and Westway. The application for a mix of flats and business premises was prepared following a local consultation carried out on behalf of the developer. This was approved by Tandridge Council, and we hope that work will start soon on this project.

We objected on several grounds to two alternative schemes for intensive garden land development off Whyteleafe Road and close to Annes Walk. Either of these proposals would have a major impact on people living in the surrounding area. They would also include use of part of a site designated as Reserve Housing Land, which should only be used if and when the Council is unable to meet its housing requirements from other sources. At its October meeting, Tandridge Council refused permission for both these schemes. However, the developer has now lodged an appeal against the Council's decision.

At the same meeting, Tandridge Council also refused permission for a plan to turn a house in Coulsdon Road into flats, again following an objection from the Parish Council. Councillors were not satisfied that the proposed off-street parking arrangements were realistic or achievable.

Tandridge Council is also moving forward with Part 2 of its Local Plan. This has been the subject of widespread consultation and will provide a set of detailed policies to back up the approved Core Strategy. These include policies aimed at providing extra protection against intrusive new development of our residential areas. This policy document is expected to be approved by the Government following further amendment and consultation.

Meanwhile, Tandridge Council has received a report from GL Hearn Consultants which estimates that the District will need to find land for far more houses in the future than the recent level of requirement. The Council has started on a review of the issues and constraints which could affect its ability to meet this new level of land supply.

## Jarvis Kenrick

On Friday 28th of June an historic event was celebrated in Caterham on the Hill.

The first blue plaque erected by the Parish Council was unveiled at Cedar House to commemorate the scoring of the first goal in the FA Cup competition. On November 11th Caterham resident Jarvis Kenrick scored this goal playing for Clapham Rovers and still two days shy of his 19th birthday.

Members of the Kenrick family came to Caterham to share in the celebrations with his namesake and great grandson, Jarvis Kenrick Browning unveiling the plaque. Rev Duncan Swan, himself a keen football fan, blessed the plaque.

The famous cup, which was won by Jarvis Kenrick for three consecutive years as a member of the Wanderers Football Club, and now owned by local businessman David Gold was brought along by Mr Gold, a gesture which was much appreciated by the Kenrick family and the many representatives of clubs and schools associated with our former resident.



Jarvis Kenrick and Anne Maw

The area in front of Cedar House was full of guests from afar representing various sports

and local history groups who all enjoyed being part of this special event. Refreshments were served in the St Paul's Centre and this gave guests the chance to look at the display put up to mark the occasion and to take a close look at the original FA Cup.

After the reception the Kenrick family were taken to visit Pendell House in Bletchingley which had been the home of Jarvis, his wife and nine daughters.

Our thanks go to all those who helped make this such a special occasion, especially to the Kenrick family, including some who couldn't be there, who gave us photographs and other material.



Councillor surgeries are held on the last Saturday of the month at Caterham on the Hill Library (with the exception of August and December) from 10am to 12 noon.

If you have an issue you would like to discuss with your local representative please come along.

The Parish Warden continues to report local issues such as potholes, overgrown hedges, litter, graffiti etc.

If you have any issues that you would like reported please email

caterhamhillpc@msn.com.

A plaque was placed in the pavement at Hillcroft Corner by 1st Caterham (St Mary's) Scout Group to commemorate their 100th Anniversary. Parish Councillors Orrick, Hooper, Turner, Burningham and Gauge (photographed opposite with members of the Scout Group) attended this event.



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## GRANTS

The Parish Council gave a grant to the library to buy a seat for children to sit and read. Sue Chapman, the Assistant Library Manager, said "The new children's seat is a fantastic addition to our library and is proving very popular. It gives the children and their parents a comfortable place to sit and share books together."

## DOG TIES

In response to requests from residents, dog ties have been installed by the Parish Warden in nine locations around Caterham on the Hill. These are for residents to secure their dogs while using the shops. Locations include outside the library, Capitol Dry Cleaners, Best Zone, Chemitex, Londis and RU Foods. We hope you find them useful.



## Community Interest Company

*by Councillor Chris Botten*

Your Parish Council has always sought to find creative ways to protect much valued local services. We have done this through careful management of funds, enabling us to afford to run services ourselves, and by looking at the horizon to see what threats to local services may be on the way.

The future for local government funding is truly challenging and County and District councils will really struggle to secure the funds from central government to maintain everything as it is. Accordingly, we have reviewed how we might continue to protect services that the other councils currently deliver, either by managing them ourselves with less cost, or by redesigning the way such services are delivered.

Caterham on the Hill Parish Council has a reputation for being well managed and far sighted, so other councils talk to us seriously about the future and how we can help with the challenges ahead. Most recently, we have been considering the formation of a community interest company (CIC) to manage services in the future, as the Parish does not want to employ staff itself other than our clerk and warden, in order to keep its admin costs down. The idea of a CIC has gone down very well so far with those partners with whom we have shared our early thinking. We are just at the exploratory stage at the moment, but, as ever, we will ensure that all our residents are fully informed of our progress.

## COULD YOU BE A SNOW ANGEL?

Tandridge District Council is looking for more Snow Angels to join its network of volunteers who help clear pavements around key areas when it snows.

As soon as snow is forecast, volunteers are contacted to help pre-salt pavements and then to clear snow and ice. All the equipment and salt is provided by Tandridge District Council and Surrey County Council.

In addition, council staff who can't get into work can volunteer to go and help the group closest to where they live.

Councillor Tony Elias, Chairman of the Community Service Committee, said: "This scheme has been really successful thanks to the hard work of everyone involved, but we need more volunteers. We all need to do our bit when it snows, so if you are able to, please do join our Snow Angels."



If you would be prepared to spare a few hours to help your local community in the event of snow, please contact Scott Coughlan on 01883 732785, or e-mail [scoughlan@tandridge.gov.uk](mailto:scoughlan@tandridge.gov.uk) to find out more.



# Kenley Airfield - Successful Lottery Bid

I am delighted to report that the Kenley Revival Project has secured initial funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This will enable the City of London Commons - which manages Kenley and Coulsdon Commons - in partnership with the Friends of Kenley Airfield and English Heritage to implement the development phase of the project.

If the second Lottery funding bid is also successful, the full project will include conservation of the remaining infrastructure on this historic World War II airfield, together with a host of other work such as cataloguing of artefacts and building a sound archive of interviews with Kenley Airfield veterans. There are more details, together with other news, on the websites [kafg.org.uk](http://kafg.org.uk) and [cityoflondon.gov.uk/citycommons](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/citycommons).

*Councillor Hilary Turner*

## Caterham Community Choir becomes Independent Community Group

Caterham Community Choir, which was set up by Tandridge Trust earlier this year, has now become a fully fledged independent community group. The choir was set up in April and has been run by Tandridge Trust since then, but will now be led by a small committee of members.

“It is really fantastic that the choir is now well enough established to take on the responsibility of running themselves, as this was always the intention from the start of the project” Lisa Phillips, Culture Activities Manager at Tandridge Trust commented.

There's no audition, no need to be able to read music, no commitment required to attend every week and new singers are encouraged to drop into one of their weekly sessions to see if it is for them. The choir meets every Tuesday 7-9pm, at de Stafford School, Burntwood Lane, Caterham, CR3 5YX, during term time.

For more information check out our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/CaterhamCommunityChoir>, email [catchoir@btinternet.com](mailto:catchoir@btinternet.com) or telephone 01883 345678.

## Parish Council meetings

take place on certain Wednesdays at Caterham on the Hill Library at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and have the opportunity to give their comments.

For dates go to [caterhamhillpc.org.uk](http://caterhamhillpc.org.uk) or contact the Parish Clerk on 01883 708310.

The Police Neighbourhood Panel is the communities' opportunity to meet with their local safer neighbourhood team officers and discuss matters of interest or concern. 2014 panel meetings are being held at Linden Homes, Guards Avenue, Caterham between 19.30 and 20.30 hours. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 25th March 2014

Tuesday 27th May 2014

Tuesday 29th July 2014

Tuesday 30th September 2014

Tuesday 25th November 2014

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