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A NOTE FROM...

The Town Clerk's Desk

SPRING IS IN THE AIR AND WINTER IS FINALLY ON THE POINT OF BOWING OUT. AT LEAST THIS YEAR, WE WERE SPARED THE HEAVY SNOW FALLS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR!



Let's focus on what lies ahead for 2012. Well, what a year this promises to be. We have the Olympic Games from 27 July 2012 until 12 August 2012 and this coincides with the Diamond Jubilee. The celebrations will centre around an extended weekend on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June.

As you probably know, the only other monarch to celebrate such a landmark was Queen Victoria in 1897. 2012 also sees the 100th anniversary of the maiden voyage of RMS Titanic and the **Berry Theatre** will be taking a local focus for our commemorations of those momentous events in April 1912 shedding light on some of the stories and personalities from our Borough involved in the dramatic history of the Titanic. Whilst on the subject of the Berry Theatre, Hedge End will be celebrating **the theatre's 1st Birthday** with a weekend of fabulous fun for all. The birthday celebrations have been underwritten by the Town Council and the line-up sounds really exciting. I am amazed that nearly a year has passed by since the Berry Theatre was opened and it has absolutely flown by.

Some say we are a nation of largely sedentary workers, we take less and less exercise. Yet one of the most effective forms of exercise is walking. I recently read that there is now strong evidence to suggest that regular brisk walks could be better, than strenuous jogging. Walking like most aerobic activities, is good for you because cardiovascular exercise strengthens the heart and lungs, increasing overall fitness. Feeling that I had not undertaken a stroke of exercise for some time, I felt that rather than don a pair of tight lycra shorts and a running vest, I would be more modest and set out for a decent long walk.

So, a few weeks ago, my family went for a long walk around Hedge End and it must be appreciated what delights are available quite literally on your door-step. There are many hidden joys in Hedge End that you could

so easily fail to notice as you go about your daily business. Whisper it quietly, but on that walk I noticed that spring is certainly on its way. The snowdrops are well and truly here and the daffodils are beginning to awaken and song thrushes are starting to sing. If snowdrops signify the hope of spring, then daffodils certainly signal its arrival. We will soon expect to see woodlands carpeted with bluebells in late April/early May. Some 2.5 hours later, we returned home and I must say that although I was tired, it was exhilarating and I really enjoyed the walk. I would recommend it to all whether it is just a few minutes or a couple of hours around Hedge End, it makes no difference. It is well worth your while and I promise you, you will be pleasantly surprised.

From what I have heard and by all accounts, Hedge End is soon going to enjoy a period of sustained warmer weather. This will make for a pleasant change and we look forward to good weather for the start of the **paddling pool** season now incredibly into its 10th year of operation. The Town Council has budgeted for picnic tables and chairs to complement this ever popular facility and will enrich the experience of a visit to this free facility.

ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY EASTER AND I HOPE YOU ENJOY THE SPRING!

Kevin



JOB VACANCIES

We are currently recruiting for seasonal caretakers (April - Sept) for the following positions:

- **CARETAKER (Taplin Pavilion)** Main duties - clean & maintain the buildings & manage casual tennis court bookings.
- **CARETAKER (Paddling Pool)** Main duties - clean & maintain the paddling pool area, toilet & run the kiosk.

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Chairman's Report

Firstly, I would like to say how very sad it was for us to hear that **Councillor Pearl Hicks** who was ill just for a short time, died suddenly at the beginning of January. Pearl will be missed by us all. She worked tirelessly in many ways in the community, especially at Christmas time as she steered the Christmas Lights Committee. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.



We are now planning ahead to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 4th June. As it is early days, no details have yet been decided, but we are anticipating it will be in the way of a Street Party in the centre of Hedge End. Further details will appear on our website: www.hedgeend-tc.gov.uk as soon as definite details are available.

Hopefully the worst of the cold spells are behind us and Spring just around the corner. I know we have actually been quite lucky in our area, weather wise, but it has been very cold and so if we know of any elderly persons who are in need of help, let's please help them in any way we can.

Our Annual Parish Assembly will be held on 12th March, 7pm at the 2000 Centre (large hall), St Johns Road, Hedge End. Please come along, we would love to see you there!



Yours sincerely

Jane Welsh - Chairman
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COUNCILLOR PEARL HICKS

It is with great sadness that the Town Council announces the death of Councillor Pearl Hicks following a short illness. Pearl had served the community as Chairman of the Council 2007/2008. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.



Recreation and Amenities Committee Report

Groundstaff

Our Groundstaff have been working hard over the last few months and now with the better weather on the way, will be out and about keeping our open spaces, allotments and cemetery up together.

Stubbs Drove

We were asked to consider the anti-social behaviour which has been causing problems in our Stubbs Drove area and a consultation paper went out to all residents who live nearby, including Willow Close and Aspen Close. However, with regard to the installation of gates, the views were very mixed. It has therefore been decided to defer the decision until the Autumn. We are now going to ask the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to do regular visits during the summer months which we hope will help to resolve the problem.

Dog Owners

A request has been made to our Committee regarding 'dog owners'. It really is a polite notice to ask dog owners who take their dogs to our local parks to please keep them on a lead when there are other children and adults about. If you are taking your dogs for a walk, please remember some people feel a little frightened when they approach or jump up at them, even if the dogs are only being friendly.

The Clock

Finally, the most talked about subject of our village centre is 'the clock'! We are now looking at changing the contractor that services it and will see if it is worth overhauling completely by someone else. We know something has to be done and it would be a shame to have it removed but lets see what we can do to overcome the problem.

Burns Night

I would like to thank everyone who helped make my annual Burn's Night such a success. I am pleased to report that £1307.50 was given to each charity, The Mayor of Eastleigh Charities and Hamble Rescue Life Boats. Just over 100 people enjoyed the evening. So, thank you and I believe the request is for another one next year.

Jane Welsh - Committee Chair
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Council News

Committee Reports

Community and Culture Committee Report

Pearl Hicks

I'd like to start this report by echoing the tributes elsewhere to the late Councillor Pearl Hicks. Pearl was Chairman of the Community and Culture Committee for several years and Vice Chair of this committee until her recent sudden death. She masterminded the annual Christmas Lights Switch On event and was a great supporter of all community events in Hedge End. We will miss her.

Christmas Lights

Having been snowed off the past year, this last year we had very heavy rain for the Christmas Lights Switch On. However we still had a good turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy the event. So thanks go to all our performers, all our local traders who supported the event, the Carnival Court for their attendance, and the Hedge End staff and councillors who helped out on a very wet night. For 2012 we are looking into having a covered stage and improved sound so if the weather is bad our performers won't get so wet and everyone will be able to hear better.

The Berry Theatre's 1st Birthday

As you will have seen elsewhere, The Berry Theatre's 1st Birthday Celebrations are being sponsored by Hedge End Town Council and this committee has been involved in the planning. We are grateful to the Berry staff for working up our ideas and look forward to a really good weekend of events. We are very proud of the success of our local theatre and wish them continued success into their second year. If you haven't been yet, do attend one of the weekend's activities or performances.

Hedge End Youth Partnership

The other major thing this committee has had a hand in is the newly launched Hedge End Youth Partnership. We will continue to receive the youth report every month and look forward to working with the new service and continuing our support of the Youth Council.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Looking ahead, we are exploring the possibility of a Diamond Jubilee Street Party and exploring the possibility of a town twinning with Mockmuhl in Germany. As with all committees, members of the public are very welcome to come along and share their ideas with us.

Louise Bloom - Committee Chair
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Finance and Administration Committee Report

Council Tax

In the last edition of the Gazette I outlined the budget process that the Town Council adopted before setting its precept (budget requirement for the operation of the Town Council) for the Council Tax. After much consideration we have been able to freeze the Hedge End Town Council budget requirement, leaving the Council Tax at the same level as last year. In order to achieve this it has been necessary to maintain strict spending limits on many aspects of the Councils' activities but we are confident that there will be no reduction in the standard of service offered.

Groundsman's Store

I have referred in past editions to the new groundsman's store in Woodhouse Lane. I am now able to confirm that tenders have been invited for the work and a contract should be awarded to the successful contractor in April. Completion is expected to be in September/October.

Solar PV

I am also able to confirm that the Solar PV panels have been installed on several of our community buildings and that we are now generating our own electricity during the daytime as well as receiving income from the "Feed in Tariff" at the higher rate.

Visitors Welcome

Finally a reminder that the Finance and Administration committee meets monthly and that our meetings are open to the Public and we are always pleased to welcome visitors.

Derek Pretty - Committee Chair
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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY



Monday 12 March 2012, 7pm - 2000
Centre (Large Hall)

**FIND OUT WHAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS
BEEN DOING FOR THE COMMUNITY. ALL
WELCOME...**

**Serving the Community Awards | Allotment
Award | Council & Community Reports |
Refreshments**

Community News

Round Up

The Berry Theatre, Wildern Lane, Hedge End, SO30 4EJ | www.theberrytheatre.co.uk | Box Office 01489 799 499



1ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS (Supported by Hedge End Town Council)

(FRIDAY 23 - SUNDAY 25 MARCH 2012)

Join The Berry Theatre for a fun packed weekend of events:

Friday 23 MARCH, 7.30PM - GREAT EXPECTATIONS - 100 FREE TICKETS!

(Supported by Hedge End Town Council) 100 FREE tickets to residents of Hedge End for Hotbuckle Productions explosive performance of Great Expectations. TO CLAIM YOUR TICKETS (max 4 per caller) please contact the BOX OFFICE 01489 799499. You will need to confirm your full address & postcode.

SATURDAY 24 MARCH - OPEN SATURDAY - FREE EVENTS

- FREE Workshops - puppet making, stage make up
- FREE Backstage Tour
- FREE performance showcases
- FREE film - The Smurfs

SATURDAY 24 MARCH, 7.30PM - POLLY & THE BILLETTS DOUX

The genre-defiant quartet's distinctive sound combines elements of blues, country, folk, soul and gospel to create a sumptuous and totally unique sound with a quintessentially English twist. Tickets £5.00

**SUNDAY 25 MARCH, 2PM - NOSTALGIC SUNDAY
(AN AFTERNOON OF FREE FILM NOSTALGIA)**

How to survive the 1940's Post War Public Information Films. An intriguing portrait of everyday life in 1940's Britain.

Book early for all events to avoid disappointment!

Box Office 01489 799499

VILLAGE HALL 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Village Hall Opening 1962

2012 marks a significant anniversary for the Village Hall as it was on the 28th April 1962 that after many years of planning and fund raising that the building was declared open. The wording on the plaque was chosen very carefully "This plaque commemorates the work of many villagers who having given much time and thought to the project, opened this hall for the use of the community on April 28th 1962".

To mark the 50th anniversary of the opening, the Village Hall Management Committee (an independent charity reporting to the Charity Commissioners) will be holding the Hedge End Heritage Weekend on 21st and 22nd April. The Heritage Weekend was last presented to great acclaim by the Carnival Committee in 2000 and should be even better this time as more information and photos have come to light as Steve Tanti has prepared his two recent books. Steve will be on hand during the weekend to help, if you have not already purchased his books then you will get the chance to buy an autographed copy there.

If you have any photos, information or memorabilia that could be of interest please contact the organisers so that we can include it in the exhibition. You can contact Steve at his shop above the Post Office or phone me 01489 785041.

When thinking about the history of Hedge End I can do no better than quote from an article published in the Hampshire Advertiser on January 27th 1934 "Hedge End is a village without a history and yet full of interest." I would add that what makes it so interesting is that most of what has happened in Hedge End has been since the invention of photography so you can see how virtually everything has changed.

The week following the Heritage Week End has been declared open week at the hall when you have the chance to drop in a take a look at the varied activities that take place there. See the timetable (next page) for details.

Nick Wise

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THE MAGNIFICENT 11



Hedge End Rangers U11 Blue Team have made it through to the Semi-finals of The Hampshire Cup & the Southampton Tyro League Cup.

More remarkable is that the team only has 11 players, who have stuck together and battled on despite injury and illness.

It's been a difficult first season, but the effort, hard work and determination shown to get this far is a credit to the players, their parents, Hedge End Rangers FC and their Coach, Dave Kimber.

Good Luck boys, in both your Semi Finals!

HEDGE END HERITAGE WEEKEND

21 & 22 April 2012 - 12-5pm, Hedge End Village Hall

A chance to wallow in Hedge End nostalgia and an opportunity to find out about the place you have chosen to call home.

Admission Free

HEDGE END VILLAGE HALL OPEN WEEK 23-27 April 2012

- **Mon - 1.30-3.30pm Travellers Dance Club; 5pm Karate**
- **Tue - 1.30-3.30pm Arts & Crafts Club; 3.30-4.30pm Tai Chi; 5pm Karate; 8pm West End Carnival Band**
- **Wed - 2-4pm & 7-9pm Indoor Bowls**
- **Thu - 7pm Bingo Club**
- **Fri - 4-5pm Karate**

The village pre-school operates every day. To make an appointment to visit please phone 07808 420258

street DANCE JUNKIES

Dance teacher, Annaleigh Hitchcox and her **DANCE JUNKIES**, a crew of Hedge End street dancers, recently held a Street Dance workshop at Wildern Leisure Centre. Annaleigh, who has been a dancer for both Robbie Williams and Westlife, used her many contacts in the industry to invite the talented dancer and star of smash hit movie Street Dance 3D, Teneisha Bonner, to join them for a street dance workshop. The dance crew were thrilled when she accepted their invitation!

Girls from 9 - 16 attended the workshop and Teneisha really put them through their paces, leading them through a challenging routine, which the girls then performed in small groups at the end of the session.



Annaleigh commented "I have been teaching at the d@rt Centre for five years now and over that period of time I can honestly say all the children I have taught, past and present are fantastic! All I try and do is to inspire the children, help them dance with confidence, and understand that there is a foundation of technique needed to execute all forms of dance, even street. But really as long as they are enjoying themselves and having fun that's all that matters!"



HEDGE END LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER SOME TIME TO THE LIBRARY?

We are currently looking for volunteers to open the library on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, training given. If you are interested & want to find out more, drop into the library or contact **Mike Brennan, Assistant Library Manager - 01489 787142**

Community News

Green Flag Community Award

APPLICATION FOR THE GREEN FLAG COMMUNITY AWARD THE RECREATION GROUND

From 1895 until 1935 The Recreation Ground was the only public recreational open space in the village of Hedge End and even though today, the Town Council manage and maintain up to twelve parks, sports fields and play areas, this site remains historically and traditionally the main focal point for the community to take recreation in the centre of the village. The land is governed by Charity Commission Law for England & Wales and Hedge End Town Council is now the custodian Trustee.

At 116 years old, The Recreation Ground has played a very important part of community life throughout its History and here are just a few examples:

1902 26th June, King Edward VII's Coronation Day was postponed indefinitely due to his undergoing a serious operation. The parishioners assembled at The Recreation Ground at 1.00 p.m. for a Service.

1902 9th August - Coronation Day. Mr. Cockerton, Chairman of the Parish Council, was joined by parishioners at 2.30 p.m. for the planting of a Chestnut Tree commemorating Coronation Day. Clearly up to four Chestnut Trees were planted on The Recreation Ground, only two of which remain today. Sadly it is not known whether one of these trees is indeed the tree planted in 1902.

1921 The village of Hedge End held the very first Carnival, which, on Carnival Day always assembles in The Recreation Ground.



1923 Evidence of an acquisition of 26.5 rods of land on which the Reading Room stands, on the boundary of The Recreation Ground and purchased from Mrs. Ellen Ann Doodey for the sum of £45.00. The Conveyance signed by the Chairman, William Henry Abraham. As it is described as an "acquisition" and refers "on which the Reading Room stands" it would seem that the Reading Rooms either precede the acquisition, or an existing building formed part of the acquisition and was subsequently converted for the purpose. Turning the clock back 80 years and most villages had their own small hall or Reading Room for games, billiards and whist drive. In the pre-war years, without modern day technology people would amuse themselves and hold community events and clubs.

1935 In September, four years before WWII began, British Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, published a circular entitled Air Raid Precautions (ARP) inviting local authorities to make plans to protect their people in event of a war. Such plans included building public air raid shelters. In April, 1937 the Government decided to create an Air Raid Wardens' Service and during the next year recruited around 200,000 volunteers, known as Air Raid Precaution Wardens, who organised and staffed public air raid shelters. The community of Hedge End had their very own ARP Store and a bomb proof building was built within The Recreation Ground. **The first Air Raid Warning was**

recorded on 14th June, 1940 and it was said that they could not fail to hear it as it was positioned above the air raid shelter on the corner of The Recreation Ground. After the War, the building was used for over 50 years for other purposes; in 1958 it was used as an RSPCA Animal Welfare Centre and for community organisation storage, such as Christmas Lights, Carnival Equipment, Sea Scouts canoes and for many years as a public convenience. Until it was demolished in the early part of the 21st Century, when it had become more of an eye-sore and had suffered serious vandalism.

1944 As 6th June and D-Day approached, many soldiers camped on The Recreation Ground.

1961 The Parish Council made and adopted Bye-Laws confirmed by The Secretary of State and fixed to come into operation 1st June, 1962.

Throughout its history and up to the late 1980's The Recreation Ground was home to the village Cricket Club. Unfortunately, at which point the game started to interfere with the development of both St. John's Road and Bursledon Road when far too many sixes were reaching residential windows and passing vehicles! It became necessary for the Club to move to a far more suitable sports ground and the brand new Norman Rodaway Pavilion and grounds in Heath House Lane opened at the beginning of the 90's.

The 21st Century and the Town Council sought permission from the Charity Commission to install a Paddling/Splash Pool. In 2002 a magnificent £120,000 facility was completed and proves an enormous success, with not only community use but visitors from far and wide. "Johnny the Shunter", a static novelty seating area was also installed, providing a play and rest opportunity for children and parents alike.



Green Flag Community Award - The Recreation Ground | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | Phone Denise 01489 780440

Community News

Green Flag Community Award

2008 Installation of a Sport Point, specifically designed for adult exercise, a mini outside gym.

2010 The Town Council announced the installation of a brand new Playbuilder Programme & New Play Area designed specifically to suit the desires and needs of the children and young people of Hedge End. The Playbuilder Programme and indeed the substantial £50,000 grant awarded to the Town Council by the



Hampshire County Council for the allocation of a Department of Children, Schools & Families Playbuilder Capital Grant for 8 – 13 years, would not have been possible without an



informed and concise consultation process undertaken with the young people of Hedge End. The importance of this project was to provide this natural play concept, designed by the young people of Hedge End, for what was envisaged to be a tremendous success in providing leisure and recreation for the entire family at The Recreation Ground.

The grounds are completely open and welcoming to the community at all times. However, the Paddling Pool is closed during Autumn, Winter and Spring months and is commissioned for public use in late May in time for the Summer Half Term holidays and decommissioned during the second week of September each year. The Town Council also rent 10 parking spaces from the neighbouring Social Club for the Paddling Pool season to accommodate the vehicles for those visiting the site during this very popular period.



2012 THE TOWN COUNCIL WISH TO CREATE A WILDFLOWER GARDEN to enhance the grounds and provide a biodiversity area for quiet contemplation with seating. Town Council Groundsman, Danny France and Councillor Margaret Allingham have elected to spearhead a voluntary group of those interested within the local community. This project which will also include a BOG GARDEN to utilise an area of very poor drainage.

If you would care to volunteer your services and be involved with the creation of **THE WILDFLOWER & BOG GARDEN** at The Recreation Ground, please get in touch.

TO BECOME PART OF THE TEAM PROVIDING THIS NEW FEATURE FOR THE COMMUNITY CONTACT -

**Denise Lowth, Deputy Town Clerk
01489 780440**



HAMBLE VALLEY HERITAGE WALKS

The first guided walk by Hamble Valley and Eastleigh Heritage Guides for 2012 saw local residents meet at Hedge End station car park for a wander around northern Hedge End, exploring parts of Grange Park and Dowds Farm.

Guided by Eric Reed, the group took a leisurely 'dry paths' walk along both the old and new footpaths that criss-cross Shamblehurst Lane, Maunsell Way and White's Way, learning a little of the local history as they went.

The walk, taking approximately 2 hours, ended at Hedge End's newest urban development, Dowds Farm with a tour of the open spaces, lake and the old (listed) farmhouse which is currently awaiting redevelopment.

If you would like to join Eric and friends for a Sunday Guided Walk visit: www.hamblevalleyheritage.co.uk

Download this walk from the council website: www.hedgeend-tc.gov.uk/local-services/parks-and-childrens-play/. Hedge End pocket maps can also be collected from the Town Council offices.



The walkers visit Shamblehurst Manor

Green Flag - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Sunday Guided Walks - www.hamblevalleyheritage.co.uk

A Day in the Life of...

GP, Ruth Padday

Hedge End Town Council met up with Ruth Padday, General Practitioner at Hedge End Medical Centre, mother of four, volunteer and most valued member of the community to discuss work, life and the importance of being a GP here in the UK...

How long have you worked here in Hedge End?

20 years. I live in Botley and joined the Hedge End practice in 1992 after my family and I returned from living in Australia.

What do you like about Hedge End?

I love the geography. We've got beautiful cities such as Winchester, Salisbury and London all on our doorstep and we're only a stone's throw away from the coast, the Isle of Wight and the New Forest.

What is a typical day like for you?

Every day starts with the Today programme on Radio 4 which really helps me keep in touch with what's going on in the world. I drop my youngest son at the school bus stop and then I'm at my desk and seeing my first patient of the day at **8.10am**. I always start my day 'on time' but am always running late by the end of the day! Patients book a couple of weeks in advance for a routine appointment, so, often come in with 2 or 3 issues but they always save the most important one till last for some reason and it's usually the one thing we should be spending our time discussing!

At **10am** we have a meeting to see how our home visits are going. These are done at the end of the morning surgery and each one usually takes about half an hour with travel. We have a fabulous team here of doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants and support staff. The triage nurse takes up to 100 of the day's emergency calls just during the morning.

Once my morning surgery has finished at **12.00-12.30pm**, I have about 6 telephone consultation slots. I then have 40 or 50 letters to read. These updates have to be read carefully and added to the patient's notes so that our records are kept up to date. I then have to check about 20 to 30 test results; blood, urine etc. I update the patient records and perhaps alter medication or invite them back for a further consultation. We find that patients don't always remember to give us their updated mobile numbers though, so we often have trouble contacting people! I then sign and re-authorise prescriptions. I also have to fit in various meetings and management time for the practice around appointments.

Once I've finished my home visits I am back in for the evening surgery which runs between **4-6pm**, or 6-8pm if it's an extended surgery. I also have 'Duty Days' in which I deal with emergencies all day, whether in the surgery or home visit. These might include a patient who has collapsed or has severe shortness of breath.

Can you tell us about TADIC and your involvement?

TADIC is the 'Teenage Drop-In Centre' which runs here in the Medical Centre on a Wednesday afternoon 3-6pm and has now been in operation for 16 years. It's a place where young people can come and get advice on all sorts of issues from alcohol, drugs, contraception, family issues or sexual health. We never turn anyone away, we never judge, we always listen and are happy to talk about anything. We have a fantastic team of doctors, nurses, counsellors and volunteers on hand to offer advice and support. TADIC is a charitable trust, non-profit organisation and we receive tremendous support from both Hedge End Town Council and Eastleigh Borough Council. I am extremely proud to have been involved in its set up and its continued success. TADIC is a vital service for young people in the community.



Tadic Team L-R: Lisa, Nurse; Kim, Manager; Cassie, young visitor; Liz, Volunteer; Ruth Padday, GP; Liz Landford, Trustee; Tricia, Counsellor; Pam, Lead Nurse.

What motivates you?

Making a change and seeing the benefit that this brings to other people is so rewarding. Being an NHS GP here in the UK is such a unique thing and one of the reasons I came back to the UK from living abroad, as there is nothing like it. It's free and it's ethical! It really is a privilege to be a part of it.

What's your favourite past time?

I love sailing and I volunteer at the Jubilee Sailing Trust (tall ships for able bodied and the disabled) where I am the honorary medical officer assessing voyage 'crew' who have any medical issues. I also volunteer for Glastonbury Music Festival as a Medical Services Volunteer which is a really well organised, charity medical team working out of tents. But when I really want to switch off, I throw pots! I have a little pottery workshop at home which I just love.

Teenage Drop-In Centre (TADIC)
www.teenagedrop-inhedgeend.co.uk

Hedge End Medical Centre | 24-28 Lower Northam Road, Hedge End SO30 4FL | Phone 01489 785722

Community News

Carnival News

HEDGE END CARNIVAL PLANS ARE GOING AHEAD FOR YOUR CARNIVAL ON

SATURDAY JULY 7TH... If you enjoyed watching last year's carnival and want to know how to enjoy it even more the answer is to **get involved**. Whether you take part in the procession or help with the organisation your enjoyment will increase 4 or 5 fold. As the year 2012 is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Britain is hosting the Olympic Games the theme for the carnival procession will be "Diamonds and Gold". It is not difficult to take part in the procession, there are a few rules, check the entry form on the website, then just go for it. Whether you choose to enter a walking class or decorate a lorry with one of the clubs that you belong to it is a lot of fun and a great way to give something to the community.

Tickets for the carnival draw will be on sale soon. **PRIZES INCLUDE £200 CASH DAY TRIP TO BRUGES FOR 2 PEOPLE** provided by Coliseum Coaches, and a family portrait session with Humble Photography. Please buy as many tickets as you can, it is very expensive to stage the carnival and we still want to raise money for good causes. If you belong to a group that could benefit from carnival funds check out the website and complete the application form. Of course organisations that support the carnival and help us raise the money are looked upon most favourably.

The next item on the itinerary is to find a new Queen to reign over the 2012 carnival festivities. To be eligible to become the **CARNIVAL QUEEN** girls should be over 14 years old and live in Hedge End. It is a great honour with a tradition stretching back over 60 years and you will be helping to raise money to support good causes in Hedge End. To volunteer your services apply on line at www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk or e-mail via the website for more information. To complete the **CARNIVAL COURT** we will also be appointing Princes and Princesses from the age groups 6-8 and 9-11. Once again just complete the form on the carnival website if you would like to volunteer. Make sure that your application is made before April 15th.

Prior to the carnival the Carnival Committee will be supporting the **HEDGE END CLUB BEER FESTIVAL**. This will be taking place on June 15th 16th & 17th at the club in Bursledon Road. We hope to see you there.

Following the success of the **LEGO MODEL MAKING** competition introduced last year as part of the Village Show

we will be holding the competition again. The really good news is that Legoland have asked if they can get involved and are offering a free family day out at Legoland for the person judged to have made the best model. It is a great prize so get your thinking cap on and work out what model you are going to make.

The Carnival Committee are currently in negotiations that should bring a really spectacular act to fill the arena at the **GALA SHOW**. Whilst we cannot go into details at the moment it promises to be one most adventurous things that we have done in recent times. Remember that if you are not taking part in the procession you or one of the organisations you belong to could **RENT SPACE FOR A STALL** at the show and earn some welcome funds. Details are on the website. If you have a hobby that other people might be interested in then please come along and let people see what you do. As long as you are just displaying your hobby and not making any money there will be no charge and we would love to see you there. Contact the organisers to reserve your space.

Carnavalesco

CIRCUS WONDERLAND COMES TO HEDGE END

**GRETA PARK 2-4 APRIL
BOOK NOW!**

**BOX OFFICE
07531 612240**



Britain's newest and most magical circus is arriving in Hedge End for a perfect family treat. With side splitting comedy and daredevil thrills, Circus Wonderland takes you into a fantasy world of magic and excitement where anything can happen...

**GRETA PARK, HEDGE END VILLAGE CENTRE
MONDAY 2 APRIL - WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL
Mon 7pm; Tue 4.30pm & 7.30pm Wed 4.30pm only**

Check circuswonderland.com to find a money saving voucher to download! Money saving vouchers should also be available from shops displaying Circus Wonderland posters.

Just for a bit of Hedge End heritage fun... a prize awaits anyone at the Heritage Weekend (Pg 6) who can tell me what year John Lawson's Circus appeared in Hedge End? You can double your prize if you can tell me what month as well! Nick Wise

www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk

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Community News

Round Up

Tree Report

Out & About

As was expected, the colours of the leaves and the length of time they stayed on the trees was the longest and most spectacular since the 1920s. During the winter months there was little rainfall in the southern half of Hampshire. This had little effect on the flowers such as the geranium and primula, as they lasted well into the early part of February when the really hard frosts finally hit.

The violent storms that we had brought down some trees, with one in the school grounds off Wildern Lane destroying a storage shed in the process. There were quite a few broken branches around, but the damage was minimal in view of the severity of the wind.

Looking at the grass on some of the lawns, the moss seems to have liked the mild weather and is thriving. This is going to cause problems for the gardener!

With the lack of rainfall, the trees may be a bit slow in their growth this season. We will have to see how they fare.

Due to the milder weather, our garden birds have not been visiting like they normally do as they are still able to find food out in the wild.

Andrew Jemmett

EUROPEAN SCHOOLS OLYMPIC EVENT 2012-HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!



In September 2012, Wildern School will host an international sporting event bringing together one hundred and sixty youngsters aged 13-15 from four different EU countries.

The aim of the event is to use sport as a means of bringing together youngsters from diverse countries, cultures and backgrounds, and thereby fostering mutual respect and understanding. We are seeking to encourage youngsters to see the importance of sport and at the same time offer opportunities for them to communicate in different languages and showcase the importance of multi-lingualism. Over the course of 3 days, the students will compete in a range of Olympic approved sporting events. These will be held on both the school site and at local municipal leisure facilities.

We are looking for local host families to accommodate our young visitors from France, Germany and Spain. They will arrive late afternoon/early evening on Thursday 20 September 2012 and depart on the morning of Monday 24 September 2012. A host family would be expected to provide an evening meal and bedding for this short period of time (four nights). No care or supervision of guests is required during the day as they will be involved in the full programme of sporting events.

If you are able to help us, please contact Mr G Horton, Wildern School for further details - Phone: 01489 783473

Email: wildern@wildern.hants.sch.uk



GENEROSITY IS ALIVE & WELL IN HEDGE END!

Hedge End Breakfast Rotary Club were hosts to Santa Claus who had travelled by Sleigh, and who was ably assisted by his Merry Elves, to make pre-Christmas visits to Hedge End. The visits raised funds for local charities supported by our Club. The Sum of **£1,720.75** was raised, and on behalf of Santa, his Elves, the Charities, and our Rotary Club, we would like to thank everyone for their generosity. A special thank you must go to the children of Hedge End, who made it such a wonderful experience!

To become a member - Call Michele Roberts, Phone: 07786156660 or email: robboasplace17@aol.com

HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY - COME & MEET YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS TEAM

M&S / SAINSBURY'S FOYER

Mon, 10:00-12:00 - 19 Mar | 16 Apr | 14 May | 11 June
Thurs, 18:00-20:00 - 29 Mar | 26 Apr | 24 May | 21 Jun

HEDGE END LIBRARY

Mon, 13.30-15.30 16 Apr | 14 May | 11 June

Meet officers, get advice, have a chat

WANTED - OLD PHOTOS OF HEDGE END!



We are looking for old photos of Hedge End (buildings / scenes) so that we can create a wonderfully nostalgic HEDGE END CALENDAR 2013.

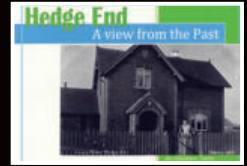
This calendar will help raise money for Hedge End Christmas lights!

Contact Alison 01489 780440 or email: infoassistant@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

COMPETITION TIME!

IDENTIFY THESE HEDGE END LOCATIONS...

Win a copy of 'HEDGE END - A VIEW FROM THE PAST'
 by Steve Tanti - A wonderful collection of nostalgic photographs of
 Hedge End. (Available to buy from Hedge End
 Book Shop, Above Post Office)



- 1** A) Turnpike Sports Field
 B) Woodhouse Lane
 C) Rodaway Sports Field



- 2** A) Greta Park
 B) Dowds Farm Park
 C) Turnpike Play Area



- 3** A) Turnpike Play Area
 B) Drummond Play Area
 C) Locke Road Play Area



- 4** A) Shamblehurst Green
 B) Turnpike Play Area
 C) Rodaway Play Area



- 5** A) Greta Park
 B) Dowds Farm Park
 C) Shamblehurst Green



- 6** A) Westward Road Play Area
 B) Shamblehurst Green
 C) Turnpike Play Area



- 7** A) St John's Recreation Ground
 B) Turnpike Sports Ground
 C) Greta Park

1) ABC 2) ABC 3) ABC 4) ABC 5) ABC 6) ABC 7) ABC (Please circle the correct answer)

Drop your entries into the post box outside the Town Council Offices, 2000 Centre, St Johns Rd, Hedge End, SO30 4AF

NAME..... PHONE.....

ADDRESS.....

CLOSING DATE: MIDDAY, FRIDAY 13 APRIL 2012

WHAT'S ON GUIDE

HEDGE END

Clubs & Organisations

1ST HEDGE END BOYS' BRIGADE - Methodist Church Boys 6+ Games & much more	Phone 01489 783779
1ST HEDGE END GIRLS' BRIGADE - Methodist Church Girls 4+ Crafts Games Email: Info@hedgeendgb.org.uk	Phone 02380 696222
31ST ITCHEN NORTH (AMAZON) SEA SCOUTS - Beavers/ Cubs/ Sea Scouts / Explorers Web: amazonseascouts.org	Phone 07900 277379
ART & CRAFT CLUB - Tue 1.30-3.30pm Village Hall Outings Demos Friendly Club	Phone 01489 798233
BINGO - Wed 1.30-3.30pm (Tickets 1.15pm), Drummond Centre, (Good Companions SC)	Phone 01489 789727
GIRL GUIDING - Rainbows Brownies Guides	Email the 'Join Us' Co-ordinator guiding@hotmail.co.uk
THE GLEE CLUB SINGERS - Mon 7.15-8.45pm Drummond Centre All Ages & Abilities	Phone 01489 789727
HAMBLE VALLEY U3A - 2nd Tues Monthly, 2pm Underhill Centre	Web: www.u3asites.org.uk/hamblevalley
HEDGE END FLOWER CLUB - 1st Tues, Monthly 7pm 2000 Centre Demos & workshops	Phone 01489 783115
HEDGE END INDOOR BOWLS CLUB - Wed 2-4pm & 7.30-9.30pm Sun 7.30-9.30pm Village Hall Come along !	
HEDGE END JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB - Under 16s Girls & Boys Email d.clouting@sky.com	Phone 01489 789802
HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY - Meet Wed 4.30-5.30pm Rodaway Pavilion Age 5-17	Phone 08452268117
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - 3rd Mon monthly 2000 Centre Gardening Demos Speakers	Phone 01489 699027
LADIES TEA CIRCLE - 2nd Tue monthly, 2-3.30pm United Reformed Church Small Friendly Group Come along & enjoy a cup of tea & a chat!	
THE MACULAR DISEASE SOCIETY - Central Vision Loss Support Group St Lukes Church	Phone 01264 321963
NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER - 1st Wed Monthly Book Group Discussions	Phone 01489 788333
NEW MUSIC MAKERS - Thurs 7.30pm Methodist Church Hall Light Music Show songs	Phone 02380 454285
PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY (YOUTH) - Youth Drama Group (14-30) Sun & Mon HEYCA	Phone 01489 690140
STREETBEATZ - Fri Eve Rodaway Pavilion Street Dance Classes 1st Session Free! Web: www.streetbeatzacademy.co.uk	Phone 07967 970801
WEST END SINGERS - Wed 7.30pm 2000 Centre Mixed Voice Choir Web: www.westendsingers.co.uk	Phone 02380 404881
YOGA BASED PILATES - Mon 10-11am 2000 Centre All levels and abilities	Phone 07967 631739

Put your club on the list...Phone 01489 780440; Email: infoassistant@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

For more details visit - www.hedgeend-tc.gov.uk/news-events/what-s-on-clubs



Local Services

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LOCAL SERVICES, VISIT: www.hedgeend-tc.gov.uk/local-services

Local Services

The Berry Theatre , Wildern Lane	01489 799499
The Box (Youth Centre) , Wildern Lane	01489 789638
Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), Village Hall	01489 796651
Civic Amenity Site, Shamblehurst Lane	01489 780028
The D@rt Centre (Arts), Wildern Lane	01489 779471
Hampshire Constabulary, Hedge End Police Station, St Johns Road	08450 454545
Hedge End Library, Upper Northam Rd	0845 6035631
Post Office, Upper Northam Rd	01489 782066
Skyline Radio 102.5FM, St John's Rd	01489 799000
TADIC (Teenage Drop-in), Lower Northam Rd	01489 782727
Tennis, Bowls, Putting Green, Pavilion Rd (Apr-Sep)	01489 797124
Wildern Leisure Centre, Wildern Lane	01489 787128

Schools

Hampshire Education Authority	01962 869611
Berrywood Primary School, Maunsell Way	01489 780068
Freegrounds Infants School, Hobb Lane	01489 782075
Freegrounds Junior School, Hobb Lane	01489 782295
Kings Copse Primary School, Kings Copse Ave	01489 785040
Shamblehurst Primary School , Wildern Lane	01489 782342
Wellstead Primary School, Wellstead Way	01489 799351
Wildern Secondary School, Wildern Lane	01489 783473

Medical

St Luke's Surgery, St Lukes Close	01489 783422
The Medical Centre, 24-26 Lower Northam Rd	01489 785722

Places of Worship

Hedge End Baptist Church, Upper Northam Rd	01489 786260
Hedge End Methodist Church, St John's Rd	01489 790604
Hedge End United Reformed Church , St Johns Rd	01489 787408
Kings Community Church, Upper Northam Close	01489 784333
Our Lady of the Assumption, Freegrounds Rd	02380 449088
St John's The Evangelist Church, St Johns Rd	01489 790048
St Luke's Church, St Luke's Close	01489 781448
Salvation Army Citadel, Wellstead Way	01489 798681

Community Halls For Hire

2000 Centre (Large & Small Hall), St Johns Rd (HETC)	01489 780440
Drummond Community Centre, Drummond Rd, Grange Park (HETC)	01489 780440
Norman Rodaway Pavilion, Heathhouse Lane (HETC)	01489 780440
Turnpike Pavilion, Turnpike Way (HETC)	01489 780440
Hedge End Village Hall, St Johns Rd	01489 784962
Hedge End Youth & Community Association Halls (Old School House), St Johns Rd	02380 739112
Methodist Church Hall, St Johns Rd	01489 784823
Underhill Centre, St Johns Rd	01489 790048
United Reformed Church Hall, St Johns Rd	01489 787408

HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL

Contacts & Committees

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Town Council Committee Meetings

All committee meetings are held at the Town Council Office. All meetings are formal, yet friendly and members of the public are encouraged to attend and take part. All meetings begin promptly at 7pm with the exception of Full Council which starts at 7.30pm.

Recreation & Amenities - Second Wednesday monthly
Finance & Administration - Second Thursday monthly
Highways & Planning - First Wednesday & Third Wednesday monthly
Full Council - Third Wednesday monthly
Community and Culture - Second Tuesday monthly

(Please note that the Highways and Planning Committee meeting for the third Wednesday will determine planning applications only; followed by Full Council)

2012	Community & Culture	Finance	Full Council	Highways & Planning	Recreation & Amenities
Apr	10th	12th	18th	4th & 18th	11th
May	8th	10th	16th	2nd & 16th	9th
June	12th	14th	20th	6th & 20th	13th
July	10th	12th	18th	4th & 18th	11th

**Deadline for contributions to the Summer
Gazette - Friday 25 May 2012**