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A Note From...

The Town Clerk's Desk

Have you ever stopped and considered how strange that particular aromas can instantly bring back a flood of memories? Perhaps the smell of freshly baked bread, a particular scent of perfume or aftershave, cigar smoke or even pipe smoke.

I was on a shopping spree in Hedge End with my daughters the other day, when I smelt an aftershave that my father used to wear when I was a little boy. I had not thought about this particular snapshot in time for over 35 years, but in a split second of that waft reaching my nose, I was lost in a sea of memories.

The smell of aftershave had transported me to a moment in time when my father drove an old grey Fiat 124 and an outing on a Sunday morning. On this outing, we are driving on a mystery tour that my father frequently undertook. On this specific occasion, I am recalling a trip through the countryside heading southwards to a place named Hedge End. We stop at a wood and go for a walk and it is only in that split second moment in the middle of Sainsbury's, that I realise that this particular walk is all centred at what I believe today could probably have been Bridget Mary Gardens.

I hear him saying to me ***"What a nice place this would be to live!"*** Ironic perhaps, that his words should prove to be so prophetic that three decades later, I do end up living in Hedge End with my wife and daughters. It is a very strange thing that a memory locked away somewhere in the back of my mind, which, until now, I had never ever thought about, should be unlocked by a simple passing waft of a particular scent of aftershave.

It is also occurred to me that 35 years ago, Hedge End had obviously made some kind of impression on my father for him to make that comment. Clearly, there must be a certain abstract ingredient existing

in Hedge End that lured my family to want to live and work within this community.

The months since Christmas have sped by and now we stand on the periphery of Spring. The spring season is full of transformations. The temperature rises to a more bearable degree, opposing Mother Nature's last few months of freezing surroundings. The leaves we saw fall and flowers we saw wilt are now budding into lush, green, picture-perfect leaves and plants. Above all, the days are beginning to get longer and we see more daylight, which is all to the good. It is refreshing to note the new green shoots springing into life from the nourishing soil that has been dormant throughout the winter months.

Just a quick reminder, that the paddling pool season is not far away and will be open around mid May.

Let's hope for better weather and a bit more sun!

Easter is almost upon us and I wish you all a very happy, relaxing and enjoyable Easter.

See you in the Summer!

Kevin



**Hedge End Town Council
PADDLING POOL
St John's Recreation
Ground
reopening
18 May 2013**

Council News

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Christmas has now long since gone and spring is nearly upon us, we hope! But before I move on, a quick look back. Many thanks to all of you who attended our Christmas Lights Switch On event, which went really well. The rain held off until nearly the end but it did bucket it down then! Our brand new gazebo made an excellent venue for our performers and also kept them dry so we thank all who helped make the evening go with a swing. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped make the event such a great success for our local community.

The Community & Culture committee have just set the date for 2013, (you have to plan ahead with these things!) so put 5th December in your diaries now.

The trees we planted at our tree planting event at Dowd's Farm mostly seem to be doing very well and are there for generations of Hedge Enders to enjoy. If you've never been along to Dowd's Farm park, it really is worth a visit with the footpaths, wild flower meadows, picnic areas, play areas and of course my favourite, the beautiful lake for you to enjoy. We've had lots of geese on the lake over the winter and now the ducks are starting to reappear.

Hedge End Town Council's ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY will be held on 3rd April 2013, 7pm at the Drummond Centre, Drummond Road, Grange Park...

All our local clubs and societies have the opportunity to update us on their various activities as do the committees of the Town Council. We will be presenting the 'Serving the Community Award' and the 'Young Person's Award', as well as the Allotment holders awards and we'll even offer you a sandwich and a cup of tea, so do come along.

Louise Bloom - Chair
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RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

This last week, the sun has been shining and what a difference it makes - even our wild flowers, crocuses and daffodils are popping their heads up. Yes, fingers crossed, spring is on the way.

Our groundstaff have been busy, cutting hedges back and making sure they are finished before our birds start to nest. They have also moved into their new **Groundsman's Store** in Woodhouse Lane. Having all their tools and equipment in one place will be much better for them.

Residents in the Dowds Farm area have asked if the unused piece of land at the bottom of Wellstead Way could be used as a **Park and Stride car park**. We have been looking at this for some time now but, with financial restraints, we have been unable to do it as yet. When the new financial year commences, we are confident that funds will be found to get this important project under way.

Albert Road Cemetery will see improvements to its paths. Some are in a very poor state and in need of renovation, so this is in hand and work will commence soon.

I do hope you have all noticed the great improvement to the flower beds in the village centre. This is thanks to the **Hedge End Horticultural Society** who asked if they could take on the project to maintain them. The work has already started and H.E.T.C. would like to thank them for all their hard work. To show our appreciation a small plaque will be fitted to the brick wall. Thank you Andy Duell and your team!

In April, we shall be selecting our winners for the Allotment Annual Prizes at our Annual Parish Assembly. It's been a disappointing year for the allotment holders, the rain did not do them any favours, but lets hope this year will be a good one. Have a good spring!

Jane Welsh - Committee Chair
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Community News

Round Up

The Wellstead Community Choir - Contact Ian Davis 01489 798681

CHOIR FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT!

The Wellstead Community Choir was formed, in November 2009, when The Salvation Army had moved away from their home at The Gap in Bursledon Road to take their place as part of the emerging community in the Dowd's Farm area of Hedge End. Inspired by TV's Gareth Malone and his efforts to get people together to sing, the group emerged as an innovative way to help people get to know their new neighbours.

What began as a small group is now a mixture of people of around 35 members, men, women and children. The youngest current member is 10 and the oldest in their 70's! Leader, Dave Mallett is pleased to see how this group of singers has progressed in such a short space of time.

"It is good to see people getting so much enjoyment from singing. You don't have to have any experience of singing in groups. You don't have to read music. The choir is intended to be accessible to everyone who has the inclination to sing and wants to be part of a great community of people!"

Meeting (alternate) Monday evenings at Wellstead Primary School, the choir exercise their lungs on a variety of songs from popular classics to gospel and from musicals to pop. You can see the choir in concert with The Salvation Army's Solent Area Fellowship Band at the Berry Theatre, Friday 3 May, 7.30pm. Box Office 01489 799499 or 07789 728786.

YOU have a voice... USE IT!

Are you age 13-21? Do you live in Hedge End, West End or Botley?
Do you want to make a difference?
Do you want to be heard?
Can you spare a few hours a month?



We are looking for young people who want to dedicate their time to championing real change in the local area. For more information, please call into The Box Centre for Young People or find us on facebook by adding The-Box Hedge-End.

The Box Health Drop In for Young People

(13 to 21 years)



Every Tuesday

3.15pm to 5.45pm

The young people's Health Drop In is a **confidential service for young people to gain information, advice or testing on a variety of health issues. These include...*

- Contraceptive & Sexual Health... FREE Condoms, Pregnancy & Chlamydia Testing
- Advice, Support and Counselling Appointments Available...
- Eating Disorders
- Mental Health
- General Health worries
- Low self esteem/ depression
- Bullying Issues
- Family Issues
- Bereavement/ loss
- Monthly – Diabetic clinic. Nurse led.



Jenny



Donna

Phone 01489 789638



OVER 60'S AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Sunday 7 April 2013, 2.15-4.30pm, 2000 Centre, St John's Rd.

Hedge End residents can book their **FREE** place by adding their name to the list at the front counter, Hedge End Post Office in March 2013.

The Box Youth Centre, Wildern Lane, Hedge End, SO30 4EJ

Community News

Dowd's Farmhouse & Yellow Dot Nursery

The derelict farmhouse at Dowd's Farm Park, once belonging to Miss Vera White, had stood desolate and unloved following her death in 2000 at the age of 90...

Vera's parents, George and Kate White, had owned the farm and after their death, Vera, who had never married, continued to live on the farm with her brother George White, until his death in 1969. Vera lived on the farm for a further 31 years and, having no next of kin, bequeathed Dowd's Farm to the Salvation Army.



The farmland and buildings were eventually sold to developers and whilst the new housing and primary school at Dowd's Farm Park sprung up around it with the life and vitality of a burgeoning community, the abandoned farmhouse stood out like a sore thumb: a forlorn, graffiti covered, shell of a building, fenced off to keep trespassers out and to protect both its frail timber skeleton and the roosting bat population that had taken up residence inside.

However, decisions were well underway on the fate of this grade II listed building. Eastleigh Borough Council, working closely with the Salvation Army and Bovis Homes, all agreed it should be sensitively restored back to its former glory. As a fitting tribute to the lands agricultural past; it was envisaged that it should become a pivotal building at the heart of the growing community. The Salvation Army opted to build a new community building (currently awaiting development) next to the old farmhouse and Bovis put the building up for sale.

Jane Dyke, Founder of Yellow Dot Nurseries, was looking for suitable nursery premises in Hedge End and first made enquiries about the old farmhouse 10 years ago. So, when she learnt that it was finally up for sale, she



jumped at the chance to purchase the property to add to her portfolio:

"People thought we were 'losing the plot', but I knew it would make a brilliant nursery and I knew that Hedge End needed more nursery provision, I was just waiting to find the right building..."

So, two years ago, with the help of an Enabling Grant from Eastleigh Borough Council and Bovis, Yellow Dot embarked on the long and painstaking journey of sensitively restoring the Grade II listed building. As Jane told us:

"The building was completely derelict when we finally took it on, but there was a lovely feeling about the place and I wanted the challenge. The building retains its old oak framework and beams and has both 16th and 19th Century elements to it, so there are quirky low ceilings and beautiful high ceilings too! Careful negotiations were needed to get full planning permission, which meant it took a year to fully develop the site. We also had to ensure that the bats' roosts were protected throughout the development stage too and special roof tiles and nesting boxes were installed. We had a really good relationship with the planners, who were extremely helpful and our architects, TKL, were amazing. We have had to basically unpick the building and put it back together again, each beam had to be sandblasted, but we have really managed to keep the integrity of the building, whilst making it a really usable space for the children. Our children seem to love it too, it feels really homely and we have outside play space that children can enjoy in all weathers".

The nursery opened its doors in January 2013 and is providing care and education for up to 61 children ranging from 4 months to 4 years.

We wish Jane and her team every success for their future here in Hedge End.



Community News

Dowds Farm Tree Planting Event

DOWD'S FARM TREE PLANTING EVENT

Thank you to all those who took part in our tree planting event on Saturday 17 November 2012. Our volunteers successfully planted 420 native trees to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in just over an hour!



All finished and ready for home - an amazing community effort!

We were thrilled to see so many volunteers on the day, including many families and community groups such as the Guides and Hedge End Horticultural Society. As many as 50 volunteers, young and old,

joined together and helped plant the trees in small groups across the length of Dowd's Farm Park; the Royal Oak sapling taking pride of place beside the lake.

The Town Council were delighted to receive a grant from the Woodland Trust for the 420 trees (one acre's worth) to help the community celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The

trees were among 6 million planted with the help of the Woodland Trust during Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Year and consist of **SILVER BIRCH, WILD CHERRY, COMMON OAK, ROWAN, plus a ROYAL OAK**



Jane Welsh helps Groundsman Danny plant the Royal Oak Sapling...



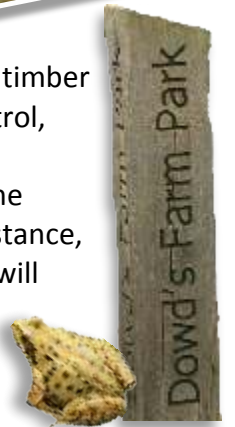
Brothers lend a hand

SAPLING (a seed taken from one of the Royal Household Estates).

Native woods are a haven for wildlife and beneficial for our health and well-being. They can also provide excellent game cover, produce timber and wood fuel, help with pollution control, reduce soil erosion and can make an important contribution to addressing the challenges of climate change. In this instance, the Town Council hopes that the trees will thrive and be appreciated by the community of Hedge End long into the future.



Hedge End's youngest volunteers



TREE WARDEN REPORT

With the weather being so bad this last couple of months making it awkward to get around, I have been reading about trees in urban areas. One of the items that came to my notice was a foreword by Jon Snow in a book called 'Trees in Your Ground', issued by the Tree Council. In it, was the suggestion that no new building or refurbishment of buildings with a street frontage should be permitted without additional tree planting accompanying the plans. With the amount of new housing being planned for the whole of England (and in places where trees will be removed to accommodate), this would redress the balance somewhat.

Trees have an impact, slowing down wind speed, reducing air pollution from fossil fuels and reducing noise levels by 6 to 8 decibels. A tree rich landscape is increasingly recognised as an important attraction for new business. Studies have also shown that house values are higher where property is associated with mature trees.

Try to imagine the centre of Hedge End without its trees -it would look rather stark don't you think? Or visualise what a cemetery would be if it was treeless and barren and then you start to realise how important they are to us.

Andrew Jemmett

Community News

Hedge End Census Records

The former Parish Council of Hedge End was established in 1894 and the Council's records throughout the past 118 years are held at the Hampshire Records Office in Winchester...

However, of those currently employed in the offices of the Town Council, none originate from even Hampshire and with the ever increasing growth of this once very small village, the majority of the population must find themselves with the very same questions that we would wish answered with regard to the history of the village we have come to know as home.

The 1901 Census Online website is an enormously resourceful research mechanism in genealogy. It is also a creditable method of mapping not only the history of significant buildings, roads and industry but the early or former names of various locations that have been lost over the years, some of which we hope may enlighten many of those old and new to Hedge End.



Hedge End rapidly expanded and was extensively developed in the latter part of the 20th Century. The latest development of residential housing to the former site of Dowd's Farm is near completion. We

have researched the earliest Census Records to identify the occupants of Dowd's Farm and find that in 1891, George and Elizabeth Adlam, a Dairyman and his wife, with their children Martha, John and George and their lodger Percival Kenchington reside, at the address recorded in Wildern Lane. So it would appear that Wildern Lane was an established thoroughfare in Victorian times and indeed a different route.

By 1901, the Adlams' have left and James Page is the Head of the Family at the age of 60, residing with his wife Mary and their 30 yr. old daughter Eliza. James Page is also recorded in the 1911 Census by which time he has gained 2 years in age and is 72. He was born in Owslebury and, as with most

Victorians, his year of birth was estimated.

Of course, the 1911 Census is the last to which we can refer, but we do know, from Cemetery Records, that George and Kate White resided at Dowd's Farm at the time of their deaths, just four weeks apart over Christmas/New Year 1943/44 and it would seem that their children George (junior) and Vera Kate continued to reside. George died in 1969 at the age of 65. Vera lived a further 31 years on the Farm, to the age of 90 years. Interestingly, in the 1911 Census, the same White Family reside at Lower Townhill Farm, West End.

So what of the other landmarks in Hedge End, offering snippets of history and hidden within the 19th c. Census? The obvious subject of research, and perhaps the oldest buildings would be the Public Houses, the former Wheatsheaf, Fountain Inn and the only remaining pub in the village, The Barleycorn. Surprisingly, we cannot trace either The Barleycorn or Wheatsheaf prior to the Census of 1901, but learn that the publicans were John Marks from Thurloxton, Somerset and John Robert Welch of Weymouth.



Far more interesting, would be the apparent origins of The Fountain Inn. 1871 Census for the Hamlet of Hedge End records George Oxford as a Carpenter, Brewer and Licensed Victualler, his wife Eliza, children Ann and John at the Fountain Inn, Floating Bridge Road. This address is most unfamiliar as until recent years the Fountain Inn stood in St. John's Road, but perhaps the 1891 Census explains how Floating Bridge Road became St. John's Road today. In 1891, the publican was George Last, residing with his wife Rosa, their Lodgers were Farm Labourers, Stephen Chalk and James Dawkins and Market Gardener William Harvey, but by this time the address was Church Road. It would seem plausible that the former Floating Bridge Road became Church Road after the construction and dedication of St. John's Church in 1874.

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Hedge End Census Records

By 1901, the Publican is Alfred Hancock from Portland, Dorset and the address? St. Johns Road. Floating Bridge Road was constructed in 1839 and built to provide access to the Floating Bridge in Woolston.

Also showing **Floating Bridge Road** is the School House to the former Church School (built in 1864



and later to become St. Johns School) where it is first recorded in the 1871 Census. 31 year old Schoolmistress, Miss Eliza Pomeroy from Barford St. Martin in Willtshire resides with her widowed Aunt, Mary G. Francis and her cousin Mary D. Francis, who, at the age of 13, is recorded as a Monitor in the School. Despite searches of the 1881 Census, the School House does not appear to be listed but is recorded again in 1891 with the head resident as M. G. Laura Shepperd and that she is an Ex Pupil Teacher. Laura Shepperd is 26 and her visitor on the day was a Dressmaker Apprentice, Beth G. Hughes a 15 yr. old Hedge End girl. Prior to the construction of the School House, the 1851 Census records Mary Wellstead as Schoolmistress, married to Agricultural Labourer Henry Wellstead, with children Ann (9), Frances (4) and baby Hugh. By 1871, her address is "left of Bursledon Road, Hedge End Corner" and her occupation "Dame Schoolmistress". **Dame**



Schools were often run by women from their own home. These varied considerably, some giving little

more than basic reading and writing with some only giving domestic skills.

By the 1901 Census a much more familiar name appears - Headmaster, Alfred Ratcliffe and at the age of 38, recorded as a Trained Certified Elementary Schoolmaster from Portsmouth, with his wife Kezia Welch Ratcliffe (from Bitterne), 6 year old daughter Esme and visitor to the household Alice Denham, a Lady's Maid Domestic from West End. Mr. Ratcliffe is also the Head Teacher in the 1911 Census.

These facts have been taken directly from the quoted Census in each instance. They have not been plagiarised from previously published articles or local books on the subject of Hedge End, nor have they been fabricated in any way (which is very easy to do as a story develops in one's mind and a picture of Hedge End in the 19th Century develops).

During this research there have been some fascinating eye-openers into the world of the Hamlet. None more so than to learn that the land we know today as Woodhouse Lane Leisure Park, which we know was bequeathed to the people of Hedge End by Fred Taplin in the 20th Century, can be found in the 1871 Census recording the Shepherd and Head of family as 35 year old John Taplin, his wife Elizabeth and children John junior, Alice, George and Agnes India just 11 months old. Could the Taplin family have been on this land for over 100 years?

Throughout this study, many very familiar names appear as Hedge End families continue to find community life in the Hamlet as it develops into a village. So many of these names have now become immortalised in street names or buildings in the town of today, as well as those mentioned in this study: Taplin Pavilion, Pomeroy Crescent, Ratcliffe Road and the newly constructed White's Way and Wellstead Way to name but a few...

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Community News

Hedge End Carnival Committee

CARNIVAL NEWS

Carnival Day falls on **SATURDAY 6 JULY 2013...**

Whilst the Carnival Committee takes responsibility for the organisation and planning we cannot 'create' a good carnival - that depends upon how many people dress up and take part in the procession. When you do this, not only do you get involved in the best thing about Hedge End, as the community comes together for one brilliant day there is the added bonus of the money raised for good causes. Now is a good time to think about what you will be doing. It is great fun and getting ready is a big part of the enjoyment. It is not difficult to take part just check the details on the entry form you can download from the carnival website.

The Carnival Committee are looking for a new Queen to reign over the 2013 festivities. To be eligible to become **Carnival Queen** girls must be fourteen or older and live in Hedge End. It is a great honour with a tradition stretching back more than 60 years and you will be helping to raise money for good causes in Hedge End. To volunteer your services apply on line at -

www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk

In addition to the Queen there is the opportunity for younger children to become **Carnival Princes or Princesses**, the minimum age is six. Information and application forms are on the website. Applications must be made before April 1st.

The Solent Eagles Motor Cycle Display team are making their debut appearance at the Gala Show on carnival day. This means that space for stalls will be at a premium. If you run an organisation that would like a stall please get your application in early to avoid disappointment. Details are on the website. Meanwhile the next big venture for the Carnival Committee is our presentation of the **Swing Commanders** at the Berry Theatre on April 21st. Whilst the band play at festivals, clubs and theatres all around the country and mainland Europe and have even made a couple of U.S. tours they are rare

visitors to this area with their special brand of swing. Taking musical styles mainly from the first half of the 20th century you will hear the kind of music made famous by the likes of Louis Jordan, Cab Calloway, Andrews Sisters and Glen Miller all brought up to date and given the unique Swing Commanders treatment that includes a big dose of fun. You are unlikely to ever be able to see such a talented group of musicians in Hedge End again so make sure you get your tickets soon. In line with all the events organised by the Carnival Committee we have kept the price as low as possible, **tickets cost £12 and £10 for concessions and are available from the Berry Theatre box office 01489 799499 or in person at the D@rt Centre.** For little more than the cost of a big Easter egg, why not buy your loved one a ticket to see the Swing Commanders and give them a wonderful evening that they will remember for a long time to come.

The Carnival Committee are always looking for more people to get involved and help us with organising the best events that happen in Hedge End. There is no pay, just the satisfaction that you have done something to make all our lives better. **If you are able to help in any way, even if it is only for a couple of hours on Carnival Day please contact us via the website or phone 01489 785041.**

We would very much like to thank Botleigh Products who will be printing and delivering the carnival programme through your door absolutely free. So look out for your copy of the Hedge End & Botley Courier in the first week of June and make sure you join in with all the events.

Carnevalesco



Hedge End Carnival Saturday 6 July 2013 | hedgeendcarnival.org.uk

Community News

Round Up

GROUNDSMAN'S STORE

The Groundsman's Store was finally handed over by the developers to Hedge End Town Council in November 2012.



Taking 5 months to build, the groundstaff are now the proud occupants of an impressively modern and functional space which has given them the storage they so desperately needed. With an office, kitchen, changing room and shower, the groundstaff now have their needs catered for during all seasons. Head Groundsman, Paul Snelgrove commented *"It's such a well organised and efficient storage space with room for future expansion. We can now keep all of our vehicles and tools securely undercover and when we've been working outside all day, in driving rain or freezing conditions, we can relax, dry off and warm up in comfortable surroundings. It's a much more positive working environment."*

NELSON'S GARDENS PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT



January 2013 saw the refurbishment of Nelson's Gardens children's play area in

Grange Park. The park has been resurfaced with a hard wearing 'wetpour' rubber surfacing, two replacement toddler 'springers' have been installed, as well as a new picnic table. The old climbing equipment has also been renovated with new rope ladders and climbing wall.



ALLOTMENT HOLDERS PLANT & SEED SWAP 2013

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 1-3PM

Hedge End allotment holders are invited to a Plant & Seed Swap, held in the **Portacabin, Kanes Field**. *Why not bring something to share too?* (Drinks / Biscuits / Cakes)



HEDGE END CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT 2012

Thank you to all those who came out on a very cold and wet evening to support the Christmas Lights 'Switch On' Event. As is becoming customary, the rain soon made its appearance but, thanks to the new HETC Gazebo, our performers stayed nice and dry!



Thank you also to all the dancers, choirs, local children, stall holders,

volunteers, the Salvation Army Band, Hedge End Breakfast Rotary and Santa of course for making the event so special!



A great big thank you also to all of our sponsors and local businesses who helped and supported this event including: Evolution 5, Richmonds, Hedge End Dental Surgery, Budgens, Printline, Tea Party and Hedge End Library...

HERITAGE SIGN INSTALLATION TOLLBAR WAY

Following on from last years Heritage Sign installation at Upper Northam Road, an identical sign has now been installed (Jan 2013) at Tollbar Way. Drivers approaching Hedge End from the north will be welcomed by the eye catching sign, created by Peter Clutterbuck, Designer Blacksmith.



Community News

Wildern Farm Remembered

WILDERN FARM REMEMBERED

Nostalgia is quite often an incredibly bittersweet sensation, but evermore so when I see these pictures...

No. 47 Wildern Lane saw through the very beginnings of my childhood - it was an adventure fuelled, muddy clothed escapade!



Wildern Farm

Gone were my girlish passions or interest in baking. I soon grew to realise I'd much sooner swap dressing up in Mum's shoes for Dad's wellington boots and upon the first time I found myself at Wildern Farm (Goodalls Lane), I fell in love.



Farmer Haines

An almost unrecognisable era now in many respects, where at the age of 6, my best friend and I would jump on our bikes and detour after school to see Farmer Haines who owned the

farm. It was a quintessentially innocent time, a true childhood paradise, albeit spent covered in nettle stings! We soon befriended Farmer Haines, an old man who we grew to have a huge warm heart of respect for and, when we weren't wishing away the hours until we could build dens and spark off our own farmyard adventures, he'd allow us to help milk the cows, feed the geese and ride the tractors. Without such a kind hearted old man, I wouldn't have such a plethora of wonderful memories that I do now.

I am fortunate and blessed to be able to look upon my childhood with such a vivid imagination, but you can imagine the disdain and upset that came with finding the strawberry fields industrialised! Whilst at 44, I'm unable to revisit the same muddy marshes and farmyard fields that once made a little girl very happy, I've still got photos such as these to reminisce over.



Farmer Haines and his cow (1980)

Frances Welsh

Hedge End Carnival Committee presents...

THE SWING COMMANDERS

Sunday 21 April, 7.30pm



Award winning musicians, 13 instruments, vibrant showmanship and exquisite harmonies bringing the sounds of the past up to date.

The Berry Theatre, Hedge End
Tickets £12/10 (concessions)
Box Office 01489 799499
www.theberrytheatre.co.uk

www.swingcommanders.com

Hedge End Club Ltd

4 Bursledon Road Tel: 01489 797573

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Hedge End Village Hall,
St Johns Road, Hedge End



Upcoming dates: 20/04/2013, 18/05/2013, 15/06/2013

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GOOD COMPANIONS SOCIAL CLUB

Drummond Community Centre,
Drummond Rd,
Hedge End

EVENTS
WEDNESDAY BINGO
RACE EVENINGS
SUMMER BAZAAR
COACH TRIPS

Meet new people, have some fun!
New members always welcome...
Contact Margaret Holmes 01489 789727

Competition Time

Easter EGG Hunt



Hidden carefully within the pages of the Gazette are a number of items that the **EASTER BUNNY** dropped as she hopped her way around Hedge End...

If you can find all 6, enter into our competition to win an

EASTER EGG PRIZE!

You need to find:

4 x Easter Eggs, 1 x Easter Chick, 1 x Easter Bunny



DROP YOUR ANSWERS INTO OUR POSTBOX:
Hedge End Town Council, 2000 Centre, St Johns Rd, Hedge End, SO30 4AF
or email: infoassistant@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

Egg 1 = Page __ ; Egg 2 = Page __ ; Egg 3 = Page __ ; Egg 4 = Page __
Easter Chick = Page __
Easter Bunny = Page __

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Closing Date: Midday, Friday 26 April 2013

EASTER EGG NESTS (Makes 12)

A twist on the traditional cornflake cake, the shredded wheat makes an excellent nest for your chocolate eggs...

Ingredients:

200g milk chocolate
85g shredded wheat, crushed
2 x 100g bags milk chocolate eggs

You'll also need:

Cupcake cases

Method:

Melt the chocolate in a small bowl placed over a pan of barely simmering water. Pour the chocolate over the shredded wheat and stir well to combine.

Spoon the chocolate wheat into 12 cupcake cases and press the back of a teaspoon in the centre to create a nest shape. Place 3 mini chocolate eggs on top of each nest. Chill the nests in the fridge for 2 hrs until set.

(Good Food Magazine, April 2012)



WHAT'S ON GUIDE

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

Phone 02380 696222

Email: Info@hedgeendgb.org.uk

31ST ITCHEN NORTH (AMAZON) SEA SCOUTS - Beavers/ Cubs/ Sea Scouts / Explorers

Phone 07900 277379 | Web: amazonseascouts.org

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

HAMBLE VALLEY U3A - 2nd Tues Monthly, 2pm | Hedge End Club

Web: www.u3asites.org.uk/hamblevalley

HEDGE END BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB - 7am | 1st three Tues of each month & 7pm 4th Tues at Botley Park Hotel, Winchester Rd, Boorley Green | Phone 01489 690126

HEDGE END FLOWER CLUB - 1st Tues, Monthly 7pm | 2000 Centre | Demos & workshops

Phone 01489 783115

HEDGE END GLEE CLUB - Mon 7.15-8.45pm | Drummond Centre | All Ages & Abilities

Phone 07725 840692

HEDGE END INDOOR BOWLS CLUB - Wed 2-4pm & 7.30-9.30pm | Sun 7.30-9.30pm | Village Hall

Why not 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 0845 226 8117

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - 3rd Mon monthly | 2000 Centre | Gardening | Demos | Speakers

Phone 01489 690481

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

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

SERIOUS SHAPES DANCE COMPANY - Thurs Eve | The d.@rt | Adult Contemporary & Street Dance

Phone 07851 285860

ST JOHN AMBULANCE BADGERS - Thurs Eve | St John Ambulance | Birch Rd | Ages 5-10

Phone 07536 053943

STREETBEATZ - Fri Eve | Rodaway Pavilion | Street Dance Classes | 1st Session Free!

Phone 07967 970801 | Web: www.streetbeatzacademy.co.uk

WEST END SINGERS - Wed 7.30pm | 2000 Centre | Mixed Voice Choir

Phone 02380 404881 | Web: www.westendsingers.co.uk

YOGA BASED PILATES - Mon 10-11am | 2000 Centre | All levels and abilities | Phone 07967 631739

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



Local Services

Hedge End

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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

Health

St Luke's Surgery, St Lukes Close	01489 783422
The Medical Centre, 24-26 Lower Northam Rd	01489 785722
Hedge End Dental Surgery (NHS), Saracen House, Freegrounds Avenue	01489 790661

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

For more information on local services: www.hedgeend-tc.gov.uk/local-services

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 the third Wednesday Highways & Planning Meeting, which starts at 6.45pm followed by Full Council which starts at 7.30pm.

Recreation & Amenities - Second Wednesday monthly
Finance & Administration - First Tuesday 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)

2012/2013	Community & Culture	Finance	Full Council	Highways & Planning	Recreation & Amenities
Apr	9	2	17	3 & 17	10
May	14	7	15	1 & 15	8
June	11	4	19	5 & 19	12
July	9	2	17	3 & 17	10

**Deadline for contributions to the
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