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Serving the Community



Chair: Shankerlal Sthankiya | Vice Chair: Peter Hughes

A Note from.

The Town Clerk's Desk

I'm sitting at my desk this morning and for once the sun is shining from a cloudless sky! Surely, there must be some mistake? I have to pinch myself because it isn't actually raining! It has been the wettest winter since records began but perhaps the incessant deluge that we have patiently endured over the past few months will give way to beautiful spring weather...

Each day that passes brings us closer to Spring. Isn't it wonderful how sweet and beautiful the world is in spring? The air is warm and fragrant and the colour of newly immerging plants and leaves are soft and bright. March is now upon us and that means that soon we will be saying goodbye to winter and welcoming the Spring to Hedge End! I think one of the best feelings in life is walking out of your front door in the morning when the temperature has risen to a more ambient level, the sun is shining down and there is the sweet fragrance of Mother Nature in the air, you can listen to the birds chirping happily and appreciate the longer hours of sunlight.

My in-laws came to visit this week for a few days having travelled down from where they live near Inverness in Scotland. We sat round the kitchen table on the first evening discussing the plans over the next few days of what we could visit given it was half-term. One of the trips we undertook was to visit that Swedish retail store in Southampton coupled with sampling the culinary delights on offer. Believe it or not, this was actually my first visit to this shop and in some warped way, I was looking forward to it. Well, I was not prepared to have to walk at least a couple of miles and start at the top of the building and work down. Oh, that sweet land of Swedish furniture!

After our feast of Lingonberry jam and Swedish meatballs, we strolled through the store. I soon concluded that there was much fun to be had by reading the various product names and found this really amusing, so much so, that I actually paid very little attention to the products themselves. Can you really be unhappy whilst attempting to pronounce words with umlauts and a's, with circles above

them? There are a couple of product names that stood out and I have looked them up so, with the greatest respect to any Swedish residents in Hedge End, I'd like to share these with you so that next time you visit this store, you are fully conversant.

BILLY – This refers to a book case and has absolutely nothing to do with a boy's name!

BUMERANG – Is actually a curved clothes hanger that does not come back to you and is not a derivation of the spelling of the Australian boomerang.

FLÄRDFULL - This means "vain" in Swedish. However, it actually refers to a staggering number of scented candles on offer. Who could have thought that scented candles could be vain! **SPARSAM** - Swedish for "economical, sparingly." I suppose that fluorescent tubes can be classed as being frugal.

SMÖRBOLL - Swedish for "butter ball" but refers to a yellow-flowering plant, the globeflower. Found throughout Nordic Europe, it grows mainly on low moist meadows and is poisonous to eat but somehow refers to a duvet cover!

I left with my souvenir of a small penna (Swedish for pencil) and I have to say rather enriched by my experience of visiting this store.

See you soon!



Kevín





CHAIR'S REPORT

I would like to pay tribute to Councillor June Watson who recently passed away. She was a stalwart member of the Town Council and worked hard for the benefit of Hedge End and she will be very much missed.

The Hedge End Christmas Lights event was another resounding success and I would like to thank the local businesses, members of the Town Council and the staff for their valuable contribution and help.



I extend a warm welcome to the newly elected Town Councillor for the Wildern Ward, Councillor Emma Norman. We look forward to working with her for the good of the community.

I take this opportunity of reminding you of the Annual Parish Assembly which will take place on the 27 March 2014 at the 2000 Centre (large hall) commencing at 7pm. You are all most welcome to attend and find out what the Town Council has delivered for the community. I emphasise this meeting is a Parish Assembly and not a formal Town Council event, but a chance for the parishioner to raise local issues and learn reports from local organisations.

I hope you all have a lovely spring!

Shankerlal Sthankiya - Chair shankerlal.sthankiya@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

RECREATION & AMENITIES REPORT

What a winter season we have had...rain, rain and more rain! However, hopefully we are over the worst and spring is in the air. Our crocuses are now out and in bloom and our daffodil bulbs are really showing through. So it is great to know spring is just around the corner.



Not too much has happened for me to report, however, the groundstaff have been very busy dealing with a number of trees around the town. There have been a number of problems, with some being closely monitored and others felled.

Our thanks goes to Hedge End Carnival Committee who have donated two benches for the village. One has already been situated in Greta Park and the other one will be in-situ on the village green very soon.

In our summer Gazette we will be pleased to announce the winners for the allotment holders. Good luck to them all. I know, from experience, that there are some very dedicated people who take a great pride in their allotments.

Jane Welsh - Committee Chair jane.welsh@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

27 MARCH 2014, 7pm 2000 Centre (Large Hall) St Johns Road, Hedge End.



Serving the Community & Allotment Awards Committee & Club Reports | Refreshments Please come along & join us!



ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY - ERRATUM

You would have noticed in the summer Gazette, the Council stated that the Annual Parish Assembly is a full meeting of the Council, which is incorrect. The meeting is not a Council meeting. It is a meeting that is laid down in legislation. Every year the Chairman of the Council assisted by the Town Clerk, must call a meeting of all the Parish electors to take place between 1 March and 1 June.

Norman.S.Dewey Local resident

HEDGE END VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK CHARGES

For several years people who have been paying to use the Village Hall have found it difficult and sometimes impossible to use the Village Hall car park because other people have commandeered it for their own use.

In order to reclaim the car park for Village Hall users (including the CAB) there is now a system of charges in place.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO PARK YOUR VEHICLE IN THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK WHEN YOU ARE NOT USING THE VILLAGE HALL, YOU MUST EXPECT TO RECEIVE AN £85.00 CHARGE.



Hedge End Village Hall Management Committee

TREE WARDEN REPORT

Due to the very bad weather, I have not been out and about in Hedge End as much as I would have liked. So, like most of us, I have watched with sympathy, the plight of those people in the areas that have been flooded.

One of the ideas to help slow down or even, in

some cases, prevent flooding in the future, is to reintroduce the trees, shrubs and heathers on the high ground. Apart from the water that this vegetation would absorb, it would also act to slow down the drainage to lower levels. It would be good if such work were implemented and monitored to provide research and information data for future analysis.

So, this got me thinking about something I learnt many years ago regarding the yearly rings of trees...

It is a well known fact that the age of a tree can be determined by the number of growth rings in its dissection. One ring for each year, the width of which indicates the type of winter the tree has experienced, wide for wet, narrow for dry.

To use tree ring information, the patterns, called 'tree-ring chronologies', are used as a definitive.

A continuous master sequence for England exists relating to approximately 5000 years BC. This knowledge can establish the age of a piece of wood, the rings are counted and compared to a tree-ring chronology, enabling a calendar date to be given to each ring and the age of the timber to be established.

I think I can safely say that this years ring will be on the wider side! As to the spring, I am sure that, like me, you will be looking forward to it.

Andrew Jemmett

World War I | The Great War | 1914 - 1918

Community News

Hedge End Heroes

THE SHAFFORD BROTHERS Wildern Farm, Hedge End Charles (b.1883) and Maurice (b.1896)

Maurice Philip Shafford enlisted for short service (three years with the Colours) with The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) 6th Battalion on 26th August, 1914, in Woolwich, Kent. He was the youngest of 13 siblings and son of William (d. 1906) and Elizabeth Shafford (d.1900). His father was a Farmer (Wildern Farm) and Local Bible Christian Preacher, also the Parish Clerk 1898 – 1901. His mother died when he was just 4 years old and his father six years later, from which time Maurice was raised by his sister Bessie. He was just 18 when he signed the Oath taken by each recruit on attestation:

I, Maurice Philip Shafford swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors in Person, Crown, and dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

The 6th (Service) Battalion were formed at Canterbury in August 1914 as part of K1, Kitchener's New Army Group and arrived in time to reinforce troops on the Aisne, prior to the whole army being moved north to Flanders and the Western European Theatre of War.

Maurice Philip Shafford died of wounds on 28th March, 1915 at 19 years of age, and is buried in Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France, his probate recorded 27th October, 1915 and the administration of his will left the sum of £27.00 to his sister Bessie Willis.

Maurice Shafford is commemorated on the Hedge End War Memorial and was buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery, Nord, France.

1914-1918 CHARLES STAFFORD WILL MAURICE SHAFFORD BAD

Charles Shafford was 14 years older than his brother Maurice, he married Annie Mary Earwaker on 26th December, 1907 and in the 1911 Census, he records his occupation as General Labourer/Market Gardener. His address, St. Hilliers, Freegrounds Road, Hedge End. During his service in

the Royal Marine Artillery, Charles sends a postcard* to Annie, as depicted, and writes on 15th November, 1913:

"Dear A, I will meet you at Station tomorrow. I shall arrive at 1.23. I will wait for you. Had a rough week, rainey every day since Tuesday, just going to see Percy. Hope the boy is alright.

From CJS. xxxxxxxxx"

His card addressed to Mrs. C. Shafford, No.74 Wales Street, Winchester, Hants. His reference to 'Percy' was most likely to a fellow Hedge Ender, Percy Houghton, who was a Gunner on HMS Good Hope. Amazingly, a third fellow Hedge Ender, Alfred Toogood served in the Royal Navy and he too was amongst those serving on HMS Good Hope.



By the time
Charles went to
War, Annie was
living at 7, Grange
View, Botley Road
(now Lower
Northam Road),
Hedge End and
they had two
children, 5 year
old Charles James
and Elsie Annie,
just 1 year.



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Hedge End Heroes

Charles was a Gunner for the Royal Marine Artillery and served on HMS Good Hope. His ship was a Drake Class Armoured Cruiser which, at the time,

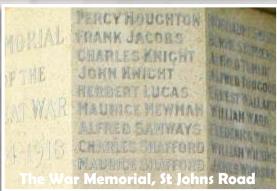


was one of the fastest ships in the World. He was killed in action at Battle of Coronel on 1st November, 1914, when during the battle, HMS Good Hope was sunk by the German armoured cruisers SMS Scharnhorst and SMS Gneisenau off the Chilean Coast.

Percy Houghton and Alfred Toogood were also killed in action that day. Their bodies were not recovered for burial and the entire crew was lost.

Charles Shafford and his comrades and fellow former Hedge End parishioners are all commemorated on the Hedge End War Memorial and the Portsmouth Naval Memorial on panels 2, 5 and 6.





CAN YOU ASSIST WITH RESEARCHING THE MEN
WHO WERE KILLED IN ACTION DURING
THE FIRST WORLD WAR?

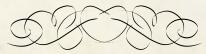
The Town Council would like to learn and archive the lives of those that fell during the Great War and are named on the Hedge End War Memorial. The Town Council has already invested in software to research and record the history of Hedge End and publish articles in the Gazette.

There are 41 servicemen named on the War Memorial from WWI and whilst they will always be remembered, their stories are not widely known and the purpose of this concept would be to give an accurate account of their family life prior to the war, whether they were born in Hedge End or the reason why they lived in the village. Even to give their age, when they fought for their country, is a serious learning curve for the young of today.

We would hope to draw the community's attention and involvement in this concept and engage them, in the hope that many of the families still living in Hedge End will come forward and offer their family history, photographs etc. of the men we would wish to discover in our research.

If you are able to assist in this research, any information you submit will be welcomed and handled in the most sensitive and respectful manner, however, you must also be aware that it may be used in publication and the Town Council will require your full consent.

Please, do share your stories with us and give your ancestors the commemoration and remembrance they deserve.



Mrs Maureen Harding (née Shafford), granddaughter.

Denise Lowth - Deputy Town Clerk deputytc@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

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Community News

Councillor June Watson Remembered



June Veronica Watson
4 July 1927- 18 December 2013

Daughter of Arthur and Elfrida Wells, June was born in Guildford, Surrey in 1927 and at the age of 24 married Donald Ralph Watson on 23rd June, 1951.

In her professional life, June had a distinguished career in teaching and finally retired as the Head Teacher of Netley Court School, a maintained special school for pupils with complex learning difficulties for children aged 5 – 11 years.

June was first elected to Hedge End Parish Council in 1983 and there followed a dedicated commitment to public service, as County Councillor from 1989 – 1997, Borough Councillor from 1984 – 1996 and two periods as Parish/Town Councillor 1983 – 2003 and 2011 – 2013 and as Mayor of the Borough of Eastleigh from 1995 – 1996.

Whilst her public life was very active and renowned for her campaigning for good causes, her home held a wealth of warmth, care and understanding, shared by her husband Don, for their children, Louise, Andrew, Peter and extended family of many foster children.

Her many campaigns for Hedge End included saving the site of the former St. John's School, where she became a Trustee of the Hedge End Youth & Community Association, a charity to benefit the neighbourhood in managing the former school premises, providing community hall hiring facilities for local organisations. The Association was adopted on 5th March, 1986.

She also spearheaded the drive for Hedge End to have its own Railway Station. At which time she was quoted as saying "The truth is that Southern Region Management, based in London, are out of touch with the needs of the area. They are the least enterprising of the British Rail regions".

A truly remarkable lady, for whom there was enormous respect. She was extremely

knowledgeable in local government affairs, dynamic and fought steadfastly for every good cause. Her correctness could be foreboding to the unfamiliar, without knowing that it was only with a sense of ensuring that she passed her great acumen to others. One only had to see how her face would

light up when a child



walked into the room, to know her great affinity to their needs and her warmth to young people.

The New Year of 2014, saw the Church of St. John's the Evangelist filled to capacity with those that wished to show their respects at June's funeral service. It was a time to reflect on the years that June had served the community and, indeed, a time to celebrate a truly enriched and outstanding life.



Denise Lowth - Deputy Town Clerk

Routes A & C will run TUESDAY & SATURDAY

ROUTE A – DOWD'S FARM / GRANGE PARK (AM)

10:05 - Whites Way (Opposite Mescott Meadows)

10:10 - Maunsell Way (Opposite Stephenson Way)

10:11 - Maunsell Way (Nr Martley Gardens)

10:12 - Maunsell Way (Nr Watkin Road)

10:13 - Maunsell Way (Nr Cudworth Mead)

10:14 - Locke Rd (Nr Missenden Acres)

10:15 - Westward Rd (Nr Alison House)

10:20 - Drop off Budgens Car Park

ROUTE C - HEATH HOUSE LANE / CRANBOURNE PARK

10:35 - St Johns Rd (Nr St Johns Rooms)

10:38 – Foord Rd (Nr Downland Place)

10:40 - Heath House Lane (Opp Heath House CI)

10:42 – Sherwood Ave (Nr Sherwood Ave junction)

10:43 – Cranbourne Prk (Nr sign marked '198 - 223

Cranbourne Park')

10:44 - Cranbourne Park (Opp sign marked 'Rear

Service Road No's 81- 104')

10:45 - Kings Copse Ave (Bridge above subway)

10:47 – Kings Copse Ave (Footpath opposite green)

10:49 - Whitebeam Rd (Stop by Laburnum Rd & Laburnum House)

10:50 – Sherbourne Way (Before Hobb Lane junct)

10:51 – Sherbourne Way (Corner of Prestwood Rd)

10:52 - Drop off at Budgens Car Park

ROUTE A - RETURN JOURNEY

11:30 – Collection Point Budgens Car Park (Time in village 1 hour 10 minutes)

ROUTE C – RETURN JOURNEY

12:00 – Collection Point Budgens Car Park (Time in village 1 hour 10 minutes)

ROUTE A - DOWD'S FARM / GRANGE PARK (PM)

13:05 - Whites Way (Opposite Mescott Meadows)

13:10 - Maunsell Way (Opposite Stephenson Way)

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ROUTE A – RETURN JOURNEY

14:30 – Collection Point Budgens Car Park (Time in village 1 hour 10 minutes)

ROUTE C - RETURN JOURNEY

15:00 - Collection Point Budgens Car Park (Time in village 1 hour 10 minutes)

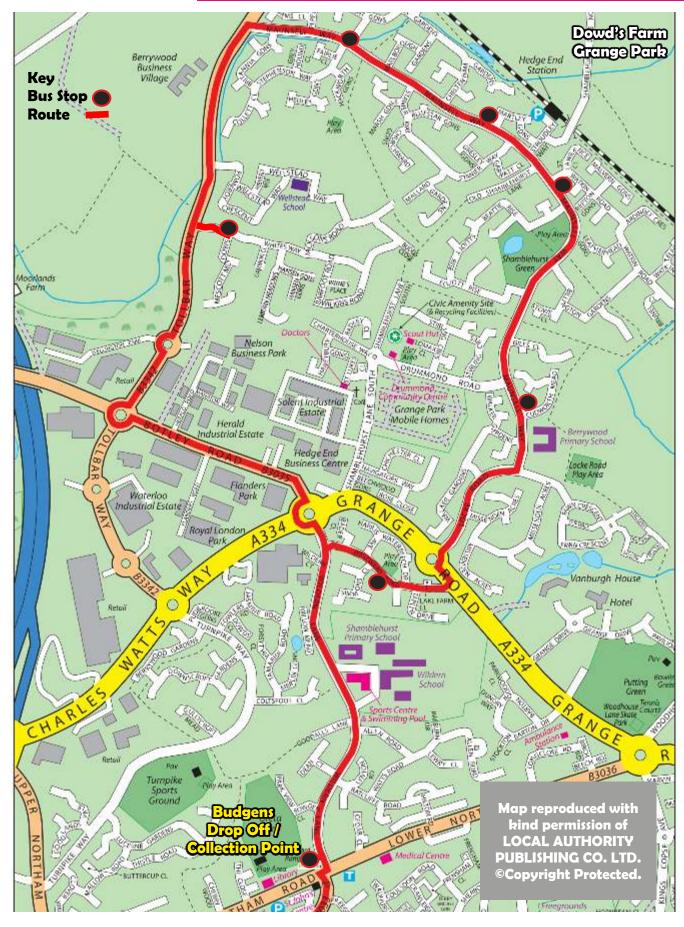
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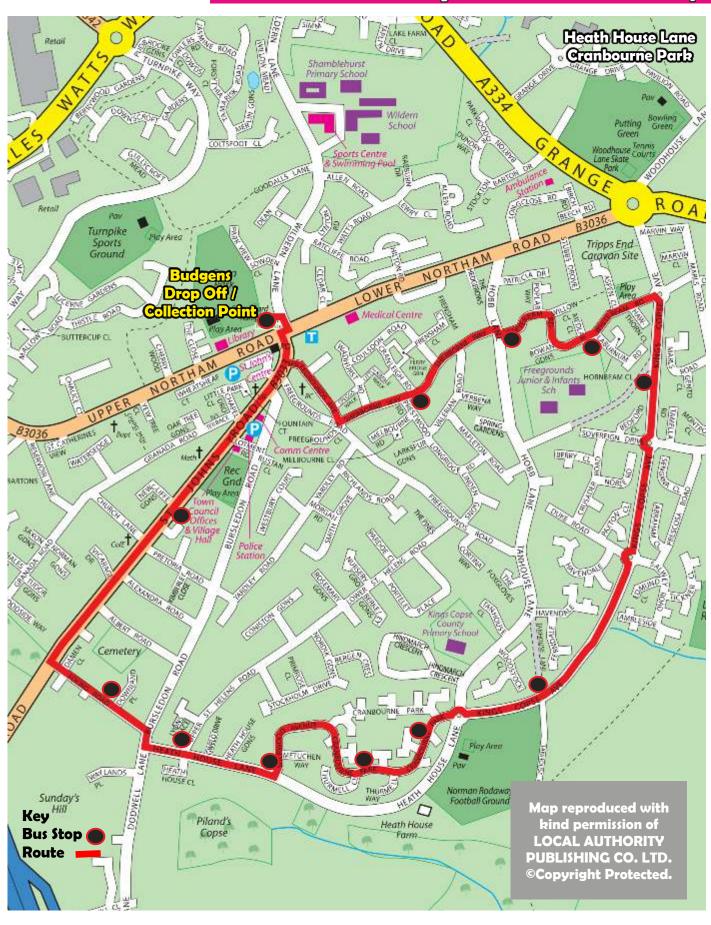
Free Community Bus Route A Map

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Free Community Bus Route C Map



HEDGE ENDISHOPPA Free Community Bus Timetable

Routes B & D will run on FRIDAY

ROUTE B – GRANGE PARK / TURNPIKE WAY (AM)

10:05 - Grange Rd (Nr Barton Drive - Layby)

10:08 – Locke Rd (Opposite Missenden Acres)

10:09 - Locke Rd (Corner Walker Gdns)

10:10 - Drummond Rd (Corner with Maunsell Way)

10:11 – Drummond Rd (Opposite Drummond Community Centre)

10:13 - Shamblehurst Lane (Opp Solent Ind Est)

10:15 - Turnpike Way (Opp Berrywood Gdns)

10:16 – Turnpike Way (Corner of Coltsfoot Close)

10:17 - Turnpike Way (Opposite Goodlands Vale)

10:18 - Upper Northam Road (Nr Chalice Court)

10:19 – Upper Northam Road (Nr Cherrywood)

10:20 - Drop off Budgen's Car Park

ROUTE D - UPPER ST HELENS / HOBB LANE

10:35 – Richlans Rd – (Freegrounds Rd Junction with Richlans Rd)

10:37 – Yardley Rd (Corner of Morgan Rd)

10:39 – Bursledon Rd (Opposite Alexandra Rd)

10:41 – Heathhouse Lane (Nr Postbox)

10:42 - Upper St Helens (Opposite Stockholm Dr)

10:43 - Upper St Helens (Nr Pardoe Close)

10:44 – Freegrounds Rd (Opposite Cortina Wy)

10:47 – Hobb Lane (Opposite Freegrounds School entrance)

10:48 – Hobb Lane (Opposite Patricia Dr)

10:50 - Drop off Budgens Car Park

ROUTE B - RETURN JOURNEY

11.30 – Collection Point Budgens Car Park (Time in village 1 hour 10 mins)

ROUTE D - RETURN JOURNEY

12:00 – Collection Point Budgens Car Park (Time in Village 1 hour 10 mins)

ROUTE B – GRANGE PARK / TURNPIKE WAY (PM)

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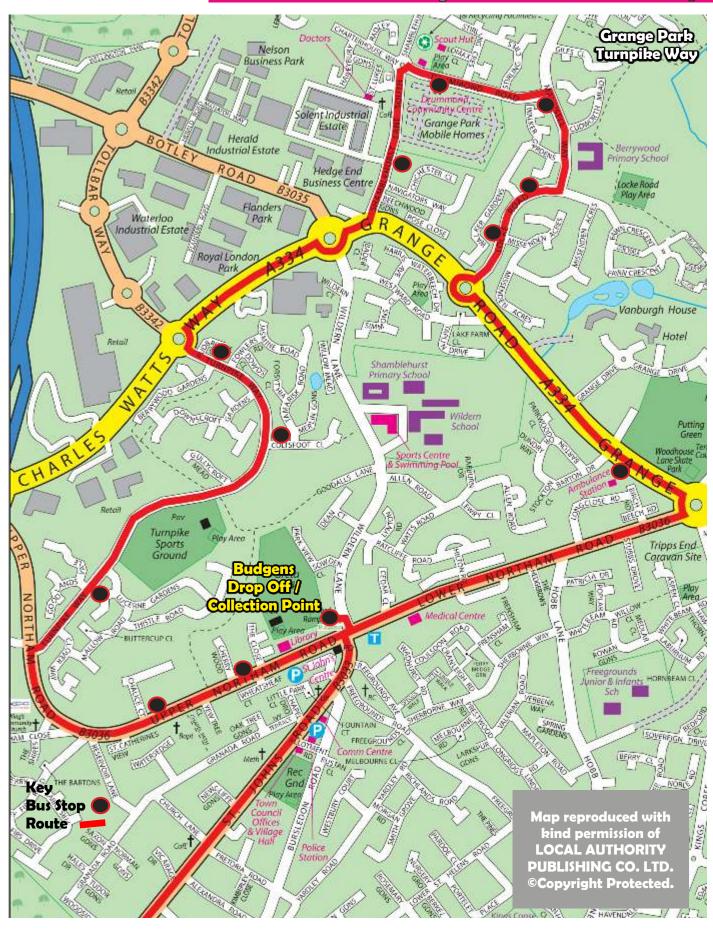
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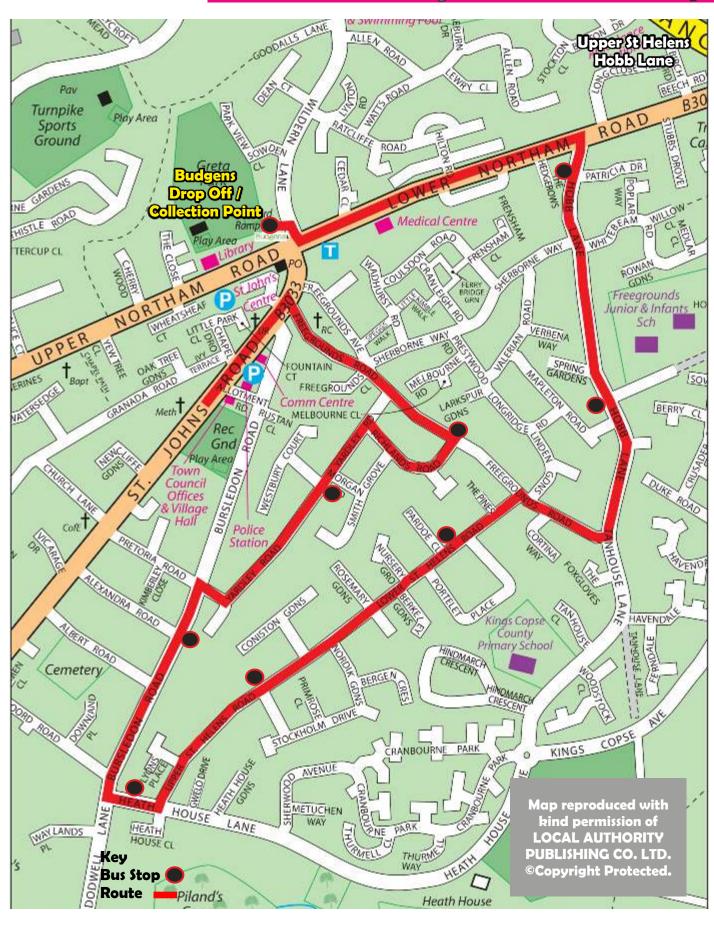
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Free Community Bus Route B Map



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Free Community Bus Route D Map





The Berry Theatre, Wildern Lane The Box (Youth Centre), Wildern Lane Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), Village Hall Civic Amenity Site, Shamblehurst Lane The D@rt Centre (Arts), Wildern Lane Hampshire Constabulary, Hedge End Police Station, St Johns Road Hedge End Library, Upper Northam Rd Post Office, Upper Northam Rd Skyline Gold Radio 102.5FM, St John's Rd TADIC (Teenage Drop-in), Lower Northam Rd Tennis, Bowls, Putting Green, Pavilion Rd (Apr-Sep) Wildern Leisure Centre, Wildern Lane	01489 799499 01489 789638 01489 796651 01489 780028 01489 779471 08450 454545 0845 6035631 01489 782066 01489 799000 01489 782727 01489 780440 01489 787128
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PLACES OF WORSHIP Hedge End Baptist Church, Upper Northam Rd Hedge End Methodist Church, St John's Rd Hedge End United Reformed Church, St Johns Rd Kings Community Church, Upper Northam Close Our Lady of the Assumption, Freegrounds Rd St John's The Evangelist Church, St Johns Rd St Luke's Church, St Luke's Close Salvation Army Citadel, Wellstead Way	01489 786260 01489 790604 01489 787408 01489 784333 02380 449088 01489 790048 01489 781448 01489 798681
COMMUNITY HALLS FOR HIRE 2000 Centre (Large & Small Hall), St Johns Rd (HETC) Baden Powell Lodge, Pavilion Road Drummond Community Centre, Drummond Rd, Grange Park (HETC) Norman Rodaway Pavilion, Heathhouse Lane (HETC) Turnpike Pavilion, Turnpike Way (HETC) Hedge End Village Hall, St Johns Rd Hedge End Youth & Community Association Halls (Old School House), St Johns Rd Methodist Church Hall, St Johns Rd Underhill Centre, St Johns Rd United Reformed Church Hall, St Johns Rd	01489 780440 01489 781838 01489 780440 01489 780440 01489 780440 01489 784962 01489 690140 01489 784823 01489 790048 01489 787408

What's On Guide Clubs & Organisations

Methodist Church | Boys 6+ | 01489 783779 1ST HEDGE END BOYS' BRIGADE **1ST HEDGE END GIRLS' BRIGADE** Methodist Church | Girls 4+ | 02380 696222 | info@hedgeendgb.org.uk Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers | 07900 277379 | amazonseascouts.org 31ST ITCHEN NORTH (AMAZON) SEA SCOUTS **ART & CRAFT CLUB** Tue 1.30-3.30pm | Village Hall | Outings | Demos | 01489 798233 Wed 1.30-3.30pm (Tickets 1.15pm) Drummond Centre I 'Good Companions SC' I 01489 789727 **BINGO** Fri 2-3pm | Underhill Centre | COPD Sufferers Grp | 02380 403339 **BREATHE EASY HEDGE END** Postnatal exercise class | Fri 1-2.30pm | 2000 Centre | Bring your baby too! | 07814 580139 **BUMPS & BEYOND** Wed 1.15-3.15pm | 2000 Centre | Beginners welcome | email: mary.noble@btinternet.com **CALLIGRAPHY CHEER-A-CALITY** New Cheerleading squad | Wed | Sal'tion Army Community Centre | Ages 4-16 | 07736320103 Saturday Mornings | The d.art Centre | All ages & abilities | 01489 779471 **CRAFTY SATURDAYS DANCE JUNKIE** Mon Eve | Dart Centre | Street Dance Classes | All ages & abilities | 01489 779471 **FLOWER CLUB** 1st Tues, Monthly 7pm | 2000 Centre | Demos | Workshops | 01489 783115 Rainbows | Brownies | Guides - email the 'Join Us' Co-ordinator: guiding@hotmail.co.uk **GIRL GUIDING** Mon 7.15-8.45pm | Drummond Centre | Singers- All Ages & Abilities | 07725 840692 **GLEE CLUB** Weekly classes | Village Hall | All Ages & Abilities | www.hsgk.co.uk | 01489 782038 **GOJU RYU KARATE** HAMBLE VALLEY U3A 2nd Tues Monthly, 2pm | Hedge End Club | www.u3asites.org.uk/hamblevalley Mon 7.45-9.20pm | Community Band | Dart Centre, Wildern Lane | 07879 011452 HAMBLE VALLEY BRASS Woodhouse Lane | New members always welcome | 01489 783690 **HEDGE END BOWLING CLUB** Meets Tuesday | Botley Park Hotel | 01489 690126 HEDGE END BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB **HEDGE END CARNIVAL COMMITTEE** Help always needed | info@hedgeendcarnival.org.uk | 01489 785041 Wed 2-4pm, 7.30-9.30pm | Sun 7.30-9.30pm | Village Hall | Join Us! **HEDGE END INDOOR BOWLS CLUB HEDGE END JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB** U16s | Girls & Boys | grahamelliott1@virginmedia.com | 07825 267698 League football for all ages | Girls & Boys | Rodaway Pavilion | 07983 355449 **HEDGE END RANGERS FC** 3rd Mon, Monthly | 2000 Centre | Gardening | Demos | 01489 690481 **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** Zumba, Street & Toddler Classes | Hedge End Club | www.jamzdance.co.uk | 07929 095405 JAMZ DANCE Central Vision Loss Support | St Lukes Church | 01264 321963 **MACULAR DISEASE SOCIETY** Thurs 7.30pm | Methodist Church | Light Music | Show songs | 02380 454285 **NEW MUSIC MAKERS** Mon 1pm-3.30pm | 2000 Centre | New members welcome | 01489 787408 **OVER 60'S CLUB** Wed 10.30am - 12noon | Methodist Church | Tea, Coffee, Chat & Booksale | Just pop in! **POP IN CAFE PILATES** Mon 10-11, Thurs 2.30-3.30pm 2000 Centre, Fri 11-12 HEYCA | All levels & abilities | 07967 631739 PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY (YOUTH) Youth Drama (14-30) | Sun & Mon | HEYCA | 01489 690140 Tue 1.30 - 4pm | 2000 Centre | Cards | Bingo | Outings | 01489 783469 RETIREMENT CLUB Drummond Centre | Ballet, Tap, Modern | 02380 255415 SALLY JOHNSON DANCE ACADEMY Thur Eve | St John Ambulance | Birch Rd | Ages 5-10 | 07536 053943 ST JOHN AMBULANCE BADGERS 1st & 3rd Friday, monthly, 10-12noon | Tea/Coffee/Cakes & Chat | 01489 790048 ST JOHN'S CAFE Thurs eve | Dart Centre | Adult Dance Classes | 07851 285860 SERIOUS SHAPES DANCE COMPANY Starts Jan '14 | 2000 Centre | Posture, Mobility & Confidence 01962 846605 **STEADY & STRONG CLASSES** Mon (Rodaway) & Thur (2000 Centre) Eve | Families welcome | All ages & abilites | 07801706188 **TAEKWONDO** Mon & Thurs 8pm | HEYCA | 16+ All abilities | 07970 684017 | mail@uechi-ryu.org.uk **UECHI RYU KARATE** WELLSTEAD COMMUNITY CHOIR Mon Eve 7.30pm | Wellstead Primary School | 01489 798681 Tue Eve | HE Village Hall | 07851 013322 | info@wecsband.co.uk **WEST END CARNIVAL SHOW BAND WEST END SINGERS** Wed 7.30pm | 2000 Centre | Mixed Voice Choir | 02380 404881 | www.westendsingers.co.uk

4th Tues Monthly 7.30pm | 2000 Centre | Crafts | Walking | 01962 852721

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Community News The Old Village School House

The Old Village School House, one of Hedge End's landmark buildings, is now 150 years old...

The foundation stone bearing the inscription "Feed my Lambs" was laid in 1863. The construction of a school was one of the earliest signs that Hedge End was expanding fast and becoming a place in its own right. That expansion continues 150 years later...

The first thirteen pupils were not admitted to the National School until January 18th, 1864. Within 20 years, the school building had been enlarged twice to keep up with the population increase, but it was 1902 before more land was allocated to provide a playground big enough to accommodate all the pupils.

In 1933, a new secondary school was built in Wildern Lane (now Shamblehurst Primary School) and the village school became a primary school. Expansion of Hedge End continued and after World War II, more huts were crammed into the playground to accommodate the ever increasing numbers.

When the new secondary school (Wildern) opened in 1963, this allowed the junior department to move into the old secondary school (Shamblehurst), leaving just the infants in the building. There was still a shortage of school places in Hedge End and the original school survived the opening of Kings Copse and the Freeground's Schools. The last pupils left the building in 1984, when extra classrooms were added to Shamblehurst to accommodate the infants.

Being one of the oldest and more interesting buildings in Hedge End, some people did not want to see it demolished and the Joint PTA, who had previously brought you the swimming pool and library extension, looked at bringing the building back into public use. This project was taken over by The Hedge End Youth & Community Association (HEYCA) which was specially formed to carry out the task. After a lot of hard work, campaigning and fund



raising, the Youth and Community Centre opened in November 1990. The commemorative plaque was unveiled by Mrs. Spencer - the head teacher who had closed the school six years before.

The building was immediately in demand from lots of organisations and is now used by a wide range of community and commercial groups, including some of those original users, providing lots of opportunities for activities in the village.

The building is still administered by the HEYCA, although this is now a very small organisation. In order to keep the Association going (and the building open at the heart of our community), more people are needed. If you have ever thought that you might like to do something in the community, then please consider offering your help. It takes very little time and is most worthwhile.

From April a new person is required to handle bookings, could you do this?

If you can offer any assistance to help keep one of Hedge End's best loved buildings open, please contact Dave Fairclough, Chairman of the Association on 01489 690140.

Nick Wise

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Community News

Hedge End Community Tennis Consultation

HEDGE END COMMUNITY TENNIS AT WOODHOUSE LANE LEISURE PARK

The Tennis Courts at
Woodhouse Lane Leisure
Park are very popular,
particularly during the
Spring and Summer
months. However, how
can the Town Council
improve this facility and
service to Tennis
enthusiasts throughout
Hedge End and the
immediate surrounding
locality?



Sport England demographics demonstrate a need for Tennis in this area. With a population of 33,000, up to 2.2% (726) actually play Tennis and 858 would like to play, showing a potential usage of this sport and a demand for Tennis that would require improved facilities.

Hedge End Town Council with the guidance of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Lawn Tennis Association is working in partnership with Serving Tennis to provide a Community Tennis Programme. In order to achieve maximum use of the courts, there is a proven need to upgrade the current booking system. Proposals are underway to enhance this feature of Woodhouse Lane Leisure Park by installing an online booking system with automatic Key Fob entry, whereby households can register for a fixed annual cost and casual bookings can be booked via an online portal. Participants can be guaranteed court availability at the time they want to play and eliminates double booking.

If this project is to be successful, it requires additional improvements to secure the courts in that substantial perimeter fencing must be installed together with works to improve the court markings

and surfacing, together with a hard standing pathway to reach the courts.

The Town Council would also seek to ensure that the facilities eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote advancement of equality of opportunity for everyone including those having a protected characteristic, fostering good relations between all including those having a protected characteristic (Equalities Act 2010). The online facility will be available to all and for those with impaired vision can be assisted by the Town Council office. The project features do not discriminate and are open to all. Any special requirements or suggestions to improve the experience will be considered.

THIS WILL ONLY BE ACHIEVABLE WITH COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS WITH REGARD TO THIS PROPOSAL. YOUR OPINIONS WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL'S APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING. YOU CAN BE PART OF THIS EXCITING PROJECT!

Hedge End Community Tennis Consultation

The following are just a few questions for the Town Council to be able to assess and understand the appreciated:

Any additional comments you wish to make are appreciated:

demand for Tennis in Hedge End.

The questionnaire is also available for an online

www.hedgeend-tc.gov.uk



response on our website -

COMMUNITY TENNIS OUESTIONNAIRE

Do you or members of your household enjoy the game of Tennis? YES / NO

Age Range	Number in Household
Under 10	
11 - 19	
20 - 40	
41 - 60	•••••
61 plus	•••••

Do you or a member of your household work locally and play Tennis with colleagues? YES / NO

Would you or a member of your household hire the facilities at Woodhouse Lane Leisure Park as a family? YES / NO

Would you or a member of your household be interested in Tennis Coaching Sessions? YES / NO

Would you or a member of your household be able to book online? YES / NO

Would you or a member of your household wish to join a Tennis Club? YES / NO

ppreciated:						



REMEMBER THAT YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT TO HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL. PLEASE RESPOND BY NO LATER THAN 4 APRIL, 2014.

HOW TO RESPOND:



- Hand deliver to the Town Council
 Offices
- •Simply phone the Town Council and a member of staff can note your comments.

Website: www.hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

Email: deputytc@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

WER 60'S CLUB - 01489 7874

Community News

Round -Up

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2015

My name is Ashleigh Floyd and I am 14 years old. I am a member of Girlguiding UK, a young leader at my local Guide unit and also a Ranger.



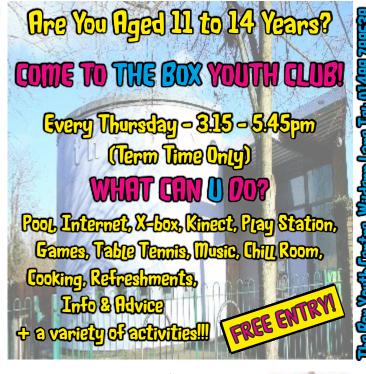
I recently participated in a selection process to partake in an international event with Girlguiding, South West England. As a result of this process, I have been selected to be part of the **South West Region group that will visit Japan in 2015.**

The purpose of the trip is to provide an opportunity for Girlguiding UK members to work in partnership with local Guiding on a community project overseas. It is hoped that these community projects will provide members, from both Associations, with opportunities to develop skills and self-confidence in a more challenging environment than a normal classroom or workplace.

The trip is broken down into three parts. Firstly, I will be attending the **World Scout Jamboree**. During my time there, I will be taking part in a disaster migration project, an environmental project and a community project. Secondly, I will be immersed in to the Japanese culture during a visit to Tokyo. Lastly, I will have the unique opportunity to take part in Home Hospitality – where I will stay with a Japanese family to learn and celebrate the different cultures that we have.

The cost of the trip is £3200, all of which is to be raised by myself through fundraising and sponsorship. I have a number of fundraising projects planned and I also will be using my own earnings from my after school job. My fundraising projects include - holding a Horse Race Night, Cake Sales, Car Boot Sales, and running Japanese themed evenings for local Rainbow and Brownie Groups.

II am very much looking forward to this opportunity of a lifetime, and the chance to meet many new people along the way and to learn more about different cultures and to learn more about myself and to develop and grow as an individual.



HEDGE END OVER 60'S CLUB

The Over 60s Club meet on Monday at the 2000 Centre, St Johns Rd, Hedge End from 1 - 3.30pm. The aim of the club is to meet friends and make new friends from the local area.

The time is spent talking, having tea and biscuits, or a cake sometimes if someone has a special birthday. The rest of the time we play bingo, invite speakers, and we also have 3 days out a year too!

Currently, we only have around 60 members, therefore, **new members are always very welcome!** We have a varied age range, with members aged 70 to the oldest member who turns 100 in March.

Going out and meeting people is so much better for your health and well being - it will help you live to a good age too! Transport can also be arranged, if required, through One Community, just let us know.

The club also supports village events, as well as fund raising for the club and other charities. **THE NEXT FUND RAISING EVENT 'TABLE TOP SALE' WILL BE ON 29 MARCH 2014 AT THE 2000 CENTRE.** We look forward to seeing you!

Vera Blunt

Community Rews The Big Brownie Birthday

THE BIG BROWNIE BIRTHDAY

Local Rainbows, Brownies & Guides party in the park to celebrate the Big Brownie Birthday...

More than 250 girls from Girlguiding Itchen Valley Division, which includes Botley, Hedge End and West End, joined Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from across Girlguiding Hampshire West County for an extra-special birthday party - one to mark the 100th birthday of Brownies.

This year sees hundreds of thousands of Girlguiding members from all over the UK celebrate The Big Brownie Birthday. The local celebration saw Girlguiding 'take over' Paultons Park on Saturday 15th February. More than 2500 girls from across Hampshire West enjoyed the rides and attractions in the park and were joined by an extra special visitor - the Chief Guide, Gill Slocombe.



Rainbow, Freya, aged 5, said: "I loved absolutely everything, including being blown about by the wind."

Guide Leader, Jo Parfitt said: 'It was wonderful to see so many members of the local Girlguiding community coming together to celebrate 100 years of the Brownies. The weather held for the most part and a fun day was had by all.'

The celebrations continue over the next few months. Amongst other events, Brownies will "Walk the County" over the weekend 17th-18th May. Girls

will walk with their units in relays along several routes all finishing at Foxlease in Lyndhurst. Local girls will be walking from Botley to West End on the Saturday. So look out for them and give them a wave if you see them!



For more

information about The Big Brownie Birthday and how to join Girlguiding – the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK – go to www.girlguiding.org.uk





Are you 13-21 years old?
Do you live in the Hedge
End, West End
or Botley Area?
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'.



Seventy years ago, roads in Hedge End were filled with military equipment. Soldiers camped on peoples' lawns and on the Playing Field as they awaited the D-Day landings. This is the inspiration for the Carnival in 2014, as we pay tribute to our troops with the theme "D-Day Remembered".

Whilst details are classified top secret there is speculation that a concert party will be arriving to entertain the troops featuring many famous names of the day and that The Andrews Sisters will be topping the bill.

JULY 5TH IS CARNIVAL DAY THIS YEAR!

It is going to be a wonderful day and we hope that as many people as possible will be taking part in the procession because it is the opportunity to get involved that makes carnival so special. Whether you dress up on your own with a few friends or colleagues, or choose to enter a lorry mounted float, it is a great way to spend your day helping everyone else to have fun and raising money for good causes around Hedge End at the same time.

CARNIVAL ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD:

<u>www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk</u>
Or collect one from the Post Office in June.

If you belong to a group that is in need of funds, you are welcome to apply and of course your application will be looked upon in a more favourable light if you have joined in and helped raise the money. The application form can be downloaded from the carnival website.

The Carnival Committee is now looking for a new Queen to reign over the 2014 carnival festivities. To be eligible to be **Carnival Queen** girls must be



fourteen or older and live in Hedge End. You must be available on Carnival Day and should be willing to take part in other carnivals. It is a great honour with a tradition stretching back over 60 years and you will be helping to raise money for good causes in Hedge End. To volunteer, apply online:

www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk

In addition, there are opportunities for younger children to become **Carnival Princes or Princesses**, the minimum age is six. More information is available is on the website along with the application form. All volunteers for Queen will be interviewed. Other applicants will be assessed by independent judges from what you tell us about yourself.

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

CARNIVAL DRAW TICKETS ARE NOW
AVAILABLE - BIG CASH PRIZE, A TRIP TO
BRUGES (with Coliseum Coaches) SPA TIME (at
The Macdonald Botley Park Hotel) amongst the
prizes... it is well worth a punt!

Please help to support local good causes.

Look out for the June edition of The Hedge End & Botley Courier. You should find your free carnival programme inside.

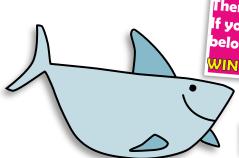
Grateful thanks to Botleigh Products for their generous support.



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Plenty More Fish in the Sea!



There's something very fishy going on at Hedge End Town Council...
If you 'cast your net wide' & 'reel in' the 25 tiddlers in our wordsearch below, you can enter into our swimmingly super spring competition to WIN A FABULOUS £10 VOUCHER to spend at Hedge End's finest -

J-HENRY'S FISH & CHIPS



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Hedge End Town Council, 2000 Centre, St Johns Rd, Hedge End, SO30 4AF CLOSING DATE: Midday, Friday 25 April 2014

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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)

2013/2014	Community & Culture	Finance	Full Council	Highways & Planning	Recreation & Amenities
Apr	8	1	16	2&16	9
May	13	6	28*	7 &28*	14
June	10	3	18	4&18	11
July	8	1	16	2&16	9

^{*}Please Note: Full Council & Highways & Planning, now on 28 May 2014 due to Elections on 22 May*

Deadline for contributions to the Summer Gazette - 23 May 2014

