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A Note From...

The Town Clerk's Desk

Summer is nearly upon us and unlike last year, I am writing this editorial with the sun beating down from a cloudless sky. I well recall that this time last year we were being treated to a daily deluge of torrential rain. What a difference a year makes...

We all look forward to a summer break be that somewhere luxurious in the Seychelles or simply having a holiday in the UK and I dare say this year won't be any different. For me, I shall be visiting the Isle of Mull because I had promised my children some time ago that we would visit the place where the fictional children's TV programme 'Balamory' was filmed. In real life, the location is called Tobermory.

When you hear the word holiday, what comes to mind? If you're like most people, shopping, parties, sales, swimming pool, beaches must rank near the top of your list, while more shopping, a day off and football follow closely behind. Wouldn't you think that holidays would be more meaningful to us? The truth is many holidays are becoming so commercialised that our traditions are in danger of becoming trivialised.

Traditions represent a critical piece of our culture and community. They help form the structure and foundation of our families, our society and our community. They remind us that we are part of a history that defines our past, shapes who we are today and who we are likely to become. Once we ignore the meaning of our traditions, we're in danger of damaging the underpinning of our identity. Unfortunately, this indifference isn't limited to holiday traditions. Many people don't treat family or religious traditions with the same emphasis and respect afforded in years past. Family meals around the table have been reduced to eating on the fly. Many children nowadays trade game time for quality family time. Reading before bedtime has given way to playing with X-Boxes in front of the TV, so that parents can enjoy their downtime.

Tradition contributes a sense of comfort and belonging. It brings families and communities together and enables people to reconnect with friends. Tradition reinforces values such as freedom, integrity, a good education, personal responsibility, a strong work ethic and the value of being selfless. Tradition provides a forum to showcase role models and celebrate the things that really matter in life. Tradition offers a chance to say "thank you" for the contribution that someone has made. Tradition serves as an avenue for creating lasting memories for our families and friends.

As leaders, role models and parents, we should take every opportunity to reinforce the values and beliefs that we hold dear. Whether that maybe reading our children a story before bedtime, orienting new employees with a discussion of the company's beliefs and values, talking to our children about our heroes and role models, providing quality feedback during an employee performance review or having a leisurely family breakfast on Sunday, no moment is too small or insignificant in the quest to convey the true meaning of the traditions and the values that unite us. Values and traditions influence our day-to-day actions and determine what's important and change attitudes toward ourselves and our relationships with others.

So, here's to BBQs, Cricket, Wimbledon, the World Cup (England Glory?) and days filled with sun! Whatever you have planned, I hope you have a great Summer and I look forward to the Autumn Editorial that will be around the corner before I know it.

Kevin

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OUTGOING CHAIR'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that a whole year has passed by since Council elected me as Chair of Hedge End Town Council. Since being elected, I have undertaken many civic duties representing the Town Council. Without any doubt, the Annual Remembrance Day Parade in November stands out for me as a great honour to place a wreath at the War Memorial in Hedge End on behalf of the community.



I was delighted to see so many people attend the Annual Switching On of the Christmas Lights, in December, which seems to grow in popularity every year. I make it my point to help organise this event and it added a meaningful significance to me this year, in my role as Chair.

The Berry Theatre continues to grow in popularity and has certainly made its mark in the community of Hedge End. I have had the opportunity to attend many events at this theatre during the course of the year and I am always amazed at the quality and professional level of the performances on offer.

I want to pay tribute to the Town Council staff for their dedication, commitment and professionalism in the way they manage and look after Hedge End. I'd like to also thank my fellow Councillors for their support during my time as Chair.

It has been a real privilege and an honour to be your Chair and I take this opportunity of wishing you all a great summer.

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RECREATION & AMENITIES REPORT

This is a busy time for all garden and allotment lovers and as I have recently been to the allotments to do the spring inspection, I was delighted to see so many had been cultivating their plots to a very high standard. However, there were a few who obviously did not have the time or the enthusiasm and they have now decided to give them up. As we always have a few waiting for an allotment, this cuts down the waiting time.

I expect you have all noticed how nice the centre of the village flower beds are looking? This is thanks to the dedicated team from the Hedge End Horticultural Society who have put many hours of their time into this project. They are all volunteers and this saves our groundstaff valuable hours of their time to concentrate on many other jobs that are necessary to be done during this season. So a big THANK YOU to you all, from HETC and I.

I am hoping to get a small group of helpers to give up a few hours of their time on a Saturday morning or afternoon to clear up some of the rubbish behind the shops . I know this is not our job, but maybe if we get it up together, we will be able to get the owners to take more interest in their own areas. If you wish to help me, please let me know and I will arrange a date that will suit us all. Please let myself or Deputy Town Clerk, Denise Lowth deputytc@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk know if you are available.

As I write this article, the paddling pool was open to the public on Saturday 24 May. Let's hope the weather is kind to the children this year! Unfortunately, this year Hedge End Social Club are not prepared to let us pay for the 10 parking spaces within their entrance, so please be considerate to the neighbouring properties. The 2000 Centre car park is available, so please use this if possible and you can also use Budgen's car park, which is not too far to walk. We also have a new team looking after the kiosk, so I am sure they will have a good selection of goodies for sale.

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We have new plans for the tennis courts to make the availability more accessible. This is taking a bit longer to organise as we are trying to raise grants to help with this project. In the meantime, a restricted access key is available from the Town Council office. Issue of this key is upon payment of a £10.00 deposit.

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

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

April and May, as far as the colours of the blossoms on the flowers and the trees are concerned, have been spectacular. The Bluebells and Wood Anemones have been prominent in the woods, on the roadside verges and in the gardens. The May shrubs and the fruit trees have also shown large amounts of blossom. The wet weather earlier in the year has helped, not hindered, the growth of these trees and shrubs. The rhododendrons have flowered a little earlier this year and what a lovely show of bright colours they make in and around the gardens in the town. The trees also seem to have more vibrant greens, with the reds of the Copper Beech also showing stronger colours. The trees look more rounded and are more uniform in shape.

With blossoms on both the trees and shrubs, along with flowers in the gardens, we can only hope this will help the bees to survive as they have been in decline over the last few years. We may even be lucky to see more butterflies and moths in the gardens this year, along with the other insects.

In one of my reports, I mentioned about tree rings. Well, the tree with the highest ring count to date is a Bristlecone Pine cut down on the 6 August 1964 on Mount Wheeler, Nevada, USA. The number of rings on this tree was a staggering 4862 which really makes one think, does it not!

If you see me about in the town, whether I am on one of my walkabouts or just shopping, please feel free to introduce yourself.

Andrew Jemmett

HEDGE END BOYS' BRIGADE D of E AWARDS

3 Gold and 4 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards were presented by the Mayor of Eastleigh, Malcolm Cross, to Members of the 1st Hedge End Boys Brigade at a Church Parade on Sunday 9 February at Hedge End Methodist Church. The Gold Award holders also had the opportunity to attend St James' Palace for an additional presentation.

There are 4 sections to the scheme – Volunteering in the Community, Physical Recreation, Skills and Expedition. In addition, the Gold level also has a 5 day Residential section that must be completed.



GOLD awards were gained by Jonathan Bailey, Ben Lucas and Jonathan Plews. BRONZE awards went to Ewan Hopson, Aaron Plews,

Adam Lucas and James Thorton-Finch.

The 1st Hedge End BB meets on Wednesday evenings and welcomes membership enquiries from boys aged 5+. Tel: 01489 783779

CHARITY ZUMBATHON

2 hour ZUMBATHON to raise money for Parkinson's UK. Sunday 27 July 2014, 11am-1pm.



2000 Centre, St Johns Rd, Hedge End.

The Event will start promptly at 11am, followed by a raffle (prizes donated by local business).

Last year's event managed to raise a total of £1300 & it would be fantastic if we could beat that this year!

If you would like to come along & support on the day, by watching & taking part in the raffle, there is a small charge of £2 adults, £1 children that goes into the charity pot.

To sign up to be involved, please contact Laura Barltrop on 07814389654 or email: laurabarltrop@live.co.uk

Community News

Hedge End Remembers - The WWI Centenary

To mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, the community of Hedge End will be coming together to remember those who lived, fought and died during one of the bloodiest conflicts in world history...

Why should we remember?

By the end of the First World War, the total number of deaths worldwide is estimated to stand at over 16 million*. Few people in the countries that took part, could have remained unaffected. Children lost fathers, women took on traditionally male jobs and both food shortages and disease claimed many civilian lives. Life was never the same again.

Hedge End Town Council, in partnership with Wildern School, The Berry Theatre and The d.art, have been working together to bring a piece of local history back to life, by exploring the lives of the local soldiers whose names adorn Hedge End's very own war memorial in St Johns Road.

Community Digging Deeper...

The Hedge End War Memorial bears the names of 36 soldiers who died in action, most of whom lived here in Hedge End. At this time, there were (approx) 1000 people living in Hedge End, so this was a significant loss to our small community. With the centenary in mind, Hedge End Town Council embarked on a research programme to piece together the personal stories of those brave soldiers, creating an important historical document for future generations. Information was gathered from both historical archives and where possible, through conversations with living relatives.

On Tuesday 15 July, 6-8.30pm, The Berry Theatre will host an evening of history, drama, music and dance. With the help of Historian Jeremy Bannings and our talented local school children, you will be transported back to 1914-1918. The evening will be a poignant reminder of not only the hardship and suffering, but also the friendship and love of those who lived within our own community...a living memorial to Hedge End's local heroes...

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Lest we forget...

HEDGE END

REMEMBERS

The First World War Performance

TUESDAY 15 JULY 2014

G-SEOPM

The Berry Theatre, Wildern Lane, Hedge End

Titlets (Adonation will be made to the Royal British Legion for each title sold)

Box Office 02230 652233

Historian Jeremy Brannings

Music from the Community Choir

Remembrance Dance

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Performances from Wildern School
& local primaries...

tics taken from the Imperial War Museum: www.1914.org

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Percy's Pals - In Memory of Dr Percival

The doctors and staff at Hedge End Medical Centre were shocked when they discovered that Dr Richard Percival had had a stroke last February (2013) and they were devastated when he



subsequently died. As the anniversary of Richard's death approached, they decided they wanted to do something in his memory, that staff and patients of the Medical Centre and people in Hedge End Community could join in with...

Richard had himself been planning to cycle from Land's End to John O' Groats and the doctors decided they would like to cycle, as Richard had planned, in June this year. However, the doctors knew that the Practice couldn't afford to lose them for that long (and some were weak at the thought of cycling that distance!). So, Sam Heal conceived the "End to End": Land's End to Hedge End – more than 260 miles over three days!



John Bush, Mark
Hollands, Karl
Graham and Sam
Heal will cycle all
three days. Ruth
Padday will cycle
the first part of
the ride and the
last part of the

ride. Liz Cropley and Leigh-Anne Bascombe will cycle the last day. Friends

and family of the GPs will also be joining in. And all the staff not involved with the bike ride are manning the Practice and helping out with the event on the Saturday.

The event on the 14th June was themed around Health and Wellbeing, and we invited members of the community to take part by sharing their hobbies and healthy living ideas with others. For example, we have members of staff selling handmade cards, bunting and homemade cakes; we also had South

Central Ambulance Service talking about what they do; and Eastleigh Borough Council attended with their stationary bike that makes fruity milkshakes! The raffle also had many prizes kindly donated by patients and the local community.

By the time you read this, the ride and the event will already have taken place – if you attended, we hope you enjoyed it! We are happy to continue to take donations for the charity set up in Richard's name, "Percy's Pals", either at reception or online:

www.justgiving.com/hemc

THE CHARITY PERCY'S PALS IS RAISING MONEY FOR A PORTABLE CT SCANNER FOR SOUTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

More about the charity, and the fundraising that is going on generally for Percy's Pals can be found at:

www.percyspals.com

We would also like to thank all the patients who helped us with donations or time, including the Patient Participation Group, Hedge End Town Council who were very supportive of the event, and everyone else who gave their time, resources and money to help make the event successful.

The Doctors & Staff Hedge End Medical Centre

CAN YOU HELP?

MINIBUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Would you be able to spare a few hours to help transport elderly residents of Hedge End to The Lunch Club (Thursdays) 9.30am - 3pm (MIDAS Required)

Contact Sheila: 01489 783544

A Day in the Life of... Headteacher, Mary Lou Litton

With Wildern School now holding over 1800 pupils, we met up with Headteacher, Mary Lou Litton to discuss the challenges facing today's school leavers and learn about the day to day life of a Head in a modern secondary school. We also asked Mary Lou to reflect back on her own childhood and consider the changes, benefits and opportunities available to the students of today...

You have been Head of Wildern School for 7 years now, how have things changed during this time?

Yes, I am in my 7th Year as Head. My 14th at Wildern. A huge amount has changed, certainly in education. But for me personally, I never imagined being in this position and to redefine yourself as an already established teacher at the school is always a challenge, especially in such a significant role. We have had to change the way we do things, how we teach and how we prepare youngsters. I accept that in education there is constant change. The skill is how we respond.

Mr Threlfall [Head from 1996 until he passed away in 2007] must have been an incredibly hard act to follow as he was so well loved and well respected by parents and pupils alike. How did you find this transition? The transition was incredibly hard because you are battling with so many factors, from the personal grief of losing a friend and knowing you have to be strong and lead the staff and students. Linked to that is then learning about a job at the time you weren't planning on doing it. There was a lot to learn and I had to dig deep to believe I could do it and maintain the high standards and expectations that were embedded. Staff were/are amazing and put their trust in me, matched by unwavering support, as did the parents. I had a lot of support, which in itself instils confidence.

What has been your greatest challenge / achievement to date? My greatest challenge was learning aspects of the job I had never experienced. The role of Headteacher is very complicated because there are so many varied things to think about from budgets and buildings to the most

important aspect - the quality of teaching and learning for our students. I had never managed a building project and I picked one up immediately with a new dining hall extension. I learnt a lot very quickly!



I have enjoyed so many special moments and achievements in the last 7 years but the 2 outstanding Ofsteds have to be up there as one of the best. Primarily because, whatever Ofsted's flaws, it recognised the fantastic place that Wildern is, with great, great people who so care about what they do and work really hard to get it right for the children.

What makes Wildern School unique? Where do I begin with that one? The people have to be the first main aspect, without a doubt. We all believe in the ethos and what it is about. I think we are also innovative and creative and despite all the changes thrown at schools, we face it head on and find creative ways of tackling issues and making things better for the students at every opportunity. There is a culture of pushing boundaries and being prepared to try something different.

What is the Wildern School ethos? The ethos is built around three key words Care, Opportunity and Quality, but the underlying principle of 'No child Left Behind'. I believe it is firmly rooted in all aspects of the school. We set high expectations for staff and students and so, from the moment you walk into the school, you know what we are about, what our aspirations are and how we are going to get there. As a Rights Respecting School ,we build on those underlying key principles.

How do you prepare your students for leaving school and what do you feel are the greatest challenges for them today? We prepare them by giving them quality teaching and every opportunity and chance to succeed at, whatever level they come in at.

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A Day in the Life of... Headteacher, Mary Lou Litton

This is grounded in offering an appropriate personalised curriculum as much as the system allows and brilliant pastoral care and guidance. Instilling key qualities they will need for later life developing; Independence, Resilience, Self-reflection and confidence in their own ability. They have more challenges than I would wish for them, but the grounding they have been given by us and indeed their parents as a key part of that partnership, means they are more ready than most.

What advice do you give to students that don't know what they want to do? I don't think it matters. Individual difference is what makes the world go round. Some people know what they are going to do. Others find it later, which is fine. What's critical and we encourage, is that you embrace life and the challenges and don't waste opportunities. Be prepared to take yourself out of your comfort zone and more importantly find and do things that make you happy and fulfil you.

For those students who do not wish to go onto Further Education, how is the school able to help them find suitable work? Well, under the new regulations students leave us to go to education, or training until they are 18. However, we do have a number of business links that do lead to employment. I think this was more obvious prior to the new position. All students do receive individual Careers guidance by a specialist as well to support further decisions.

How does the current system differ from your time at school? As I enter my 50th Year, quite a bit!! The access to all aspects of learning are immense. Children laugh when I say I didn't use a computer until I began my degree and that was an old BBC. I think, without disrespecting my own teachers, we really have improved as a profession; I believe we understand all aspects of learning in a way we never did before.

Did you enjoy school and did you know you wanted to be a teacher? I loved it, every bit and rarely, if

ever, missed a day. I knew from the age of about 12 that I wanted to be a teacher and that was always my goal.

What is an average day like for a Head Teacher? Crazy!! No, seriously great fun, busy and stressful but that would never be a reason not to do it. My day is often so varied depending on the meetings but without a doubt I can say it is the best job I have ever had. I (without being twee) absolutely love it. I am blessed I work with fantastic people and it makes it a pleasure and never a chore.

What is the most important thing you do each day? I walk the school every day when I am in, to remind myself why I am here and what it is about. Looking into classrooms and saying hi to students is the most important thing I do. Everything else I do enables that to happen.

What is your favourite part of the job? (and your least?) Everything to do with students and staff, even the difficult bits when things have gone occasionally wrong. My least favourite is anything to do with money, I find that bit boring, but necessary.

If you could pass on only one piece of advice to your students, what would it be? Live and enjoy life and love and be kind.

If you weren't teaching, what would you be doing? Do you know I have never really considered that, how sad? Something with people, for sure.

What are your hobbies? Golf, I love, it is my release and frustration as I battle to move my handicap from 13 to better!

What is your favourite book? So many to choose from but I will pick one from my younger days 'Cold Comfort Farm' Stellar Gibbons. I did it for A' Level and loved it.

Where is your favourite place? Apart from home, a place called Sitges in Spain, which I have many fond memories of as a child.

Carnival News

D-Day Remembered - Saturday 5 July 14

Your full colour 2014 CARNIVAL PROGRAMME
should already have dropped through your
letterbox inside the Botley & Hedge End
Courier. We would like to thank RICHMONDS
Estate Agents for sponsoring the programme
and BOTLEIGH PRODUCTS for delivering it...

If you should have missed it ,download yourself a copy from the carnival website:

www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk

What makes carnival so special is the opportunity that it gives for everyone to take part. We would really like to see you joining in the procession. The theme this year is **D-DAY REMEMBERED** although this is optional, you are welcome to follow another topic, we just want to have you there enjoying yourself. As well as creating enjoyment, the aim of the carnival is to raise money to support good causes in Hedge End, so, if you are watching please give generously as the procession usually costs more to stage, than is collected. The practice of donating copper coins at carnivals came about when people were happy if they earned £10 a week, we really require silver coins nowadays.



The D-Day theme has been chosen because it was 70 years ago that troops arrived in the area, filling the roads with their equipment and camping in gardens. It is unlikely that they camped in your garden because there were only a few roads in Hedge End at that time. Troops also camped on the Recreation Ground and Playing Field (Greta Park) giving us the scenario for this year's Gala Show. To

recreate the era, there will be military vehicles and a concert party featuring well known acts of the day. Headlining the bill are -





THE SPITFIRE SISTERS ably supported by WILSON, KEPPEL & BETTY, GEORGE FORMBY, 'MASTER' NORMAN WISDOM, HULA and more. You can try your feet at jive, your hips at hula and your coordination with laser tag. THERE IS 3 HOURS OF ENTERTAINMENT ON OFFER AT

THE GALA SHOW AND IT IS JUST <u>£1</u> TO GET IN!

We would like to thank Eric Robinson Solicitors for sponsoring the appearance of The Spitfire Sisters. Remember to buy plenty of Carnival Draw tickets they are available on the day, in the village centre on Saturday mornings in the run up to carnival day, or at the Hedge End Club Beer Festival. Other organisations can sell draw tickets to boost their own funds and get a massive 50% commission. Contact the organisers for details.

Events in carnival week: **QUIZ NIGHT** on Monday 30 June, please book early as it often sells out. Tuesday 1 July, **WHIST DRIVE** at the 2000 Centre starting at 1.30pm and in the evening we go to

Hamble for this year's **GUIDED**

WALK. Wednesday 2
July is busy with the
ever popular DOG
SHOW at 6pm and
the CHILDREN'S
SPORTS at 6.30pm,
both events at Greta
Park. The regular Bingo session at the Village Hall on Thursday
becomes CARNIVAL
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D-Day Remembered | The Box Youth Centre

As a special addition to the programme this year local historian Mike Rogerson will be giving a presentation OPERATION OVERLORD - LOCAL **INVOLVEMENT IN THE D-DAY LANDINGS.** This will be at The Village Hall, Friday 4 July at 7.30pm. This will be a fascinating evening. Arrive early as the Village Hall only seats 200. Adults £2, children £1.

During WW2 a forces canteen operated in the Methodist Church Schoolroom, The FORCES CAFÉ will open again for one day only on Carnival Day. Refreshments will be served from 11am until 2pm and if you are in your services uniform your cup of tea will be free. The Methodist Church is in St. John's Road, opposite where the procession starts. Make a point of visiting this little bit of Hedge End history.

Following the success of the Swing Commanders last year, if you know of a band only half as good as them, then please let us know and perhaps we can get them here in Hedge End as well!

THE GRAND PROCESSION STARTS 2.15PM.SATURDAY 5 JULY **FUN FAIR AT GRETA PARK, WEDNESDAY 2 JULY - MONDAY 7 JULY**

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...

It was in 1864 that the first pupils were admitted to Hedge End School. The



Youth and Community Association, which now manages the building, is joining with The Performing Arts Co. to mark this major point in the development in Hedge End.

A grand public event is due to be held on SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2014, mark the date in your diary now and look out for more information nearer the time.

Nick Wise

THE BOX CENTRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

MONDAY

Senior youth, 15 to 21 years, 6.30-9pm WEDNESDAY

Senior youth, 15 to 21 years, 6.30-9pm THURSDAY

Junior youth, 11 to 14 years, 3-6pm

The Friday Night Project, additional needs youth, 11 to 18 years, 6.30pm to 9.00pm, referral only.

Information, advice, support & guidance on a variety of issues. Contraceptive & sexual health services available. Free condoms, pregnancy & chlamydia testing.



The Box, Wildern Lane, Hedge End, Southampton Tel 01489 789638

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT YOUTH PROJECT



Can you spare a few hours each week (6.30-9.30pm) to assist the yout! team in delivering a programme of events & activities for local young people aged 11-21 years?

No experience necessary, but a fun & non-judgmental attitude, willingness to learn & a commitment to the project essential! All volunteers will be subject to usual references/ checks.

For more information please contact the Youth Team Manager Donna Brewer.

donna.brewer@hedgeend-te.gov.uk Tel 01489 789638

J-Henry's Fish & Chips - 27 Years in Hedge End

For many households in Hedge End, Friday nights would not be complete without a weekly visit to the local chip shop for a chippy tea! So, Hedge End Gazette met up with local business owner, Shane Lee of J-Henry's Fish & Chips, to find out what makes this traditional dish still so popular and what the future holds for one of Hedge End's most well-known, family run businesses...

So Shane, why do people still love a chippy tea and is Friday really still your busiest day? People still love a chippy tea because it's quick, easy, traditional, tasty and good value for money. Yes, Fridays do tend to be the busiest day, with Saturdays close behind or sometimes even busier!

What's the most popular item you sell, after chips of course? Cod would have to be the most popular item after chips, but we also sell a lot of smaller items such as fish cakes and sausages.

Do you see trends for different foods - what's 'trending' at the moment? No, not really as we keep the same menu all year round, which is good for us and our staff!

Do people really still buy pickled eggs? Oh yes! People still buy pickled eggs, along with pickled onions and gherkins!

How long has J.Henry's been running in Hedge End village centre? J-Henry's opened on the 2 February 1988, so we are now in our 27th year of trading and I've been running the business since we opened. Although, it was a fish and chip shop for many years previous to us.

Are you a Hedge Ender? No, I'm originally from Ashford in Middlesex. And it was actually J-Henry's that brought me to Hedge End, so no, I'm not a Hedge Ender. But I have spent more of my life here than Ashford now. I think the people in Hedge End are very friendly. Everyone seems to know everyone. Also, the pace of life is a lot slower here than where I grew up, which I like.



What's the secret of your success?

I think the key to success is offering a good quality product in a clean and friendly environment....and a lot of hard work!

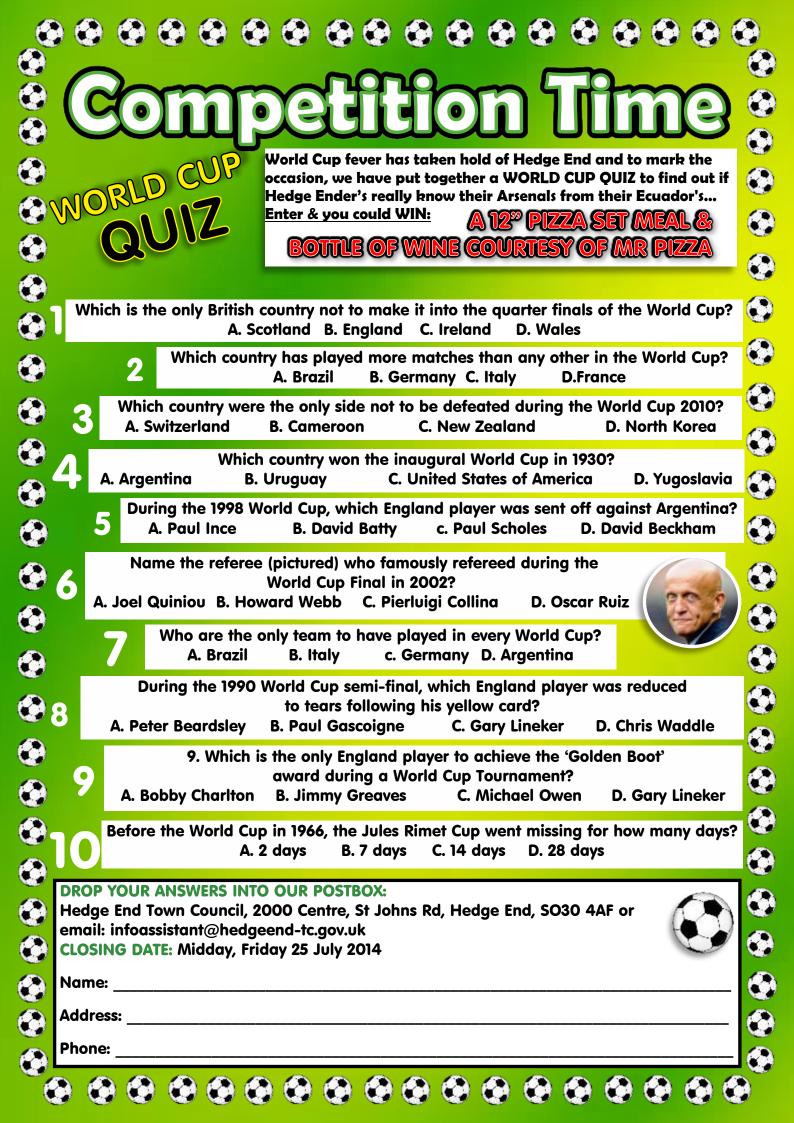
You do a lot of work for the community, even providing food for the Salvation Army Christmas Dinner last year - why is this so important to you? This is important to me because the community has supported me through good and bad times, so I feel it's important to give something back to the community. In recent years, I've raised over £10,000 for the Fishermen's Mission, over £1000 for the Countess Mountbatten Hospice, and donated £1000 to Hedge End Rangers and supplied around 40 meals for the Salvation Army on Christmas Day, all free of charge.

When you're not running the chip shop, what do you love doing? Spending time with my family and trying to play a round of golf.

What's your favourite food? What do you like to eat on a 'night off'? Well, fish and chips of course! But I do enjoy an occasional curry.

Has your business had to change with the current economic times? Well, we now offer free Chips with fish, Monday to Thursday lunchtimes, along with other daily specials. So we can offer even better value meals for everyone.

What does the future hold for J Henry's? We are always striving to push and promote the business, also my two sons are involved now. So, hopefully we will be here for many more years to come!



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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 Tue 1.30-3.30pm | Village Hall | Outings | Demos | 01489 798233 **ART & CRAFT CLUB** Wed 1.30-3.30pm (Tickets 1.15pm) Drummond Centre I 'Good Companions SC' I 01489 789727 **BINGO BREATHE EASY HEDGE END** Fri 2-3pm | Underhill Centre | COPD Sufferers Grp | 02380 403339 **BUMPS & BEYOND** Postnatal exercise class | Fri 1-2.30pm | 2000 Centre | Bring your baby too! | 07814 580139 Wed 1.15-3.15pm | 2000 Centre | Beginners welcome | email: mary.noble@btinternet.com **CALLIGRAPHY** New Cheerleading squad | Wed | Sal'tion Army Community Centre | Ages 4-16 | 07736320103 **CHEER-A-CALITY CRAFTY SATURDAYS** Saturday Mornings | The d.art Centre | All ages & abilities | 01489 779471 **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 **GIRL GUIDING** Rainbows | Brownies | Guides - email the 'Join Us' Co-ordinator: guiding@hotmail.co.uk Mon 7.15-8.45pm | Drummond Centre | Singers- All Ages & Abilities | 07810 127351 **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 | 07929 061068 **HAMBLE VALLEY BRASS HEDGE END BOWLING CLUB** Woodhouse Lane | New members always welcome | 01489 783690 **HEDGE END BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB** Meets Tuesday | Botley Park Hotel | 01489 690126 **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 JAMZ DANCE** Zumba, Street & Toddler Classes | Hedge End Club | www.jamzdance.co.uk | 07929 095405 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** Mon 10-11, Thurs 2.30-3.30pm 2000 Centre, Fri 11-12 HEYCA | All levels & abilities | 07967 631739 **PILATES** 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 SALLY JOHNSON DANCE ACADEMY Drummond Centre | Ballet, Tap, Modern | 02380 255415 ST JOHN AMBULANCE BADGERS Thur's Eve | Salvation Army Cmty Centre, Dowds Farm | All ages | 07827 883439 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** Wed 7.30pm | 2000 Centre | Mixed Voice Choir | 02380 404881 | www.westendsingers.co.uk **WEST END SINGERS** 4th Tues Monthly 7.30pm | 2000 Centre | Crafts | Walking | 01962 852721

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LOCAL SERVICES 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
SCHOOLS Hampshire Education Authority Berrywood Primary School, Maunsell Way Freegrounds Infants School, Hobb Lane Freegrounds Junior School, Hobb Lane Kings Copse Primary School, Kings Copse Ave Shamblehurst Primary School, Wildern Lane Wellstead Primary School, Wellstead Way Wildern Secondary School, Wildern Lane	01962 869611 01489 780068 01489 782075 01489 782295 01489 785040 01489 782342 01489 799351 01489 783473
HEALTH St Luke's Surgery, St Lukes Close The Medical Centre, 24-26 Lower Northam Rd Hedge End Dental Surgery (NHS), Saracen House, Freegrounds Avenue	01489 783422 01489 785722 01489 790661
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 The Salvation Army, 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

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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
July	8	1	16	2 & 16	9
August	* No meetings will be held during August *				
Sept	9	2	17	3 & 17	10
October	7	7	15	1 & 15	8

Deadline for contributions to the Autumn Gazette - 15 August 2014

