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A Note From...

The Town Clerk's Desk

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the Gazette, bringing you the latest in Hedge End right to your door. We would be very happy to feature any articles or contributions, if suitable, in forthcoming editions. They are always most welcome…

As has become the pattern in recent years, the summer was really not that fantastic. We seem to experience an early summer in May, have a few days here and there when we can get a taste of what it could be like, then we suddenly descend into autumn type weather. Indeed, just a few days ago, there was a dew in my garden! OK, I admit we did have some sunny warm days in Hedge End, but nowhere near enough for me to dip my big toe into the blue depths of the Solent! I dare say, if past experience is anything to go by, September will be beautiful.

The paddling pool on the Recreation Ground has proved once again to have been an absolute haven for mums and dads over the long summer holiday and it never ceases to amaze me to see the tiny tots braving the cool waters of the paddling pool without a care in the world, sometimes even in the pouring rain!

Out of all the seasons of the year, there's just something about autumn that seems to stand out from the other seasons. Perhaps it's the perfect weather, not too hot, not too cold, but a nice medium that suits everyone. This time of the year is the most majestic and fascinating to experience.

Although many of us are either at school or at work, there's nothing like having a stroll through a landscape painted in a true autumn colour palette. Hues of oranges and reds make walking around anywhere outdoors a relaxing use of free time. Perhaps you will find time to sit amongst the fallen leaves underneath a tree and read your favourite novel.

As I walked to work today, there was a real sense of autumn in the air. Golden leaves already lay scattered on the ground, the smell of dampness filled my nostrils and there was enough of an early morning chill to need a jacket. Autumn is a season that demonstrates just how varied the British weather can be. We can quickly descend from the warmth of late summer, to gales and rain, only to be followed by fog and frost. What makes autumn feel like autumn? I suppose the most striking is the fact that nights become longer than the days as we pass the autumn equinox. As autumn progresses, the height of the sun in the sky gradually lowers as the winter solstice approaches in late December. This means that even on days that are sunny, the amount of sunlight isn't as great or as lengthy as it would be during the summer. As a result, temperatures exhibit a downward trend and there can be a definite chill in the air, even when the skies are blue.

This time of the year always sees our young people beginning new terms at school and college in Hedge End and we wish them all a good start back and all the best. Just a note for your diary, the Remembrance Day parade for Hedge End will take place on 12 November 2017 with the service starting just before 11.00am at the War Memorial at Church Lane/St John's Road and the Parade will start at 10.30am from the St John's Car Park assembling on St John's Road.

See you soon!

Kevin

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Council News

HMS Cricket Memorial | Green Flag Award

CRICKET CAMP MEMORIAL

It has been an honour and a privilege for several years to lay a wreath on behalf of Hedge End Town Council at the Memorial at Cricket Camp, Manor Farm Country Park.

It commemorates the part this area played in the D Day landings (6 June 1944). Few people know how important this camp was and the preparations that went on at Cricket Camp. Being close to the River Hamble made it an ideal place for men and landing craft to prepare for D Day.

[*During the Second World War, Manor Farm was the base for HMS Cricket (1943-1946). HMS Cricket was the secret training base for the flotilla of landing craft taking men, tanks and supplies across the channel from Warsash and Hamble. After the war, its many buildings were used to house local people.*]

Last year's ceremony was even more poignant, being attended by a family from Bournemouth, a member of which lost a brother at the camp when a flying bomb fell on the site, killing several service personnel.

The memorial is very striking and although somewhat tucked away, is well worth a visit to remember the part our area played in such an important part of WWII and the lives given for our country, that we may live in peace.

Everyone is welcome to the ceremony. Let's hope this year it may be a fine day! (For anyone wishing to attend, please email: francis-nimmo@outlook.com during October, when this year's date will be finalised.)

Cllr Helen Corben

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GREEN FLAG AWARD

Albert Road Cemetery and War Memorial Garden are flying the flag as one of the UK's very best green spaces!

On the 18 July, a record number of parks and green spaces collected a Green Flag Award. Albert Road Cemetery and the War Memorial Garden in Albert Road and St Johns Road respectively, have been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme as one of the very best in the world.

The cemetery and garden are among a record-breaking 1,797 UK parks and green spaces that will today receive a prestigious Green Flag Award - the mark of a quality park or green space.

This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

Denise Lowth, Deputy Town Clerk said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive a Green Flag Award for the 8th year running. We know how much quality green spaces matter to residents and visitors and this award celebrates the dedication that goes into maintaining both the cemetery and war memorial gardens to such a high standard. Thanks to the efforts of our excellent ground staff team, who have carefully maintained these sites for the whole community."

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: "We are delighted to be celebrating another record-breaking year for the Green Flag Award scheme. Each flag is a celebration of the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award. The success of the scheme, especially in these challenging times, demonstrates just how much parks matter to people."

Council News

Frank Mortimer MBE | Tree Warden's Report

REMEMBERING
FRANK MORTIMER, MBE
(1916 – 2017)

Frank Mortimer MBE passed away peacefully on 30 July 2017, at the remarkable age of 101 years. Although his final years residing in Totton, Southampton, Frank will be remembered most fondly by those who remember both his work and community spirit in Hedge End.

Frank joined Hedge End Parish Council as an elected Councillor in 1983 and became Chairman of the Council in 1986 and continued his services to the community until the early 1990's. In 1987, he was also a serving Borough Councillor.

His dedication and long association to the Bonhomie Holiday Centre, purpose built for the disabled in Dodwell Lane and now a Registered Care Home with nursing that specialises in caring for those suffering from sensory impairment, physical disability, brain injury and people with mental health and complex needs.

In 1997, Frank was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to Disabled People in Southampton, Hampshire. He was heavily involved with those less able in the city of Southampton for over 42 years and in 1964 led the formation of the Southampton & District Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association, known today as Shine South. He was also President of the Federation of Clubs for the Disabled, Southampton Branch.

More recently, at the age of 100 years, Frank was interviewed by Sky News on the 80th anniversary celebrating the first voyage of the liner Queen Mary in May 1936. Frank explained how he joined the ship shortly after its launch and worked as a chef on its transatlantic journeys. He spoke of meeting celebrities such as Charlie Chaplin and Laurel and Hardy aboard. He felt that he could talk to anyone, rich or poor. He knew every part of the ship because he watched her being built. He described a wonderful life and marked the Queen Mary as one of the top experiences of his life, travelling every 12 days Southampton to New York meeting some wonderful people.

Serving Town Councillor, Alderman Cllr. Jane Welsh, recalls how she and Frank worked well together when she too was elected in 1983, *"He was down to earth and worked hard for the community, together with this dedication and commitment to Bonhomie House and the Queen Elizabeth II Activity Centre."*

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

You may have read in the Summer Gazette about the plight of the Red Oak at Greta Park due to its fungal decay? This is only one of the problems trees have to face. During the last three months, they have been subjected to high temperatures, strong winds and heavy rainfalls. Anybody living near a Horse Chestnut (conker) tree will have noticed that the browning of the leaves started earlier this year and is more prolific.

The flowers have been blooming and I may be wrong, but they do not seem to have lasted quite as well and require a lot of water during the dry spell. There are people out and about gathering blackberries, some of the fruit crops are quite good whilst others are not. As I travelled around the countryside, there seemed to be fewer moths and butterflies and not such a variety as in the past, which is a shame as they brighten up many a dull day.

I was in Scotland for a short break recently and on one of the days out, we passed within miles of what is thought to be the oldest living tree in Britain - the Fortingall Yew, believed to be over two thousand years old! As I was on a coach at the time, this was the nearest I got to it. However, it is well worth investigating this tree to understand its magnificent history.

Andrew Jemmett

Community News

Hedge End Bowling Club

HEDGE END BOWLING CLUB VISIT THE CHELSEA PENSIONERS

Some of you will remember that 2016 marked the 25th anniversary of Hedge End Bowling Club (HEBC). To mark the occasion, four special matches were arranged with visits from Bowls England, Bowls Hampshire, Southampton & District Ladies and Men's Associations and The Chelsea Pensioners. The match that captured the imagination was, without a doubt, that of The Chelsea Pensioners, complete with their red coats!

This year has seen the return visit take place, when Hedge End Bowling Club were invited to visit The Chelsea Pensioners at their home - The Royal Hospital Chelsea. Their surroundings are magnificent, made even more special by being bathed in warm sunshine. 24 members of HEBC were invited to visit which, as you can imagine, caused a problem - How do you select 24 members from a membership of 150?! With great difficulty!

Hedge End Bowling Club...the lucky few!

The lucky few set off in a Panache hired coach for the journey . The atmosphere on the coach was so emotional as we were thinking of the Pensioners that had visited us in 2016 and the anticipation of meeting many of them again. We were not disappointed and were made to feel so wanted. The match was played in wonderful spirit, with much laughter coming from all four rinks throughout the afternoon.

Chelsea Pensioner...

Playing on the Chelsea rinks...

In talking to Colonel Mark Baker, Captain of Invalids 3 & 4 Company, he told me that we were having 'high tea' in the most magnificent bowling club pavilion that we would ever see. Were his words to become true? Without a doubt! They were far beyond any expectation we could have had. Our high tea was served in the Great Hall, a truly magnificent room with high ceilings and panelled walls. The panelling gave a 300 year old history of various military encounters which made us all feel very humbled and brought home the huge vote of thanks which we owe to all members of our armed forces over so many years.

The Great Hall...

The journey home was a joyous one, but never loosing site of how proud we all were to have met such a wonderful group of people. Perhaps the outstanding memory is that of renewing contact with so many from 2016.

And so, 25th celebrations are brought to a memorable end...

If you would like to know more about Hedge End Bowling Club, please contact: 01489 809481
Brian Bartlett - Chairman
Hedge End Bowling Club

Community News

31st Itchen North (Amazon) Sea Scouts

ROYAL NAVY RECOGNITION SCHEME INDUCTION EVENT

Thursday 1 June 2017

Norman Rodaway Pavilion, Hedge End

31st Itchen North (Amazon) Sea Scouts

The 31st Itchen North (Amazon) Sea Scouts, based in Hedge End, Southampton, have been granted Royal Navy Recognition and now become the 105th member of the Scheme. They are one of the first Groups to achieve entry in eight years.

At an Induction Event attended by Commodore Bob Fancy, Commander of Recruitment and Core Naval Training, the Group were presented with a special defaced red ensign. A flag that is only flown by RN Recognised Sea Scout Groups.

Mayor of Eastleigh, Cllr Maureen Sollitt & Chair of HETC, Cllr Margaret Allingham in attendance

Guests at the presentation ceremony included the Mayor of Eastleigh, Cllr. Maureen Sollitt; Chair of Hedge End Town Council, Cllr Margaret Allingham and Hampshire County Scout Commissioner, Adam Jollans. Also present were two founding scout leaders of the Group from when it was established 40 years ago, Peter Stephens and Patrick Hart.

Troop members 'Fall In'...

The scouts and explorers demonstrated a number of activities and skills covering: knot work, expedition tent pitching and cooking, raft building, making a bivouac and rigging a sailing dinghy.

Section meetings are held at Norman Rodaway Pavillion, Heath House Lane, Hedge End:

- **Beavers (6 – 8 yrs) on Thursday**
- **Cubs (8 – 10.5 yrs) on Thursday**
- **Scouts (10.5 – 14.5 yrs) on Wednesday**
- **Explorers (14.5 – 18 yrs old) on Thursday**

For further information: see website: www.amazonseascouts.org/contact-us.html
Contact Richard Simpson, Group Scout Leader: simpson.amazon.essu@gmail.com

THE LUNCH CLUB RAISE OVER £500 FOR CRITICALLY ILL CHILDREN

The Thursday Lunch Club, who meet every week at the 2000 Centre, held a special 3 course lunch and raffle in June to raise money for The Friends of PICU (Paediatric Intensive Care Unit), a charity set up by the parents of sick children to help provide vital equipment and services that are not always provided by the statutory authorities.

The Lunch Club founder, Sheila Hales was delighted to be able to present the charity with the £505 collected on the day and would like to thank her club members for the overwhelming generosity…

www.friendsofpicu.org.uk

Carnival News

Hedge End Carnival & Fireworks Fiesta

With Dancers from Bulgaria, Choir, Fusion Havirov from the Czech Republic and Band Narren-Ober-Liga from Germany, We Hope That You Enjoyed the Different Attractions That Were on Offer at the Carnival This Year…

If you would like to see Narren-Ober-Liga here again, they are happy to come! We just need people to volunteer to look after them when they are here. If you learnt a bit of German at school then how about it? Let us know if you can help…

The different arrangements needed to assemble the carnival procession this year worked quite well and the procession set off on time to wend its way to Greta Park. On the way **£2240.71** was collected. It is very unusual for the procession to collect more than £2000 and just a few hundred pounds more would have meant that the collection covered the cost of putting on the procession. Thanks to everyone who took part in the procession, without you there would be no carnival and thanks to those who gave generously. If you were just watching how about taking part in the procession next year? It is much more fun and not difficult.

Legally, all the street collection has to be donated to charity and with the help of several new sponsors and other carnival events such as the Quiz Nights **WE HAVE NEARLY £4000 TO DISTRIBUTE TO GOOD CAUSES** in Hedge End. Twenty one organisations asked for a donation and we have been able to find something for most of them. Presentations are due to be made at the Firework Fiesta.

Next up for the Carnival Committee is the AGM when we find out if there are enough people prepared to do the work needed to organise a carnival in 2018. If you are interested in helping to organise the event or you are willing to just help on carnival day we would love to hear from you. Our contact details are on the carnival website: -

www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk

or call the Chairman on 01489 785041, alternatively come along to the **AGM WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM.** We do need to find some more people to serve on the Carnival Committee if the carnival is to have a long term future.

The annual **SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH** is one of the things that the Carnival Committee offer to the people of Hedge End. This year it is being held on Saturday 14 October at the Village Hall. The meal is open to all Hedge End residents over state retirement age, but is limited to a maximum of 100 people. Places can only be reserved by adding your name to the list which is held at the front counter of Hedge End Post Office between 1 and 27 September.

THE FANTASTIC FIREWORK FIESTA & FUN FAIR IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER AT GRETA PARK. The charge to get in is £4 for adults £2 for children and just £10 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children. We invite you to compare these prices with those charged at other firework events. The low prices are only possible because of the Fun Fair so make sure that you bring along a few pounds to spend on the fair, you don't need to have a stomach churning ride just try your luck at hooking a duck or enjoy a hot dog. There are no advance tickets, just pay at the gate. The Firework Fiesta is always subject to weather conditions. If the weather is looking dubious we advise that you check out the carnival website or Facebook page before you set out.

Our facebook page is now being kept up to date & has 550 followers. Check it out for all the latest carnival news…

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Hedge End Carnival Committee | www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk | info@hedgeendcarnival.org.uk | 01489 785041

Community News

Round-Up

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

Lest we forget...

The Remembrance Parade begins at 10.30am from the 2000 Centre car park, St Johns Road (Meet from 10am)

Join us at 11am for the annual Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial, St Johns Road

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2017

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Thursday 30 November

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Are you in a group that would like to perform?

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SWITCH ON EVENT

Hedge End's Famous

FANTASTIC FIREWORK FIESTA & FUN FAIR

Gates Open 6pm
Fireworks after 7pm

Other entertainment as you wait. Come early & stay late!

Adults £4
Children £2
Family £10

GRETA PARK

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Community News

Kettle and Cake Tea Room

The eagerly awaited Kettle and Cake tea rooms opened its doors on the 11 July 2017. Located at 1 Freegrounds Rd (previously Browns Hair Lounge), it's a lovely location to stop for a cuppa and slice of something nice whilst you shop in the village or meet up with friends! We caught up with busy husband and wife team, Helen and Pat Ramsey to find out more…

So who are Kettle and Cake? We are husband and wife Helen and Pat Ramsey, Helen is a self taught home baker (Cake). Pat makes a great cup of tea and is working on his Latte art (Kettle). We also have our son Jake and nieces Ellie, Faith and Annie working with us.

What's your vision? We hope to have a successful tearoom offering a wide range of home made cakes and freshly made sandwiches in a place that people find comfortable and relaxed enough to come back time and again.

What inspired you to open in Hedge End? We have a vintage caravan from which we sold Helen's cakes along with hot and cold drinks around the south coast - at various Ageas bowl shows, events and private hire functions and as a hobby this was very successful for us. The next step was to open a tearoom if we could find somewhere suitable. We had looked at buying an established tearoom but there was nothing available for sale that met our requirements. We wanted a village location and Hedge End suited us, as we knew the area. We heard that Browns Hairdressers were moving and the old Lankester and Crook building had everything we wanted.

What can customers expect when they visit? We hope they will feel welcomed and see we have used the space we have, to give them a comfortable environment to enjoy our produce and enable them to relax and chat with friends at their leisure (rather than being squashed in and pressed to order so we have a fast turnaround of tables). We have seen every age range from babies to great grandmothers - just shows that everyone loves a piece of cake!

What are your specialities and what's on the menu? Our specialities are our homemade cakes all of which are made by Helen with help from her sisters, we do use a local home baker in Hedge End to supply us with our gluten free cakes and these have gone down very well. We also offer afternoon teas and cream teas along with freshly made sandwiches using local bakery Happy Toast, and our tea and coffee is supplied by Mozzo who are based in Southampton.

What has been the biggest challenge along the way? The biggest challenge has been getting the change of use from A1 (retail) to A3 (food). We had no idea what was required, so we had to do a lot of research and ask a few people we knew for guidance. At one stage, we thought we would not have the change of use granted and as we had already set our hearts on the property, we did fret for a bit. Our landlord was very patient and understanding and did not put us under any pressure to sign the lease before the change of use was sorted out. All in all, from our first contact with the landlord in January to actually signing the lease in April and opening in July, it has taken 7 months to reach our goal.

Where would we like to see the business in 5 years? Ideally we would love to be a thriving part of the Hedge End community and a place local residents feel is an integral part of their village life. A place people know and talk about, along the lines of Elsie's of Botley or Josie's of Bishops Waltham.

What are your opening hours? We open Tuesday to Saturday 10am -4:30pm, we are spacious enough to accommodate push chairs and wheelchairs. All our cakes are homemade. Our unique 'cake jars' have already proven to be a success and not only with the younger customers. We also use many local suppliers such as Happy Toast Bakery, Mozzo Coffee, Hill Farm Juice and Bere Dairy ice cream.

Community News

GP Makes Queen's Birthday Honours List

LOCAL GP MAKES QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

Doctor Ruth Padday has received a British Empire Medal, honouring her services to youth and health care.

Dr Ruth Padday BEM, who has been a partner at the Hedge End Medical Centre for almost 25 years, has been formally recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2017 for her exceptional service to Youth and Healthcare.

Ruth was nominated for her contributions to the following charities and not-for-profit businesses:

TEENAGE DROP-IN CENTRE

For the last 21 years Ruth has run the Teenage Drop-In Centre (TADIC - now the Young People's Well-Being Service) in Hedge End, in her own time. Ruth founded the centre after being inspired by similar projects in the Netherlands. Ruth spent 18 months painstakingly lobbying for funding before establishing the charity in 1996.
TADIC sees around 1,400 young people per year and aims to promote and sustain the good physical health and emotional well-being of young people aged 11-19 within and around the Borough of Eastleigh, Hampshire.

JUBILEE SAILING TRUST

The Jubilee Sailing Trust (JST) is an international, United Nations accredited disability charity, promoting integration through the challenge and adventure of tall ship sailing. JST provides life-changing adventures to people of all ages, backgrounds and levels of physical ability. Voyages change lives by improving self-esteem, building confidence and providing leadership and life skills.

Ruth has volunteered for JST for over nine years, and has been committed to the development of medical support for the JST for many years. She has been instrumental in encouraging other doctors to help at the JST and, largely due to her enthusiasm, there is now a core of volunteer medical officers providing the JST with essential medical advice. In addition, Ruth provides a 24/7 telephone service which offers guidance to the ship's crew when medical problems arise at sea.

Jennie Dock & Dr Ruth Padday

FESTIVAL MEDICAL SERVICES

Festival Medical Services (FMS) is a not-for-profit registered medical charity, delivering high-quality medical services for events, including some of the UK's largest festivals. FMS provides quality medical services and all levels of medical care in a challenging environment. The charity supports projects around the world, as well as operating at major festivals such as Glastonbury and Reading in 'field-hospitals', which offer emergency medical treatment to over 178,000 people.

Ruth became involved in the charity 15 years ago, volunteering at Glastonbury festival as a GP. She has subsequently volunteered at other festivals including Reading and Bath and West show. True to her dedication to improving the services she is involved in,Ruth, her eldest son William and two friends took up the role of volunteer Doctors Co-ordinators for FMS in 2012; recruiting, scheduling, CRB-checking and managing teams of up to 107 doctors for over 10 festivals per year.

Dr Padday says: "I had no idea that I had been nominated by Jennie (Practice Manager at Hedge End Medical Centre) and my son, Will. I feel incredibly humbled by it all. There are so many incredible people doing incredible things and these charities wouldn't be able to do the life-changing

(Continued...)

Simply Singers Community Choir

work that they do without them. I'm a small cog in these wheels and I have watched how lives have changed over the years because of these businesses and charities."

Jennie Dock, Practice Manager at Hedge End Medical Centre, who helped to put Dr Padday forward for the British Empire Medal, says "We've all admired Ruth for the fantastic work she does for charities and we're all baffled as to how she fits it all in. All of us are thrilled that she's been formally recognised for her dedication and hard work to making this world a better place for those with less opportunities or those in need. We can't wait to celebrate with Ruth along with her family and friends."

SIMPLY SINGERS COMMUNITY CHOIR

If you enjoy having a sing-song and want to make new friends, then you might want to join the Simply Singers community choir...

Simply Singers does what it says on the tin - they meet at the Turnpike Pavilion every Thursday Evening from 7.30 - 9.30pm and sing a range of songs to meet all tastes. But, beyond that, they are a really nice bunch of people who are very welcoming.

Steve, a recent joiner said "Like many people, I have always enjoyed singing along to songs I hear on the radio, or when we have family gatherings. I have also seen programmes like Gareth Malone's The Choir and thought "I fancy doing that", but have never actually tried it for fear of needing to audition or being rejected. Then my wife got involved in Simply Singers and said she thought I would like it, because they were so friendly. So I went along and now it's the highlight of my week".

The Choir started back in 1999 and still has some of its original members. Sandra Freeman has been involved since 2002 and said (continued)

"**Our ethos is to sing for enjoyment. No one is turned away, there are no auditions and we sing all sorts of songs..."**

The choir is currently led and supported by Sam Dando, who is a Musical Director by profession. Sam manages to galvanise this group of people into producing some pretty good harmonies.

The choir performs periodically at different community events and workshops, but nobody has to perform if they would prefer not to. However, Mike Simpson ,another member said "there is a fantastic feeling of personal and collective achievement following a performance – and its great fun!"

It's widely accepted that singing is wonderful for lifting the sprits and is good exercise for the lungs, so why not give Simply Singers a try – feel free to go along – this friendly bunch of people will undoubtedly make you feel welcome.

Simply Singers meet Thursday evening 7.30-9.30pm at Turnpike Pavilion, Turnpike Way, Hedge End & welcome new members...
If you want more information, contact Sandra Freeman - 02380 554544
Fenton Eastlake - 07929 641301
or email: sandrafreeman51@yahoo.co.uk

SERVING THE COMMUNITY AWARD

2017

Do you know someone who volunteers their time to help in the local community?

For further information and application form, please contact the Town Council offices:

Phone: 01489 780440

Email: reception@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

Closing date: Midday, Wednesday 31 January 2018

HEDGE·END TOWN COUNCIL

Serving the Community

Young Person's SERVING THE COMMUNITY AWARD

2017

Nominate a young person (25 years and under) who you feel should be recognised for their service to the community of Hedge End…

For further information and application form, please contact the Town Council offices:

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Email: reception@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

Closing date: Midday, Wednesday 31 January 2018

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Serving the Community

What's On Guide

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1ST HEDGE END GIRLS' BRIGADE	Methodist Church | Girls 4+ | 02380 696222 | info@hedgeendgb.org.uk
31ST ITCHEN NORTH SCOUT GROUP	Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers | amazonseascouts.org
ART & CRAFT CLUB	Tue 1.30-3.30pm | Village Hall | Outings | Demos | 01489 798233
BINGO	Wed 1.30-3.30pm (Tickets 1.15pm) Drummond Centre| 'Good Companions SC' | 01489 780251
BREATHE EASY HEDGE END	Fri 2-3pm | Underhill Centre | COPD Sufferers Grp | 02380 403339
CALLIGRAPHY	Wed 1.15-3.15pm | 2000 Centre | Beginners welcome | email: mary.noble@btinternet.com
CHEER-A-CALITY	Cheerleading squad | Wed | Salvation Army Community Centre | Ages 4-16 | 07736320103
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
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GIRL GUIDING	Rainbows | Brownies | Guides - email the 'Join Us' Co-ordinator: guiding@hotmail.co.uk
GLEE CLUB	Mon 7.15-8.45pm | Drummond Centre |Singers- All Ages & Abilities |07810 127351
GOJU RYU KARATE	Weekly classes | Village Hall | All Ages & Abilities | www.hsgk.co.uk | 01489 782038
HAMBLE VALLEY U3A	2nd Tues Monthly, 2pm | Hedge End Club | www.u3asites.org.uk/hamblevalley
HAMBLE VALLEY BRASS	Mon 7.45-9.20pm | Community Band | Dart Centre, Wildern Lane | 07929 061068
HEDGE END BOWLING CLUB	Woodhouse Lane | New members always welcome | 01489 783690
HEDGE END BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB	Meet Tuesday | Botley Park Hotel, Winchester Rd | 0844 879 9034
HEDGE END CARNIVAL COMMITTEE	Help always needed | info@hedgeendcarnival.org.uk | 01489 785041
HEDGE END HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY	Meets 3rd Monday monthly 7.30pm | 2000 Centre Large Hall | 01489 784823
HEDGE END INDOOR BOWLS CLUB	Wed 2-4pm, 7.30-9.30pm | Sun 7.30-9.30pm| Village Hall | Join Us!
HEDGE END JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB	Teams for Under 9s & Under 15s | Girls & Boys | chairman@hejcc.co.uk
HEDGE END RANGERS FC	League football for all ages | Girls & Boys | Rodaway Pavilion | 07876 037653
JAMZ DANCE	Zumba, Street & Toddler Classes | Hedge End Club | www.jamzdance.co.uk| 07929 095405
LINE DANCING	Line dancing classes Fri 10-11am | HEYCA | All Levels & Abilites | 07967631739
MACULAR DISEASE SOCIETY	Central Vision Loss Support | United Reformed Church | 01264 321963
NEW MUSIC MAKERS	Thurs 7.30pm | Methodist Church | Light Music | Show songs | 02380 454285
OVER 60'S CLUB	Mon 1pm-3.30pm | 2000 Centre| New members welcome | 07818 802 241
POP IN CAFE	Wed 10.30am - 12 noon | Methodist Church | Tea, Coffee,Chat & Booksale | Just pop in!
PILATES	Mon (Am), 2000 Centre | Fri (11am-12pm) HEYCA | All levels & abilities | 07967 631739
PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY (YOUTH)	Youth Drama (14-30) | Sun & Mon | HEYCA | 01489 690140
PAULA'S ZUMBA / 'FITSTEPS'	Thurs 6.30pm (Fitsteps) 7.30pm(Zumba) | 2000 Centre | 07731320440
RETIREMENT CLUB	Tue 1pm - 3.30pm | 2000 Centre | Cards | Bingo | 01489 790552
SALLY JOHNSON DANCE ACADEMY	Drummond Community Centre | Ballet, Tap, Modern | 02380 255415
ST JOHN AMBULANCE BADGERS	Wed Eve | Salvation Army Cmty Centre, Dowds Farm | All ages | 07827 883439
ST JOHN'S CAFE	1st & 3rd Friday, monthly, 10-12 noon | Tea/ Coffee/ Cakes & Chat | 01489 790048
SERIOUS SHAPES DANCE COMPANY	Thurs eve | Dart Centre | Adult Dance Classes | 07851 285860
STEADY & STRONG CLASSES	2000 Centre | Posture, Mobility & Confidence | 01962 846605
TABLE TENNIS CLUB (SENIORS)	Thurs 2-4pm | 2000 Centre, Large Hall | Beginners Welcome | 01489 781088
UECHI RYU KARATE	Mon & Thurs 8pm | HEYCA | 16+ All abilities | 07970 684017 | mail@uechi-ryu.org.uk
WELLSTEAD COMMUNITY CHOIR	Mon 7.30pm | Salvation Army Community Church | 01489 798681
WEST END CARNIVAL SHOW BAND	Tue Eve | Hedge End Village Hall | 07851 013322 | info@wecsband.co.uk

Local Services

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The Berry Theatre , Wildern Lane	**02380 652333**
The Community Hub (Youth Centre), Wildern Lane	**01489 789638**
Citizens Advice Bureau (Outreach Service), Salvation Army Community Church, 85 Whites Way	**03444 111 306**
The D@rt Centre (Arts), Wildern Lane	**01489 779471**
Hampshire Constabulary	**101**
Hedge End Household Waste Recycling Centre, Shamblehurst Lane	**01489 795499**
Hedge End Library, 11 Upper Northam Rd	**0300 555 1387**
Hedge End Post Office, St Johns Centre, Upper Northam Rd	**01489 782066**
Skyline Gold Radio 102.5FM, St John's Rd	**01489 799000**
TADIC (Teenage Drop-in, Wednesday 3-6pm), 28 Lower Northam Rd	**07879 761660**
Tennis | Bowls | Putting Green, Pavilion Rd (Apr-Sep)	**01489 780440**
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, 72A Upper Northam Rd	**01489 786260**
Hedge End Methodist Church, 42 St John's Rd	**02380 739328**
Hedge End United Reformed Church , St Johns Rd	**01489 787408**
Kings Community Church, Upper Northam Close	**01489 784333**
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 3 Freegrounds Rd	**02380 449088**
St John's The Evangelist Church (C of E), St Johns Rd	**01489 790048**
St Luke's Church, St Luke's Close	**01489 781448**
The Salvation Army Community Church, 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	**01489 690140**
Methodist Church Hall, St Johns Rd	**01489 784823**
Underhill Centre, St Johns Rd	**01489 790048**
United Reformed Church Hall, St Johns Rd	**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)

2017	Finance	Community & Culture	Recreation & Amenities	Highways & Planning	Full Council
Sept	5	12	13	6 & 20	20
Oct	3	10	11	4 & 18	18
Nov	7	14	8	1 & 15	15
Dec	5	12	13	6 & 20	20

Deadline for contributions to the Winter Gazette - Friday 6 October 2017

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