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WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND HEDGE END?

KARATE 4 ADULTS - HEDGE END

Come and learn a traditional Okinawan style of Karate in a hard-working and friendly club. Beginners are always always made very welcome. The Uechi-Ryu Karate Club is open to all ages from 16 upwards, your first two lessons are completely free and you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. We train every Monday and Thursday evening at 8.00pm in the HEYCA. Both men and women are encouraged to come along and try it - you will be surprised what you can achieve! Please call 07970 684017 or visit the Website for more details: www.uechi-ryu.org.uk

FLOWER CLUB

Hedge End Flower Club meets on the First Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm in the 2000 Centre. Demonstrations, talks and practice evenings are held. Visitors are very welcome to join us. Enquiries:- Mrs Ann Slade, *Hon. Secretary*. Telephone: 02380 558571

ART AND CRAFT CLUB

Meets every Tuesday in Hedge End Village Hall, St Johns Road, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Outings and demonstrations. Small friendly club. New Members welcome. Details: 01489 798233

HEDGE END LIBRARY

Greta Park, Upper Northam Road. Opening Hours: Monday 9.30am - 1.00pm. Tuesday 9.30am - 5.00pm, Thursday 9.30am - 7.00pm Friday 9.30am - 5.00pm. Wednesday Closed. Saturday 9.30am - 1.00pm.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We meet on the third Monday of each month in the large hall at the 2000 Centre, St Johns Road, Hedge End. If you are interested in gardening, we would like to see you. We have demonstrations and speakers most meetings. Phone Heather on 01489 699027

NEW MUSIC MAKERS

We meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Hall at the rear of our Methodist Church, St Johns Road, Hedge End. Our repertoire is Mainly light music and songs from the shows. Currently auditioning tenors and basses. Phone Lin on: 02380 454285 for more details.

LADIES COFFEE CIRCLE

We meet the 2nd Thursday in the month from 11.00am to 12.30pm, in the Old Library, village Hall, Hedge End. Come and enjoy a coffee, chat and craft in great company. We also welcome new members.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

NWR stands for 'National Women's Register'; a group of lively minded women Who gather together regularly,usually on The first Wednesday of the month, to discuss topics of Interest. The Hedge End group has members from as far afield as Locks Heath and Bishops Waltham. Meetings take place in the evenings, although we do have the occasional daytime walk or visit. Some of the events are do-it-yourself, some are organised nationally and we do have guest speakers too. There is also an active book group, which meets monthly. Quite apart from the annual subscription, the costs are kept to a minimum, often 25p to cover the cost of tea and biscuits. If you would like to join this stimulating organisation, then please contact: Mrs Clarke on 01489 600194 or Mrs Burrows on 01489 782121.

KNITTING AND CRAFT CLUB

Hedge End 2000 Centre, St Johns Road. Meet on 2nd Monday of each month, commencing at 7.30pm. New members always welcome. Details: 02380 693163.

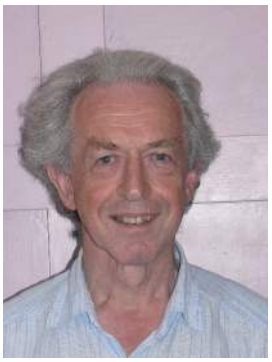
WEST END SINGERS

Meet each Wednesday from 7.30pm at the 2000 Centre, Hedge End. We are a mixed voiced choir singing mainly a variety of modern music from the charts, films and hit shows and are currently looking for additional male voices. You do not need to read music, just sing in tune.

POP IN CAFE

Held at the Methodist Church Hall, St Johns Road, Hedge End. Open every Wednesday 10.30am to 12 Noon. Everyone is welcome to come for tea, coffee and a chat! Also second-hand books on sale for the first Wednesday of the month.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



In Hedge End, we normally change the Chairman of the Town Council every year - the previous Vice-Chairman becomes the new Chairman. Neighbouring councils do things differently.

Botley and West End, for example, have had the same Chairman for several years. There is no right or wrong here, our way stops one individual becoming too important but also means that when our Chairman has just got the hang of the job, we throw him/her out and elect a new one!

I have recently replaced Cllr. Pearl Hicks as the Town Council's new Chairman and Cllr. Julie Skinner is the new Vice-Chairman.

In addition to keeping in touch with you via the Gazette, we also use our Website, which you will find at www.hedgeend-tc.gov.uk. If the previous sentence is meaningless to you, you are perhaps one of our residents who is missing out on the Internet revolution. We are aware that more and useful information is going out in this way and that not everybody can access it. Those of you who are not connected, may be interested in the computer suite we have constructed in the 2000 Centre.

Even if you have never used a computer before, we would like you to come along and use our public access computers. If you do not know how to start, somebody will help you. You will be able to look things up on the world wide web and send messages to friends anywhere in the world for no cost. Other people find new hobbies, such as genealogical research, or joining in discussion forums on anything from saving the planet to sport to politics. If enough of you are interested, we might be persuaded to organise a course to get you started.

Council members find it very useful to regularly communicate with each other by e-mail and to receive comments from our public. It is much easier and faster than sending letters by mail and gives you a record of what has been said, unlike the telephone. We are taking steps to ensure that we may all be contacted in this way.

It is a joy to see the crowds of children with their parents using the Paddling Pool on the St John's Road Recreation Ground. I know that it can cause some inconvenience for nearby residents for a few weeks in the year, but this is surely outweighed by happiness it creates, especially during the school holidays when children might otherwise find they have time on their hands.

One of my objectives this year, is to make sure you all know about the facilities the Town Council offers. The Paddling Pool needs no publicity but do you know about the Allotments, the Bowling Green, the Pitch and Putt, Trim Trail and our community centres, to mention just a few of the things we do and have to offer.

Around the time Grange Park was being started, some of us successfully lobbied long and hard to get our Railway Station. Recently, I wanted to go to the Romsey Beggars Fair and I was thinking, I would have to leave early so that I could find somewhere to park the car. Then came inspiration! After a little research (on the Internet!), I discovered that there is an hourly rail service between Hedge End and Romsey that is very cheap (probably cheaper than the petrol), which only takes 21 minutes, including a fairly slick change at Eastleigh. With the current surge in fuel prices, we should all be trying harder to find alternatives to the car.

George Fraser

ABOUT HEDGE END

With rising prices, I thought now is a very good time to mention again, about the Eastleigh Credit Union (The easy way to save, the best way to borrow). This is a non-profit making organisation, which provides a safe home for savings and which provides loans at low rates of interest. Savings can be as little as just 25p per week or £1.00 for at least 13 weeks. The amount a member can borrow depends on the amount saved. Repayments can be made weekly, fortnightly or monthly. For every £100.00 borrowed over 20 weeks, the maximum interest is £3.00.

This is not high finance but a way of making ends meet. Maureen, Hedge End's Credit Union representative, is located downstairs at the 2000 Centre, St John's Road on Monday afternoons at the over 60s Club and on Thursdays from 11.00 am until 12.30 pm.

For advice on debt, the Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB) is in session on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10.00am to 4.00pm at the side of the Village Hall, in St Johns Road. The Eastleigh telephone number is 02380 616046 or visit the Website on the Internet www.adviceguide.co.uk. Their advice is free, confidential, independent and impartial.

Sadly, The Fountain Inn, which has long been a very welcome watering hole in St Johns Road has now closed down. Pubs are closing all over the country as brewers rationalise their profits partly because of strict laws governing drinking and driving and smoking in public buildings together with changing life styles.

Unfortunately, there have been reports of rowdy behaviour outside the pub, at least partly attributed to youths coming from outside Hedge End. On the positive side, however, we now have a cafe selling all day breakfasts, jacket potatoes, paninis and such like at The Tea Party in Lower Northam Road and opposite, The Barleycorn still flourishes. It is good to know that meeting places, so essential for the well-being of a village, (as we still call it), exist.

On the social side of life, there will be some events in Hedge End taking place, in aid of the Mayor's Charities (Countess Mountbatten Hospice and Vitalise). One is an exciting Horse Race Night on Friday 3rd October 2008, a Grand Quiz on Friday 17th October 2008 and (to be confirmed) a JAS Fashion Show for children and ladies on Saturday, 22nd November 2008. For further details contact the Town Council on 01489 780440.

Do let us know either by contacting the Town Council offices on 01489 780440 or attending one of the Council meetings or e-mailing myself sheila.coslett-derby@ntlworld.com of any ideas you may have for improving Hedge End, which is were we live and pay our Council Tax.

Sheila Baynes

The Fountain Inn

GAZETTE

EDITORIAL

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 welcome!

Well, it was not much of a Summer was it? I hardly define the weather we have experienced over the last couple of months as summer! 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!

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

It was not that long ago that a parishioner came up to the offices and asked what the history of Hedge End is and how it came into being. It is still a fact that when you mention Hedge End, many people immediately react by referring to the superstores. This reaction was borne out, whilst in a conversation with a lady at a wedding reception, to which I was recently invited. I was at pains to explain to her that there is so much more to Hedge End than just large retail shops! However, this conversation and the request from a parishioner remained with me.

Through the Gazette, the Town Council invites you to submit your personal contributions on the town of Hedge End such as your memories, your recollections, what Hedge End means to you and any unique stories you may have about Hedge End. Personal recollections of Hedge End, stories and experiences play a significant role in shaping a community and nostalgia leaves an indelible mark on the fabric of life and society. You might think that your contribution is not important or negligible but however small, it would be much valued.

Send your contributions to:

Hedge End Town Council
2000 Centre
St Johns Road
Hedge End
Southampton SO30 4AF

Or e-mail: townclerk@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

It would be great to feature a personalised history page developed by parishioners that goes beyond the normal standard text book description of the history of Hedge End.

Just for the record, according to various source material, the origin of the name Hedge End is not known for certain, but it was clearly in use by the beginning of the 18th century. There is an explicit reference to Hedge End in a Court Baron held at Botley Manor on May 19th 1735, concerning the tenancy of a cottage and garden at Hedge End. There is further reference dating to 1764 concerning a £10 fine for taking in part of the common at Hedge End. Hedge End is also marked on a 1759 map of Southampton.

We wish all our young people in Hedge End a really good start back at school and particularly wish all the very best to Wellstead School as they start their first full school year, newly built at Dowds Farm.

I think that's it for the moment until the Winter edition of the Gazette.

See you soon.

Kevin

Town Clerk/Editor

COMMITTEE ROUND-UP

RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Summer has nearly come and gone with very little sunshine to speak of. However, our Groundstaff have worked tirelessly over the last few months, keeping our open spaces up together. Firstly, the allotments, which for those who don't know, the Town Council has provided a meeting room for the allotment holders so that they can meet to discuss their mutual interests.

There are toilet facilities attached and I know that they are very pleased with the results. Part of the new allotments have been rented out this last couple of weeks and it is hoped that that before long, we shall be able to clear our waiting list. The Cemetery is also being well kept and to a very high standard. We are, however, experiencing a few problems with cars being driven on to consecrated ground, but with new measures being introduced, it is hoped that this will deter and help to prevent the problem recurring.

Needless to say, when the sun has shone, all the children have appeared at the paddling pool. Unfortunately, the weather has been pretty bad this season, but hopefully they will get a few more sunny days before they go back to school. This year, we have purchased a few umbrellas to make sure the children are protected. These can be hired at a very low cost, from the kiosk.

Turnpike Way is getting well known as the Town Council's new cricket area, with all ages participating. David Clouting has started this season coaching youngsters and this has proved very popular.

The Bowling Green is looking great and the Hedge End Bowling Club utilise it to the fullest extent. I am sure they would be very pleased to see newcomers join their very friendly club. There are also rinks available to the public on a daily basis. The play areas are all well used and we hope to install a new Trim Trail on the St Johns Recreation Ground in the very near future. So, all you Keep-Fit people, watch this space!

Finally, the football season is upon us as we go to press. This is a great sport in Hedge End and covers all ages, from the very young to the not so young. As you can tell, we have lots of open spaces to be proud of and many opportunities to join in a sport or hobby to your liking.

Jane Welsh
Chairman - Recreation & Amenities

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

This Committee, which meets every second Thursday of the month and to which all members of the public are welcome, agrees the budget for Hedge End every year. The performance of the budget, all income and expenditure, as well as our bank accounts, tax, VAT and business rates are monitored and verified and the Annual Internal Audit Inspection (if all in order) are accepted.

Projects, usually emanating from the Recreation and Amenities Committee, have their funding discussed and decided and, as always, every decision is ratified (or not) by the full Town Council, which meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

The committee is also responsible for all administration of the Council, general matters, risk assessments, mandatory policy determination and all health & safety matters.

The actual work of carrying out the decisions of the Town Council, producing the items for the budget, the responsibility for the Internal Auditor giving a satisfactory report falls to the

office staff made up of Carolyn Badman, Office Administrator, Denise Lowth, Deputy Town Clerk and with overall responsibility, our Town Clerk, Kevin Glyn-Davies. Kevin attends the finance meetings and it is to his professional guidance and undoubted skill that we owe the smooth running and efficiency of our Committee.

Sheila Baynes
Chair - Finance & Administration

HIGHWAYS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

The main function of the committee is to review the planning applications for Hedge End. Even though we are not the Planning Authority, we are statutory consultees and we can represent your opinions to the Planning Authority (Eastleigh Borough Council).

We have recently invested in a new laptop and projector. This enables plans to be viewed by the whole committee and any members of the public present. The use of the projector has greatly reduced the amount of time taken in determining planning applications and members of the public are able to learn and identify the criteria relevant to substantiate an objection or clearly see where comments of 'no objection' for development are recommended. We would welcome members of the public to participate and contribute to the meeting.

The Committee also considers highway matters. Once again, we are not the Highways Agency (Hampshire County Council) however, we can report defects in the road and pavements of Hedge End or even recommend improvements to parking, speeding or traffic congestion issues, sight lines and the cutting back of hedgerow, trees or foliage obscuring roads and paths. Public comments on such issues are also very welcome.

We look forward to seeing you at our committee meetings.

Peter Hughes
Chair - Highways & Planning

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

The community services committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month and is responsible for the organisation and administration of the Town Council's 'Serving the Community' award, the Christmas Lights in the centre of the village and in determining grants for the benefit of all or some of the inhabitants of the community as prescribed by law under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Committee members also receive regular reports on the activities of the Hedge End Twinning Association and HEWEB Youth Council updates. Members of the public are always welcome to these meetings.

June Hughes
Chair - Community Services

This years Remembrance Day Parade will be on Sunday 9 November 2008. The parade for Hedge End will meet at the 2000 Centre Car Park (off St Johns Road) at 10.15 am and will set off at 10.30 am for the War Memorial for the service to commence at 11.00 am.

Hedge End Twinning Association

The Hedge End Twinning Association is a non-political group open to all ages. Our aims are to facilitate friendship between groups and individuals from Hedge End and in Comines, Belgium and Comines, France.

CARNIVAL GUESTS IN JULY

We welcomed 23 of our friends from across the Channel for the Hedge End Carnival Weekend of 5th-6th July 2008. They entered a float in the Carnival procession and took first place in their class. Their adaptation of the Carnival theme ***'All Things Bright and Beautiful'*** was to use Paris and the Moulin Rouge dancing girls are being bright and beautiful. The sequin dresses certainly were bright! Their group is suffering from diminishing numbers, so they don't know if they will be able to come again next year.

Marie-Françoise Lavallée, vice-president of the group "Aux amis d'Hedge End" accepts the cup from the Carnival Queen for their float winning first prize in their category.

TRIP IN SEPTEMBER

At press time, our minibus is full for the trip to Comines-Warneton, the weekend of 20-21 September to attend their 'Ville ouverte' weekend, held every other year. This has always been an interesting weekend with far too many activities on the agenda so we just get to as many as we can.

Our AGM is scheduled for 2 September. Please contact us for details of time and venue.

Some of the group "Aux amis d'Hedge End" on their float.

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42 Goodlands Vale
Hedge End
SO30 4SL

01489 630825
Email: hedgeend.twinning@ntlworld.com

HEDGE END CARNIVAL

Another carnival has come and gone in Hedge End, thanks to everyone who put in the work needed to make it a success.

The number of lorry mounted floats in the procession was up on last year but there were less supporting entries such as vintage vehicles. Nonetheless, the procession was long enough for those at the front to have to wait at the end of Hobb Lane for the back of the procession to get into Freegrounds Avenue. It is certainly the biggest carnival to have taken place in the area so far this year and may well still hold this position at the end of the year. Lots of people turned out to watch their carnival procession leading to an excellent street collection of just under £1,450, not far short of the record.

The gala show was badly affected by the wind. Some entrants for the Village Show found that they were unable to erect their displays and several gazebos did not survive. Their next journey being to the tip. Some funfair attractions were unable to open because of safety considerations. In fact, quite a number of stall holders at the show did not bother to turn up at all, which led to large gaps in what should have been continuous lines of stalls.

On a more positive note, having been able to close the Greta Park car park all day, allowed better and safer arrangements for getting into the show to be put into operation. It was really good to be able to showcase some local talent. One being former Carnival Queen and winner of Star for a Night, Zoe Richardson, whose renditions of various songs drew applause. It is hoped that you were able to see our trampoline champion, Connie Pletts, perform some of her routines. We will all follow her progress with interest. Thanks are also due to her friends, Carly and Jade, as they all worked hard throughout the show. Thanks are also due to St Mary's Leisure Centre in Southampton for lending us the trampoline and to Hampshire Freight for arranging the transport. Sales of draw tickets were good and Mrs. Kidd won the top prize. A full list of winners should be on the Website.

The smaller events in carnival week were well supported, the quiz was packed and the 34 dogs were brought along to the dog show.

Although your carnival has not missed a year for over 50 years, it's future can never be guaranteed but you can do a lot to help meet the challenges ahead. We still need more help on carnival afternoon, there is so much more that we could do if we had more people. If you could help on carnival day or would like to make a greater commitment, contact the organisers now or come to the AGM on 25th September 2008.

Your carnival day is only ten months away now and it is always on the same day. The date for 2009 is 4th July. Prior to that, there is the Senior Citizens Lunch on 4th October 2008 and the Fantastic Firework Fiesta and Fun Fair on 15th November 2008.

The Firework Fiesta has developed into a really top event and is usually attended by about 3,000 people but there is room for another 2,000 before it gets too crowded. If you have not been before, why not give it a try this year?

You could become one of those people who stop on the way out to tell us that the fireworks were much better than those at other much more expensive events. We invite you to compare our admission charges with any of the other firework events in the area. Check out all the latest carnival news on the carnival Website, if you would like to see your own carnival photos, we welcome your submissions at www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk

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Hedge End Carnival Committee

CARNIVAL AGM

THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

Village Hall (CAB) 7.30pm. News and carnival results, distribution of draw ticket commission and formation of committee to organise your carnival in 2009

HEDGE END FANTASTIC FIREWORK FIESTA & FUN FAIR SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2008

GRETA PARK, UPPER NORTHAM ROAD
GATES OPEN 5.30pm - FIREWORKS BETWEEN 6 & 7pm

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT AS YOU WAIT. COME ALONG EARLY & STAY UNTIL LATE. Still the same excellent display from Selstar Fireworks and bargain admission charges.

ADULT £2 - CHILD £1 - FAMILY OF FOUR £5

www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk

Hedge End Carnival Committee

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH
SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER
Village Hall 12.30pm for 1.00pm

Open to all Hedge End residents over state retirement age but limited to the first 100 applications. To claim your place, add your name to the list held at the Post Office front counter.

HEDGE END CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

This year, for the first time in its history, Hedge End Town Council decided to organise the Christmas Decorations in the Village Centre itself. Previously, it had always been done by a group of volunteers and I can now fully appreciate the amount of service they have given to Hedge End over the years and so would like to extend my thanks.

This was a massive project to take on, as the Council has never organised anything like this and so we really were "starting from scratch". Imagine my surprise and fear when the other councillors thought I should be Chair of the Christmas Lights Working Party. We started discussing this in May and soon realised that perhaps we should have given it more time. You will be glad to know that the decorations will be up and we are now in the process of organising the event. I would like to make this event as popular as possible, something that both the young and the young at heart can enjoy. Therefore, if you have any ideas about the event, please let me know. Email me: nathanjkhan@yahoo.co.uk or by post Cllr Nathan Khan, C/O Hedge End Town Council, 2000 Centre, St Johns Road, SO30 4AF. If you could please do this by **Wednesday 16th September 2008**, then we will have opportunity to talk about these and perhaps include them in the event.

We will be contacting businesses in the village and asking if they would like to take part in the event either by doing a shop window display, or perhaps by staying open later and providing mince pies or mulled wine, all money raised will be going to the Mayors Appeal Charities. We really do want this event to be a community event and get the Christmas spirit going. The probable date for the switching on will be **Thursday 4th December 2008**, the times and date to be confirmed. However please keep an eye out on the notice boards, and in shop windows for more information. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to give one final word of thanks to Carolyn Badman, Town Council Office Administrator, who has worked tirelessly for months on this project to make it work.

Nathan Khan

TREE WARDEN REPORT

ANDREW JEMMETT

During the summer months, which is nearly over, (some may say we have not had one!), the weather has been rather mixed. Dry spells, windy days and the rainy ones. As I travelled around the parish, it was good to see that the trees were coping well with these conditions. Some of the trees lost some of their foliage and a couple had minor branches broken off.

I have not, as yet, been round most of the parish since the very high winds of the 13th August to check to see if there is any damage caused by the winds. If anybody is aware of tree damage, would they please report it. Some people probably noticed that the trees acted as a natural wind break during those high windy days.

Some of the residents of the parish have, I am glad to see, applied for planning permission to cut the crowns or some of the branches off of trees, in and around their property, for various reasons. This is then referred to the Eastleigh Tree Officer, who has the knowledge and authority to give a verdict on what may be cut from these trees, as not to make them unsafe by altering the balance.

As the autumn comes, some people have problems with the leaves from the trees in their area. It is worth remembering that these are the same leaves that have been removing pollution in the air that we breathe, sheltering us from strong winds and giving us shade on those days of hot sun and little or no wind. So, please don't think too badly of these trees, the world cannot survive without them!

My mother said to me,
When one sees the tree in leaf one thinks
the beauty of the tree is in its leaves,
and then one sees the bare tree.

Samuel Menashe

JUST DIALLED
'999'
'SO YOU NEED AN EMERGENCY SERVICE'
YOU NEED THEM QUICKLY
THEY NEED TO FIND YOU QUICKLY
Precious seconds could pass if they cannot find your house
IS THE NUMBER OF YOUR HOUSE CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD?
ESPECIALLY IN THE DARK?
If it is not, please endeavour to do one of the following:
Have a member of your family or a neighbour stand outside to direct the Responder.
Put on as many lights on in the house as possible
ALWAYS GIVE VERY CLEAR DIRECTIONS
SECONDS SAVE LIVES
'HELP THE EMERGENCY SERVICES TO HELP YOU'

GERALD HARDING
1922 - 2008

A TRIBUTE TO GERRY

Gerry and Phyl came to Hedge End in 1991 and they quickly settled into the village life. Gerry joined the Tuesday Retirement Club in the then Day Centre in St Johns Road.

From that time, he took great interest in the welfare and benefits for retired people of the local area. He joined the Management Committee of the Day Centre around 1996. He was very active in the building of the new 2000 Centre and the Steering Group. He obtained a computer and photocopier for members to use. Later, he went on to service on the Eastleigh Volunteers Committee and the Eastleigh Older People's Strategic Committee for Live Long and Better in Eastleigh.

He had strong opinions for older people's benefits especially in relation to bus services and bus tokens. Gerry was very active in fundraising for the Monday and Tuesday Clubs through Tea Dances held in the Village Hall. Recently, the sequence dancing sessions have moved to Hedge End on Mondays and Fridays, which Gerry and Phyl enjoyed very much. Last year, he was nominated for the 'Serving the Community' Award. Over recent years, he suffered with ill health but still attended when he was well enough. He retired as the Chairman of the Tuesday Retirement Club last September but remained active on the 2000 Users Group Committee. Gerry has left a great void in the retired people's lives in Hedge End. He will be missed and remembered with great fondness.

Vera Blunt

SOUTH EAST PLAN - NORTH/NORTH EAST HEDGE END STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT AREA

On 17 July 2008 the Secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government published the proposed alterations to the "South East Plan". These plans are made up of the housebuilding levels the Government says are required for the South East Area. This area include as far North as Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, to Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in the South, Kent to the South-East and everything in between (Excluding London). This area was chosen by the Government in 1992 and decisions in this area are drafted by SEERA (South East England Regional Assembly).

In the recommendation made by SEERA, Hampshire County Council and PUSH (Partnership for Urban South Hampshire) there are several locations known as SDA's (Strategic Development Areas), one of which is North/North East Hedge End. The SDA would include 6,000 new homes being built, between 2016-2026 as well as infrastructure. The plans are currently going through a phase of public consultation which ends on 24th October 2008.

If you would like to view the plans please visit http://gose.limehouse.co.uk/portal/rss/pcc/consult.

Eastleigh Borough Council has provided information with regular updates on their website www.eastleigh.gov.uk/sda. This website contains more information on the plans, the groups involved in the process so far and what you can do to respond and I would like to actively encourage any member of the public to consult the plans and make comments on them.

If you have any further comments or questions on any aspect of the plans that you would like clarified before sending your response to the appropriate authorities please don't hesitate to contact me, either by email to nathanjkhan@yahoo.co.uk or by post to Cllr Nathan Khan, C/O Hedge End Town Council, 2000 Centre, St Johns Road, Hedge End, Hampshire SO30 4AF.

HEDGE END BOWLING CLUB

The very popular Monday triples league, attended each week by 30 to 40 members with more wishing to join in next season.

The Hedge End Bowling Club's Closing End of Season Fun Day.

OCH AYE THE NOO!

BORE DA!

New Members are always welcome to join the Hedge End Bowling Club and judging from these selection of photographs, they have a really good time. If you are interested in becoming a member, why not give Dennis Stockwell a ring on 01489 690953. If you don't try, you will never know!

HEDGE·END TOWN COUNCIL

Serving the Community

HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL 2008 SCHEDULED TIMES FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Recreation & Amenities	**First Thursday monthly**
Finance & Administration	**Second Thursday monthly**
Highways & Planning	**Second and Fourth Wednesday monthly**
Full Council	**Third Wednesday monthly**
Community Services	**Fourth Tuesday monthly**

All meetings of the Town Council commence at 19.00 hours, unless otherwise stated at the Town Council Offices, 2000 Centre, Hedge End.

2008	Recreation & Amenities	Finance	Highways & Planning	Full Council	Community Services
September	**4th**	**11th**	**10th - 24th**	**17th**	**23rd**
October	**2nd**	**9th**	**8th - 22nd**	**15th**	**28th**
November	**6th**	**13th**	**12th - 26th**	**19th**	**25th**
December	**4th**	**11th**	**10th - 24th**	**17th**	**23rd**

WHEELED BINS

Wheeled bins were first introduced in 1996 to the residents of Eastleigh and since then we have all grown used to seeing them. It is perhaps time to reiterate the resident's responsibility towards the Borough Council's waste collection service and the wheeled bin in general. Please put your bin out before 7am on the day of collection **AND RETURN IT TO WITHIN YOUR PROPERTY BOUNDARY** as soon as possible after collection has been made.

Please do not leave wheeled bins to 'live' on the pavement in between collections. This is in a spirit of good neighbourliness, it keeps the area tidy, avoids obstructions, reduces the risk of crime and encourages a feeling of care for the community. It is also an offence under Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 which carries with it a fine of up to £100. Please be a thoughtful and responsible resident. Thank you.

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GRANGE PARK WEST WARD

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ANNUAL AWARD SCHEME 2008

The Award acknowledges the voluntary contribution given by someone, which in turn has benefited the Community of Hedge End.

Nominations are invited from all group, organizations, individuals etc who know of someone who has helped the community of Hedge End.

An application form for all nominations can be obtained from the Town Council Offices detailed below:

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Or by downloading a copy from the Town Council Website:
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ALL NOMINATIONS SHOULD REACH THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES NO LATER THAN MIDDAY, WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2008