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HEDGE·END TOWN COUNCIL

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY…

- **Sat 16 April**, HETC Bowling Green, Tennis Courts & Putting Green re-open for summer.
- **Sat 16 April,** 10am-5pm - BLHS **'History Fair'**, @ Townhill Park House, Gregg School. Local history talks, genealogy, classic cars, bus trips. Entry £4 (U16s free)
- **Sat 23 April 8pm** @ The Berry Theatre - The St George Fest Committee presents '**New Rope String Band'** an evening of music, circus, clowning and vaudeville. Tickets £15 / £13 concessions
- **Sat 30 April, 11am** - Hedge End **Bowling Club 'Open Day'**
- **Sat 21 May** - **Paddling Pool Opens** @ St John's Recreation Ground.
- **Sun 5 June**, Friends of Dowds Farm presents **' The Big Lunch'** tbc..
- **Sat 2 July** - Hedge End's **90th Anniversary Carnival** - Grand Procession with mounted floats, Carnival Queen & Court, Village Fair. Family fun day out.

For more information visit our website:
www.hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

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Community News...

What's On in Hedge End

Group	Information
1st Hedge End Boys Brigade	Meet Wednesday evenings. Methodist Church Hall, St Johns Road, Hedge End. Boys aged 8 yrs+. Games, badge work, arts and crafts. The opportunity to go camping and play football and from 14 years of age take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. For further details Phone: 01489 783779
1st Hedge End Girls Brigade	The Girls' Brigade is a Christian uniformed organisation for girls aged 4+. Meet on Tuesday evenings, Hedge End Methodist Church, St Johns Road, Hedge End. Opportunity for games, arts and crafts, cookery, music and singing whilst having lots of fun and making new friends. All girls welcome. **Phone: 02380 696222 E:** info@hedgeendgb.org.uk **W:** http://www.hedgeendgb.org.uk
Art & Craft Club	Meet every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, Hedge End Village Hall. Outings, demos, small friendly club. New members welcome. Phone 01489 798233
Bingo	Every Wednesday 1.30-3.00pm. Tickets -1.15pm @ Good Companions Social Club, Drummond Community Centre
Girlguiding	Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. We have over 10 units that meet around the Hedge End area on most nights of the week. We are always looking for additional adult help to enable us to offer places to all the girls who wish to join us. If you are interested, contact the local Join Us Coordinator on guiding@hotmail.co.uk
The Glee Glub Singers	We meet every Monday evening 7.15pm to 8.15pm at the Drummond Community Centre. Not a choir, but a group of singers of all ages and abilities who like to sing. Singing is very therapeutic and really makes you feel good. Come along and enjoy yourselves, you will be made most welcome!
Indoor Bowls	Est. 1986. Sessions Wednesday 2-4pm; Wednesday and Sunday evenings 7.30-9.30pm. Village Hall, St Johns Road, Hedge End.If you are recently retired or just need to get out for a few hours and have a bit of fun/exercise why not come along and have a go? ***A taster session only costs £2 per person***. New members always welcome. Lots of encouragement given if you have never bowled before. For the seasoned bowler we play against other local clubs as well as running our own internal competitions throughout the year. We'll be pleased to see you, so come and join us.
Horticultural Society	Meet third Monday of each month in the large Hall, 2000 Centre, St Johns Rd, Hedge End. If you are interested in gardening we would like to see you. Demos and speakers most meetings. Phone Heather **01489 699027**
Ladies Tea Circle	Meet 2nd Tuesday each month 2-3.30pm in the United Reformed Church Hall, St Johns Rd, Hedge End. Small & Friendly. Come and enjoy a cup of tea & chat. Speakers, DIY, Craft. New members welcome.
National Women's Register	Organisation celebrating its Golden Anniversary, formed to enable women often tied to the home for various reasons, to meet together for lively & thought provoking discussions. Usually meet the first Wednesday (pm) of the month. Active book group, national activities e.g. ' The Themed Evening' and 'Telephone Trail Quiz'. Friendly welcome awaits. Contact **Mrs Robyn Holmes on 01489 788333**.
New Music Makers	Meet Thursday,7.30pm Methodist Church Hall (at rear), St Johns Road, Hedge End. Our repertoire is mainly light music and songs from the shows. Currently auditioning tenors and basses. **Phone Lin: 02380 454285** for more details.
Performing Arts Company (Youth)	Youth Drama Group aiming to give young people (14-30) the chance to perform Musicals & Pantos on the stage. Proud winners of 2 Southern Echo 2010 Curtain Call Awards. Phone Barbara **01489 690140.**

A Note from the Town Clerk's Desk...

It is impossible in the Northern Hemisphere not to note the beautiful, refreshing days of Spring. The longer daylight hours, pleasant temperatures, sprouting of plants and flowers, and chirping of active, colourful birds beginning their new families, herald a time of renewal. Indeed, as I write this editorial, the sun is streaming into my office and it makes all the difference to the day.

I have recently caught the *'Who Do You Think You Are?'* genealogy bug and decided to start tracing my family tree. Whilst working on this project, I started to think about how incredible it would be if time travel were possible and you could go back and meet your relatives. Experience what life was like back then and to see the landscape as it was.

One of man's fantasies has always been to travel through time. Imagine, that you can travel back in time and you have the ability to walk through Hedge End, where the countryside is unspoiled by the hand of man. Imagine walking on a sunny summers day through a meadow full of wild flowers down to a bubbling clear water stream. You witness strawberry pickers, walk on common land that extends to Netley Common that indeed does have an abundance of natural streams and springs.

You see extensive heath land and a Roman Road passing through it. We take the road, which passes through the area known as Heath House Lane and approach Botley where the River Hamble was crossed by means of a ford. You would see early settlements including mud cottages and shacks on Botley Common. Our archives confirm that the area would have been identified as modern day Granada Road and Bursledon Road.

Conversely, imagine being able to travel to the future. Imagine witnessing events yet to happen in Hedge End! What would you witness as you walk through Hedge End? No-one can tell you that unless, perhaps, you are a time traveller!

We have many positive events to look forward to such as the opening of the Berry Theatre for Hedge End. This is a fantastic amenity and we are very fortunate to have such a state-of-the-art theatre on our very own door step.

If you fancy a game of tennis or bowls, then this gives me the opportunity to remind you that the tennis courts, bowling green and putting green are officially open on 16 April 2011. All you need to do is visit our caretaker, based in the Taplin Pavilion and reserve a court or a rink and have a go! I promise you that the rates are reasonable and won't break the bank!

Let's not forget we also have the Royal Wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton on 29 April. I shall certainly be booking my seat! Hedge End Town Council is planning an event on 5 June 2011 as part of the Big Lunch at Dowd's Farm. I hear you ask ' What is the Big Lunch?'. The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project. The aim is to get as many of the 61 million people in the UK as possible to have lunch with their neighbours once a year; it's happening on Sunday 5 June 2011. Hedge End Town Council is currently organising such an event and putting some ideas together. Make sure you keep that date free and look out for details on our Website and posters.

May 21 2011 will see the opening of our paddling pool at St John's Recreation Ground and gives me the chance to remind you that this is a completely free amenity and has proved enormously popular for our younger community. Finally, I would ask you to take a look at our newly revised Website, which contains all the essential information you will ever need about Hedge End - **www.hedgeend-tc.gov.uk**

This leads me neatly to welcoming Alison Bowen (Information Assistant) to our staff who amongst other things, has been re-designing our Website.

See you soon!

Kevin

Council News...

Chairman's Report & Committee Round-Up

Chairman's Report

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that Hedge End Town Council looks forward to the opening in April 2011 of our brand new professional, Berry Theatre. We are sure by now you will all have received details of the exciting gala opening season and we do hope you will do all you can to support this venture. The people of Hedge End are key to the continuing success of the theatre. It is a brave venture in these uncertain economic times and it is a wonderful advertisement for Hedge End.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Hedge End scouts and guides for their recent kind invitation to the Hedge End Gang Show, it was a most enjoyable evening and we were very impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the young people and their leaders. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders and helpers of our many and varied voluntary organisations, for without your commitment and enthusiasm, Hedge End would be a much poorer place.

During this year we have welcomed two new members to the Hedge End Town Council Team at the 2000 Centre, Mr Mick Wheatley and Miss Alison Bowen. Mick Wheatley, Caretaker has been permanently recruited to look after Turnpike Pavilion. Many will also know him for his involvement in and organisation of the Remembrance Day Parade in Hedge End.

Since November, Miss Bowen, Information Assistant, has worked extremely hard on updating the Hedge End Town Council website. We do hope you will enjoy browsing the new site.

At last, spring is beginning to show and we do hope you have been able to appreciate the crocus and daffodils that have begun to flower on many of our public green areas. Many thanks to our hard working and dedicated groundstaff for keeping the recreation and playing areas in such good order. We are indeed fortunate to have so many open spaces for our recreation.

Highways & Planning Committee

Planning applications got off to a slow start this January but have picked up since then and at the time of writing, we have had 32 applications in 2011. These have ranged from applications for a house extension, a new conservatory, change of use for a business, illuminated signage and several others.

As we have mentioned in previous articles, each application is carefully reviewed on its own merit by committee members, thereby fulfilling our role as a consultee in the planning process. The applications, together with any relevant comments and recommendation of either objection or no objection, are then passed on to Eastleigh Borough Council. It must be remembered that the final decision to permit or refuse a planning application lies with Eastleigh Borough and **not** with Hedge End Town Council.

The Highways and Planning meetings are open to all members of the public should they wish to come along either to hear a specific planning application or just to see the processes involved during a meeting.

The Highways and Planning committee meets at 7.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month. The committee also meets from 7.00 to 7.30 on the third Wednesday of the month (**prior** to the Full Council meeting) where any new planning applications, which need to be actioned before the first Wednesday of the next month, are discussed.

Council News...

Committee Round-up

Recreation & Amenities Committee

Spring has arrived and the grass verges are a picture with all the crocuses and daffodils in full bloom. Let's hope this is the sign for a good summer for us all to enjoy.

ALLOTMENTS – We have had very good feedback from our allotment holders regarding the new fencing which now covers all the allotments on the Kane's Hill site. Hopefully this will stop vandalism and people taking short cuts. The new Spring field site is getting very established and lots of requests (with permissions granted) for netting to cover the growing of fruit bushes is proving to be a hive of industry.

PADDLING POOL – This will be opened on 21st May and we are very pleased to say that the Hedge End Social Club are allowing us to use 10 parking spaces for the use of parents. This should help the parking problems.

THE CEMETERY - As you know last year we won the green flag award. It does not stop there, as each year we are still judged to make sure we can retain it. Therefore, our Groundstaff are continuing to do a great job, keeping it up to the standard that we require. I am sure if you do visit there at all you must feel that it really is a very beautiful and tranquil spot.

DOWD'S FARM – The play area is almost completed at Dowd's Farm and if you have not visited it yet, this is a must.

NORMAN RODAWAY – The Hedge End Rangers are hoping that the facilities at the Rodaway Sports field will get the go ahead to enter 'The League' as and when they are ready. We wish them good luck with their project.

TURNPIKE SPORTSFIELDS – The Groundstaff have been working hard to get the cricket pitches ready for the season for use by the junior and senior teams.

THE BOWLING GREEN – The bowling season opens on April 16th for both club members and public. It is a lovely sport and both young and old can enjoy it.

GRETA PARK – We hope to refurbish the toilet and changing room facilities on Greta Park in May / June time. This is well overdue and we do hope that once the job has been completed that all hirers will keep them clean and tidy when they use the facilities. As you can see our Groundstaff are all kept very busy all the year round, but that is the way we want it, to show everyone that we are very proud of our open spaces.

Finance Committee

The new coalition government has provided grants to Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council to enable them to freeze Council Tax for the next financial year. Unfortunately the coalition's generosity did not extend to parish and town councils. Without a central government grant, Hedge End Town Council has agreed a small increase in its precept which we hope will not be too much of a burden. We have taken over responsibility for a number of green spaces from Eastleigh in the last twelve months and the excellent Dowd's Farm Park has been transferred from the builders direct to the Town Council. We have had to account for these new responsibilities in our budget.

Every month the Finance and Administration Committee scrutinises expenditure and with the Town Clerk, is always on the lookout for opportunities to save money. These can be relatively small. For example, this year we have provided pest control training to our groundstaff so that we can cancel a contract with an external company and carry out the service to our allotment holders in house.

At the other end of the scale we have applied for planning consent for a new storage facility for our groundstaff. If approved, this will be in the corner of the car park in Pavilion Road (with additional car parking spaces being made available). We currently rent storage units. This project will be mainly funded by a loan. Instead of rent, we will pay off the loan and at the end, we will own the building which has been designed to meet our expected needs for many years to come. Cllrs Pretty and Peter Hughes have worked hard with the Clerk to achieve this significant milestone.

We are making it easier in future for you to join us in scrutinising our finances. The committee agreed at our March meeting that in future our annual budget and monthly expenditure reports will be published on the Town Council's recently renovated website.

Hedge End Welcomes

The Berry Theatre

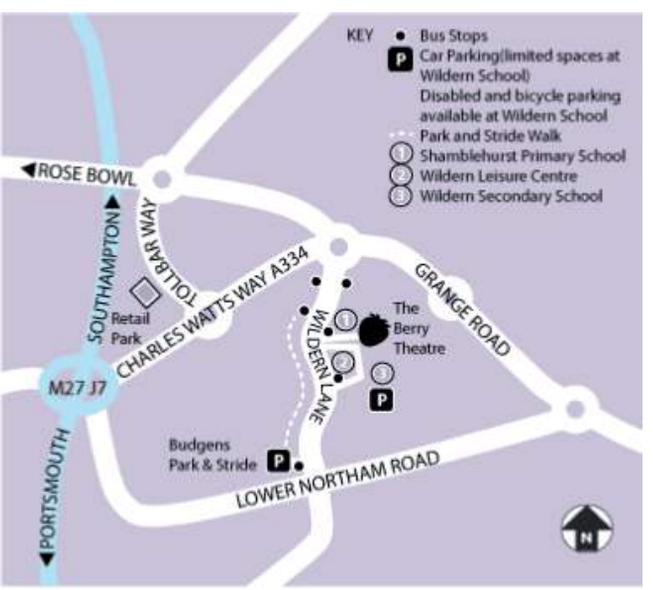
The South East's latest creative landmark, The Berry Theatre is delighted to announce its exciting gala opening season.

The Hedge End based Theatre launches its comedy programme on Saturday May 14th with Hampshire-born comic **Jeremy Hardy**, best known for his work on Radio 4's News Quiz, I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue and his long running series of monologues Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation, alongside appearances on QI and Grumpy Old Men. On Saturday June 18th following sell-out shows at The Royal Albert Hall in 2009 and Edinburgh Festival, **Patrick Monahan** will bring his new stand-up show to the theatre. The international award-winning Irish/ Iranian/ Teeside comedian will be offering a new game show twist – and even the chance to win a date!

The theatre's opening season also includes a range of free events as part of its opening celebrations including the darkly comic, **Peeling** by **Forest Forge Theatre Company** on Monday April 4th, heralded a triumph in its initial productions and a **free weekend of community celebration events** from drama and theatre workshops to film screenings and live music on Saturday and Sunday April 9th and 10th.

Central to the theatre's programme are its events for children and families; companies Travelling Light and Polka Theatre will present an adaptation of the award-winning book by popular author/illustrator Oliver Jeffers, **Lost and Found** – a heart-warming tale of adventure, bravery, and true love on Thursday April 21st.

For more information on the theatre's programme visit www.theberrytheatre.co.uk or call 01489 799 499. Tickets can also be booked via The Point's box office on 023 8065 2333.



The Berry Theatre

Community News...

Hedge End's 90th Anniversary Carnival

PARISH AFFAIRS

The Council received a deputation from the committee that had promoted a most successful fete last autumn in aid of the Southampton Hospital Funds who through their chairman (Mr. Darley) laid before the council a suggestion for the promotion of a great sports day, carnival and fete to be held sometime in August and the proceeds divided between the Hedge End Nursing Association and the Royal South Hants Hospital.

The council agreed to cooperate in arranging the sports day and fete and expressed the hope that Mr. Darley would endeavour to get a committee formed which would be representative of the whole parish so make the affair a real parochial one and a huge success.

The council agreed to send two representatives to the proposed committee and elected Messrs. W. Barfoot and E. Wild to serve.

Hampshire Chronicle
July 23rd 1921

Countdown to Carnival

The countdown to Hedge End's 90th Anniversary Carnival is well and truly underway. When you consider that Hedge End has only existed in any meaningful way for about 160 years it is a great achievement for one event to have continued for 90 of those years especially when many other places no longer manage to hold a carnival at all. The Carnival Committee has pulled out all the stops to try to make the 2011 carnival one that will last in the memories of Hedge Enders for years to come. Lots of entertainment has already been arranged for the big day on **July 2nd**. This will include such acts as **Maryland Jazz Band**, **Solent Dog Display Team, The Royal Marine Cadets Band, along with their Gymnastics and Drill Display Teams, Romsey Old Cadets Carnival Show Band, Pugh's Punch & Judy, Samba Reggae Band Batala** and there should be even more by the time we reach carnival day. The organisers have done all they can; now it is down to you. Carnival is not just about turning up, it is about taking part and making the community we live in a better place, just the same as it was back in 1921.

There are lots of different things that you could do including taking part in the procession. There are many different classes from big lorry mounted floats to individual fancy dress. It would be lovely to have more children and adults entering the fancy dress classes. Check out the entry form on the carnival website www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk for full details along with a few helpful tips. If you want a theme to get you started then it is "**All Our Yesterdays"**. Or you could have a stall at the Gala Show to raise funds for an organisation you belong to or to promote your business. If you have a hobby that could be of interest to your fellow residents we would like to see you there. A group of local motorbike owners are already intending to join us. Contact the organisers to find out how you can do this.

There are even extra events planned during carnival week with a **football competition** pencilled in for **Sunday 3rd** and a **guided walk on Tuesday 28th** to help you find out more about the place we live. As usual the Carnival Committee has received £250 from Royal Bank of Scotland under their Community Cashback Awards that support employees who work in the community. Richmond's Estate Agents are sponsoring the appearance of Batala in the procession. In addition our County Councillor has made the carnival a grant from his discretionary fund to help us celebrate our 90th anniversary in style. **Carnival Draw tickets will be available soon** please buy as many as you can. If an organisation you belong to might benefit from a grant from the carnival you are welcome to apply. Remember that the more money you help us raise then the greater is the possibility of your application being successful.

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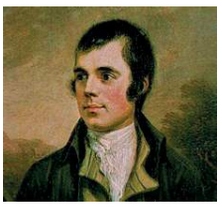
Community News...

Round-Up



Burns Night Success Raises Funds for Charity

Our Burns Night on the 29 January 2011 was a great success. Over 100 people attended and I am pleased to say that with the help of the Barclays Community funding and Barclays staff at Bitterne Branch, the sum of £3,040 was raised. We were able to give to the two charities, Mayor of Eastleigh Charity and the Hamble Lifeboat Charity the sum of £1,520 each.

It was a great night and it looks as though we will be repeating it next year (for the 4th year) so watch this space.

Hedge End Bowling Club Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Having over 140 members, Hedge End Bowling Club are hoping to organize a few things during the summer to get the members together to celebrate. The clubs signing on evening is Friday 8 April, subscriptions are paid and entries taken for the many competitions that can be entered during the summer. On our opening day, 16 April we will be joined by members of HETC to have lunch and bowl the first woods of the new season.

We also have a **public open day on Sat 30 April from 11am** for anyone wishing to try this wonderfully relaxing game. Liquid refreshments available. **Phone: 01489 783690 Mr M Collings or 01489 690953 for more details.**

ICCM Nominates Hedge End Town Council for Article of the Year 2010!

Hedge End Town Council were extremely pleased to hear that their winter 2010 article '*Site Visit: Albert Road Cemetery*' submitted to the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) Journal, had been nominated for Article of the Year 2010!

Denise Lowth, Deputy Town Clerk had been requested to author the article by the ICCM as they felt it would be of great interest to their readers in understanding the process undertaken by Hedge End Town Council in achieving Green Flag status at Albert Road Cemetery in 2010.

Comines-Warneton Requests Exchange Visit

As you may be aware, Hedge End is twinned with the town of Comines-Warneton in Belgium. Hedge End Town Council has been asked by the Council in Comines if we could arrange for a sports group or any other organisation to do an exchange visit with them. They are very keen to re-establish their connections with Hedge End and it would be lovely to see it reformed.

If you are interested or have any connections with school activities please contact us and we can give you their email address. Comines-Warneton are a most welcoming community! For more information please phone: 01489 780440. Thank you in anticipation.

Hedge End Town Council

Visit Comines-Warneton's Website:
http://www.villedecomines-warneton.be

90th Anniversary Poppy Seeds for 'The Royal British Legion'

This year will be the 90th Anniversary of The Royal British Legion and all over the British isles they have asked for town and parish councils and other organisations to help raise extra funds for this very worthy cause. HETC has decided to make up packets of poppy seeds and ask for people to purchase them for a donation of a minimum of £1.00 per packet. **They will be available to purchase from the Town Council Offices and Town Councillors, so please help us to help them.** We shall be making up **1000 packets of seeds** so please give generously.

We hope to have a 'table' at the Dowd's Farm open day 'The Big Lunch' as well. See you there!

Community News...

Out & About

Tree Warden Report

Now that the Snowdrop, Forsythia, Crocus and the Daffodil are in bloom, giving their fine bright colours to the areas, it tends to make one forget the winter passing. During this winter we were treated to displays of the picture postcard scenes of the snow and frost layering the branches and covering the hedgerows. The branches on some of these trees are now showing the forming of leaves and others have leaf buds which, at various times in the coming weeks, will also be turning green with leaves. Once again we had significant rainfall which should stand the trees in good stead for the early growth. As trees are regarded as '***the green lungs of the towns'*** we hope that they will prosper and help to make a healthy environment for us all.

Over the centuries, trees have been brought to our island from all over the world. Generally there is estimated to be around 76 varieties classed as native, if the Willows and a few that could be classed as shrubs or trees are included. Among these are 16 species of rare and endemic tree (found only in the UK) and 14 different Willows. Unfortunately, over the centuries we have also destroyed huge areas of forests, **The Scots Pine** being a prime example. We see these trees in all parts of the UK. At one time there were large forest areas in Scotland known as the Caledonian Forest, but today ***only 1% of the original forest survives*** in isolated locations, including Abernethy Forest and Glen Affric.

The Scots Pine tree has excellent wildlife value with 172 invertebrate species, including **The Pine Hawk-moth** feeding on it. The cones provide food for red squirrels and Scottish crossbills besides other birds nesting or feeding off the insect life. This is only one species of tree, all trees provide life, shelter and food in some form or other so we can ill afford to lose any.

Andrew Jemmett

Groundstaff Report

The warmth of spring brings with it a wealth of outdoor maintenance and repair work for the Groundstaff team. We speak to Senior Groundsman, Cyril Mason who explains how the team will be busy in the community of Hedge End this season -

Dowd's Farm Park
Weekly mowing at Dowd's Farm Park begins in May and we are very pleased in how well the park is maturing. Litter picking across all of our parks is completed daily by the team to ensure they stay looking their best.

Hedge End Bowling Green
The team need to prepare the bowling green ready for the new season (Apr – Sept). This involves spraying, cutting (3 times per week), fertilizing, rolling and spraying the green and its banks. We also have to brush the green daily, this lifts the grass and helps dry it out to keep it in top condition for the resident bowling club.

Turnpike Pavilion
The cricket pavilion is extremely busy throughout the year with cricket being played on the square 6 times a week. Both the artificial wicket and cricket square have to be maintained weekly to ensure they remain clean and free of any debris. The cricket square has to be fertilized in the spring then cut once a week and the wicket has to be prepared twice a week to ensure it's in tip top condition. The cricket square is roped off to protect it and we would kindly ask residents not to walk or play football on this area as it destroys the surface for the cricketers.

Rodaway Pavilion
Due to the very wet winter the football pitches have taken quite a battering and a number of them are severely damaged and water logged. To improve the condition of the pitches we are now spiking, harrowing and re-seeding to repair them. We have also noticed that golf is being played on some of the pitches which destroys the surface as it creates large divots.

Cyril Mason

Community News...

Scout Group Put Their Green Fingers to Good Use!

Members of the 31st Itchen North Scout Group put their Green fingers to good use to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Scout Group in the grounds of King's Copse school. The group started up in 1976 with a Cub pack and then expanded with a Sea Scout troop at Freegrounds Junior school in 1979, followed by Beavers colony back at King's Copse in 1980 and finally Venture Scouts in a temporary building nearby in 1982 . Since then the Group has continued to grow in numbers and Scouting knowledge which includes a water activity base at Mercury Marina in Hamble-le-Rice. We have links in the local community and plan to improve the local environment with the planting of bulbs, shrubs and trees in various areas of Hedge End and Botley over the coming years.

Over the last 5 years the Scout and Explorer sections have improved the local environment with help from Eastleigh Borough Council in the planting of over 15000 daffodil bulbs, 500 crocus bulbs, hedge row plants in and around Hedge End. To celebrate the Groups 35th anniversary we arranged to plant hedge rows, shrubs and trees in the grounds of the new King's Copse school, to return the favour as this was the birth place of the 31st Itchen North Scout Group.

The funds for the purchasing of these plants came from a kind donation from Hedge End Herb and Wildflower Group.

The anniversary planting took place on the morning of Saturday the 5th March and to celebrate this planting, section leaders, current and former executive members were invited to plant 8 special trees in the school grounds that had been set aside for their pupils to use for green ecology and environmental projects. The plants were supplied by Hillier's Garden Centre.

The weather was great for this activity and was made easier by the ground already being cleared and prepared for the various hedge row, shrubs and trees to be planted. The pupils and teachers were very grateful for the special addition to their ecology project.

Special thanks go to Eastleigh Borough Council, Norman Dewey and members of Hedge End Herbs and Wildflowers Group and Val Morwood of Hilliers Garden Centre for all their help, advice and especially the funds that were used to purchase such beautiful plants.

Andy King

Recycling This Easter

In the borough of Eastleigh we are lucky enough to have many recycling points for the collection of tin foil. So after you have eaten all your delicious Easter eggs you can recycle your tin foil at your nearest collection point -

- **Hedge End Park Recycling Zone (Sainsburys / Marks & Spencers)**
- **Mortimer Road car park Botley**
- **Tesco Extra Recycling Area, Bursledon**
- **ASDA, Bournemouth Road, Chandlers Ford**

You can also dispose of the eggs cardboard packaging in your recycling bin at home, as well as paper, food tins, drinks cans and plastic *bottles*. Email: recycling@eastleigh.gov.uk.

Community News...

Interview with Skyline Local Radio 102.5FM

Mike Green, Skyline Radio owner, presenter and self-proclaimed 'Old Rocker', speaks to us on a beautiful, sunny morning in March about his work on local community radio station Skyline FM.

We interrupted Mike's morning broadcast to the parishes of Hedge End, Botley and West End to talk to him about life in radio, in Hedge End and in general…

So, Mike how can people tune in to Skyline Radio?

"It's simple, just turn your radio dial to 102.5FM and our DJ's are on air between 7am and midnight, every day. You can also listen to us all over the world via the internet; just go to our website www.skyline.fm and click on 'listen now'. I start each weekday at 7am with the breakfast show giving traffic updates, local news, music and lively discussion which then continues throughout the day."

Can you tell us a little about the history of Skyline Radio?

"Well I've been a DJ with Skyline Radio since its beginning 5 years ago and I became the very proud owner of the station two years ago. We now have 30 DJs working on the station throughout the week, all volunteering their time. We are a non-profit making station and our income is generated through local business advertising which covers the majority of our costs, the rest we have to put in ourselves."

What's the format for the shows?

"Well, each show is unique and we try to keep the format fun and fluid with the principal being that it is live and spontaneous. I believe in old fashioned radio; 100% live! Therefore we don't have a strict music schedule, each DJ can play more or less what they like or they can simply take a request from a listener. The majority of our music comes from the 60s, 70s & 80s with specialist shows focusing on soul, reggae, rock & roll, easy listening & big band in the evenings and weekends, so there's plenty to choose from. "

So how did you get into Radio?

"Not wanting to give away my age too much, it all started back in 1964 when I first heard a Radio Caroline broadcast; I just had to be a Radio DJ!

Have you ever met anyone famous?

"Yes, over the years I have got to know a few household names, Tony Blackburn, Jonny Walker, Noel Edmunds, but my closest friendships have been with Jet Harris (former member of The Shadows, (sadly passed away 18 March) who was a good friend of Skyline and the late Simon Dee (influential DJ and 60's TV chat show host), who sadly passed away in 2009 but who I worked with on quite a few shows during my career."

What do you like about Hedge End?

"Well, I've lived in Hedge End for 50 years so I guess I must like it! I really like the parade of shops we have in the village centre, though I wish there were a few more independents rather than all the banks and building societies that have crept in, but it's a friendly place to live with some lovely countryside nearby."

What's your favourite music?

"My favourite song would have to be Bobby Darin's 'Dream Lover', this was the first record I ever played on the radio and is very evocative or Candi Staton's 'Young Hearts Run Free' but of all the music genres, I am most passionate about country rock, rock and roll and doo wop."

When you're not broadcasting what do you like to do in your spare time?

"I am an 'Old Rocker' at heart! I love the music but also the cars and the motorbikes and over the years I have owned a few classics. Currently I have a Mustang convertible but I can't afford to put the petrol in it at the moment (laughs) and a Harley Davidson which I love cruising around on but my absolute favourite has to be my 1940's American Jeep."

Thank you Mike for talking to us and we hope that our readers turn on and tune in to Skyline Radio in the future!

If you are interested in learning more about Skyline Radio please visit their website **http://skyline.fm** or Phone 01489 799000.

Community News...

Hedge End Community Supports Fairtrade

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

Kings Copse School recently took part in 'Fairtrade Fortnight' and we asked the school to tell us about the work they had been doing to support this cause and spread awareness in the community.

"The theme of Fairtrade Fortnight 2011 was 'Show off Your Label' and that is what King's Copse school did.We began on Tuesday 1st March with a whole school assembly about Fairtrade to highlight all the activities that would take place during the fortnight. In the afternoon everyone in school decorated a piece of Fairtrade cotton bunting which was displayed in all the classrooms.

At the end of Fairtrade Fortnight the bunting was displayed outside school to show off the label to the community. Finally the bunting will be sent to the Fairtrade Foundation to be part of a World record attempt for the longest bunting.

On 8th March we had the Fairtrade Snack Challenge. If anyone brought a snack into school with the Fairtrade logo on it they were given a sticker. At morning break Mrs Hall, Mrs Hicks, Mrs Trinder and the Fairtrade steering committee members were on hand to give out stickers.

This event was made more exciting by Mrs Hall agreeing to small Fairtrade chocolate bars being allowed as snacks just for that day. Many stickers were given out and the event was a big success. The wrappers from the snacks were collected to make a Fairtrade shopping trolley display.

Mrs Hicks, Mrs Trinder and three Fairtrade steering group members from Year 5 attended a Fairtrade conference held at Wildern School. As well as meeting with other schools and sharing ideas there was a live link with a Fairtrade cotton producer in Mauritius. He was able to say what a difference working for Fairtrade had made to his life.

King's Copse school is hoping to become a Fairtrade School in the not too distant future."

Fairtrade Fortnight at St Luke's…

St Luke's Church also held their own Fairtrade awareness event on 6 March. This event was attended by Daphne Bright from 'Fairtrade in Eastleigh Borough' a local campaign to raise awareness of the enormous benefits for communities in developing countries by choosing to buy Fairtrade products. Campaign Chair, Daphne, was kept very busy answering questions about the Fairtrade Foundation, and how Eastleigh Borough aims to gain Fairtrade status. Eastleigh Borough Council is supporting organisations in the borough to join this very worthwhile initiative. For more information please contact them by email mail@fairtradeineastleighborough.org or phone: 023 8068 8022 (24hr)

St Luke's church will be joining the Eastleigh campaign and they are applying for Fairtrade status with the Fairtrade foundation. To learn more about Fairtrade visit the Fairtrade Foundation Website:

http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/

Community News...

Your Letters

Re: West Road Street Party

"In a previous edition of the Gazette there was an article written by Mr Brian Bartlett about a street party that was held in West Road after the war. My mother in law also went to the street party and she has found a photo taken on that day of all the residents who attended. She also added a few notes that might add to the previous story -

"After we heard on the radio that the end of the war had been declared, we had a big bonfire in the middle of West Rd, which everyone from the road put towards. An after war party was held in the Nissen huts at Thornhill cross roads. The huts had been used by the soldiers and were later turned into homes. Everyone in the road gave towards the food. We had raffles and put on an afternoon show. We had tea in the Nissen huts and spent the afternoon in Farmer Ricky's field. There were races for all age groups.

Enclosed is a photograph of all the West Road residents, brought about by the story from Mr Brian Bartlett in a previous Gazette Edition.

It was really good to remember this special occasion. (I can pick out nearly everyone from the Road)" Mrs Rowe, nee Hopkins.

We always enjoy the Hedge End History articles that appear in the Gazette. My mother in law, who has lived in the area all her life, usually adds interesting snippets to the stories that she remembers. I hope that you find this of interest. "

Maxine Rowe

Re: A Little Bit of History

"I was asked by a local resident where the name Sunday's Hill came from as they couldn't get any information from anyone. However, I have done my homework and, hopefully, this is correct (no doubt someone will correct me if I am wrong) It was originally called *Sandy Hill*. This was because the area from the top of Burseldon Road was a sandy area and therefore over the years, I suppose with the local accents, it was changed to Sunday's Hill. As I said, please correct me if I am wrong!"

Jane Welsh

Re: Old Photos Of Hedge End

"I would be very interested in borrowing or buying old photos or postcards of Hedge End for a new history book I am currently putting together. If the Town Council or any local residents would be able to help me with this forthcoming publication they can pop in anytime and see me at Hedge End Bookshop, upstairs in Hedge End Post Office. I would greatly appreciate it."

Steve Tanti

If you too would like to share your thoughts, memories or old photos with the community please drop a letter to HETC, 2000 Centre, St Johns Rd, Hedge End SO30 4AF or email infoassistant@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

Competition Time

Win a Family Ticket to The Berry Theatre!

Hedge End Word Search

If you can find the 15 hidden words buried within our word search below you can enter into our amazing competition to win **A family ticket for 4 to The Berry Theatre's Production of 'Stories & Tales for Kids That Run Faster Than Snails' on Saturday 18 June, 1pm.** Generously donated by The Berry Theatre.

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Closing Date: 6 May 2011 (Noon)
Name: _____
Address: _____
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Please complete your contact details above and pop your entry into the town council office post box at the 2000 Centre, St Johns Road, Hedge End SO30 4AF and your entry will be placed into the prize draw which will be drawn on 9 May 2011.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY! Whether you're a Mum, Granny, Step Mum, God Mother, Aunty or Mum to be ...we have found some inspirational quotes to make you smile…
"God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers…" Jewish proverb
"*The greatest love is a mother's; then a dog's; then a sweetheart's."* Polish proverb
"*The mother is everything - she is our consolation in sorrow, our hope in misery, and our strength in weakness. She is the source of love, mercy, sympathy, and forgiveness. He who loses his mother loses a pure soul who blesses and guards him constantly."* Kahlil Gibran

Hedge End Town Council...

Contact Details & Committee Meetings

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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 Full Council which starts at 7.30pm.

- **Recreation & Amenities - Second Wednesday monthly**
- **Finance & Administration - Second Thursday monthly**
- **Highways & Planning - First Wednesday & Third Wednesday monthly**
- **Full Council - Third Wednesday monthly**
- **Community Events & Grants - Second Tuesday monthly on an adhoc basis**

(Please note that the Highways and Planning Committee meeting for the third Wednesday will determine planning applications only; followed by Full Council)

2011	Recreation & Amenities	Finance	Highways & Planning	Full Council	Community Events & Grants
April	13th	14th	6th & 20th	20th	tbc
May	11th	12th	4th & 18th	18th (AGM)	tbc
June	8th	9th	1st & 15th	15th	tbc
July	13th	14th	6th & 20th	20th	tbc

The deadline for contributions to the Summer Gazette is
10 June 2011

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