

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **Call for volunteers to increase the opening hours at Hedge End Library**

As you may well know, Hampshire's Library Service was proposing to reduce the opening hours at Hedge End Library by 4 hours a week in order to make the budget cuts needed for 2012/2013. The Town Council was opposed to these reductions at the library and has been talking to the Library Service about ways of working together to prevent them.

We are delighted to have reached an agreement with the Library Service. Investment in the provision of Self Service kiosks in the library has been secured which means that the Library Service can make the staff cuts needed, whilst still maintaining the existing opening hours.

**But we now want to do more and we would like to increase the library's opening hours** by opening the library at new times with local volunteers. To begin with we would like volunteers to open the library on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Training would be given by the Library Service.

If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering in the library then we are holding a meeting on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 at 7pm in the Town Council Offices, 2000 Centre, St Johns Road, Hedge End, SO30 4AF.**

In the meantime do drop into the library and speak to Mike Brennan, Assistant Library Manager or ring him on 01489 797142 about volunteering opportunities.