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This issue should have reported the annual Chair inauguration at the Town Council and an opportunity for the new chair to set out their vision for the year of being chair, instead in these exceptional circumstances this like many things has been postponed and I continue in this role for another year.

Whilst I am obviously delighted to be able to serve as Chair of the Council for another year it is not without apprehension of what this year may bring for residents of Hedge End and the wider community. Already we have seen so many changes in our communities and while we learn to adapt to new ways I am delighted to see the amazing positive response of the local community to provide support. Many of you like me will be juggling working from home with home schooling and new technologies of keeping in touch.

The Town Councillors have also been getting to grips with new technologies and have now resumed their meetings online, agendas are being published on the website with members of the public welcome. If you need to contact your councillor please do so in the usual ways as we are here and working for you.

Finally I would like to thank the Town Council staff who have worked throughout this ensuring that services like the allotments and cemetery can remain open and maintaining our open spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Chair of Council - Cllr. Lucy Jurd

TOWN CLERK...

This edition of the Gazette may have a different feel to it during these unusual times, our primary concern being the wellbeing of the residents of Hedge End and the wider community be that business, delivery drivers or the many volunteers that are supporting communities during this time.

The Town Council has remained open throughout although on a reduced staff whilst we organised safe working practices, the offices and sites remain closed to visitors. The allotments have literally flourished as people have had more time to spend at them, unfortunately, this does mean we don’t have any spare at the moment but are running a waiting list if you were considering one.

As we have now settled into new ways of working we are beginning to establish working patterns, grounds maintenance and potential ways of opening for nurseries to return to our halls. Already we have seen the Tennis Courts re-opened in partnership with our Coach Provider JEM Tennis who are taking on responsibility for ensuring social distancing is maintained and the courts are not overcrowded.

We hope to see more of our leisure activities returning soon. With some people enjoying the local surroundings more we launched an online photography competition of pictures of Hedge End with the winner to feature of a future edition of the front cover of the gazette so look forward to seeing the entries for that. We hope you are all staying safe and well.

The Town Council have responded to the changing government guidance including the unprecedented ruling to be able to have online meetings. Towns & Parishes are governed by legislation in how they publish, operate and conduct meetings and it has been this way since the formation of the parishes in 1894. Council meetings didn’t meet in April for this reason but have resumed to their normal scheduling with agenda’s being published on the website in advance.

Town Clerk - Sarah Jelley
Autism is a lifelong disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. There are approximately 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK, that's more than 1 in 100. Stats shared from the The National Autism Society website.

Celebrated at the beginning of April every year Autism Awareness Week sheds light on the autistic community, with the emphasis to help educate and shape others with a better understanding of how autistic people see the world.

Hedge End Town Council reached out to our very own Friday Night Project, an additional needs youth group run by Youth Team Leader Sarah. Sharing their personal thoughts on autism, and how they view day to day life, from education to work. The full video can be viewed via the HETC website page ‘Our Community’.

If you need a food parcel: Until further notice, they are open as normal Monday’s and Thursday’s 10am - 1.30pm operating a drive-through style service. Clients will receive pre-packed food parcels containing the very basic essentials.

Please remember if you plan to visit with a view to obtaining a food parcel you will need to have an official referral from a professional body such as housing dept, support worker, jobcentre etc.

Food banks are for those in short term financial crisis. Checks will be carried out upon arrival so please have any paperwork available to support your needs.

We have donation trolleys located at the food hall entrance of M&S and at the CO-OP in Hedge End village. Donations for our Food bank can also be taken to 'Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic church, Freegrounds Rd, Hedge End, SO30 0HG’ Friday’s between 9.30-10.30. Donations can be left in the entrance lobby. As well as the 2000 centre, St Johns road.

Email: foodcentre@kccsouthampton.org
07543 925959

@hedgeendfoodcentre
COMMUNITY HALLS

2000 CENTRE
- Tables and chairs available - Large hall capacity 150 seated / Small Hall 80 seated
- Kitchen with microwave, cooker and water heater.
- Disability access and toilets (DDA)
- Car parking available

DRUMMOND CENTRE
- Tables and chairs available for 100 seated
- Frank Vickers Small Hall (50 seated guests) also available
- Kitchen with microwave, cooker and water heater
- Disability access and toilet (DDA)
- Car parking available
- Outdoor enclosed children’s play area

TURNPIKE PAVILION
- Tables and chairs available for 48 seated
- Kitchen with microwave, cooker and water heater
- Disability access and toilet (DDA)
- Car parking available
- Outdoor enclosed children’s play area

NORMAN RODAWAY PAVILION
- Tables and chairs available for 85 seated
- Kitchen with microwave, cooker and water heater.
- Disability access and toilets (DDA)
- Car parking available
- Outdoor enclosed children’s play area

OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
- Tables and Chairs available for 80, 50 & 30 seated. (Large hall, middle hall, small hall)
- Kitchen with microwave, cooker and water heater
- Disability access and toilet (DDA)
- Car parking available

Community Halls will remain closed until further notice. Hire will then be considered inline with Direct Gov guidelines.

If unsure please contact Hedge End Town Council for further details.

commsofficer@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk

Weekdays £18.32 ph, Weekend ££25.22 ph email: Commsofficer@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk
This year marked the 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. As a nation it’s an opportunity to reflect on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark and terrifying period.

Whilst many of the three day international events were cancelled many people took the opportunity to be creative in recognising and remembering those that gave service and in some cases their lives. Friday the 8th May saw a beautiful bright morning and it was heartening to see so many houses dressed for the occasion. Houses in Hedge End looked glorious with handmade bunting, posters and union flags flying for all to see. Some houses had even replicated the tape across windows to prevent bomb blast damage, it seems providing a good learning opportunity for the younger generation to understand what this was about.

Many people were taking part in the Nationwide Stay at Home Street Party and not only had they dressed their houses for the occasion but some thought had clearly gone into the clothing for the day be that Vintage inspired dress or the iconic red white and blue mix. At 11am the UK observed a two minute silence to mark our respects for the fallen, the mood at this stage was quite sombre and very moving as people including those self-isolating came out in the show of solidarity.

At 2:55 we were expecting to join into the national programme Battle’s O’er with the pipes play beautifully by Pipe Major Robin Bartholomew part of St Andrews Pipe Band Hamble. Without the opportunity for a live performance we were very lucky the Pipe Major agreed to a recording and you can see this amazing rendition on the Town Council website and social media feeds. The Town Councils thanks go out to all those that enabled this to happen virtually.

As Churchills speech drew to a close people were laying out tables and picnic blankets, with the most spectacular spreads and fine china. Dame Vera Lynn rang through speakers most of the day. Many thanks to those that took the initiative and organised these on behalf of the street. Shown below is one of the street organisers Claire and her family.

As it was such a nice day people took the opportunity to meet neighbours they didn’t know whilst practising social distancing and there was a lovely community spirit with different nationalities coming together in unity. The community spirit really was being kept alive with many activities.
In this street a game of socially distanced bingo was in full flow much to the amusement of the amazon delivery driver (other delivery companies are available) who when trying to deliver the 5 parcels was met with a chorus of ‘is it for number…’

Five parcels successfully thrown at the recipients then ensued a whole game of guess the parcel contents. Having worked in community development it is in times like this that you realise that people are still very community minded and this is often what gets lost in the busy humdrum of everyday life.

As the day drew to a close the Queens Speech broadcast to a nation bought together in the face of a pandemic as it was once bought together in the face of war. Streets were joined in chorus as ‘We’ll Meet Again’ was sung up and down the country. Thankfully our street organiser had also printed the words for us.

Although VE Day was not how many envisioned this year, it did shine through a difficult time.
THOUGHTFUL FOOD
The generosity of local businesses big and small has been heartwarming to witness in Hedge End. Looking after those who need it most and who are working hard to maintain important services. One of many were Domino's who sent in lots of Pizza's to the Hedge End Medical Centre, so they could have a tasty lunch. Well deserved and appreciated by those who tucked in on their lunch break. Hedge End Medical Centre took to Facebook to share their joy...

"They say an army marches on its stomach... Well there is some serious marching happening today at the Practice, thanks to Domino's Pizza Hedge End! "

CLAP FOR CAREWORKERS
Hailed Hero's and rightly so, the nation took to their doorsteps and made some noise for the care workers which have carried us through the COVID-19 crisis. Thursday evenings at 8pm Hedge Enders were no different, clapping and banging pots and pans for all the unsung heroes who have given so much for others. From doctors and nurses to carers, and key workers, there are a lot of people to thankful for, showcasing hard work and determination. Thank you all!

RAINBOWS FOR THE NHS
Children in Hedge End and all around the country have been painting and drawing colourful rainbows, to spread cheer as well as support for the NHS. Seen in windows, on walls and pavements, rainbows have been helping turn frowns upside down. It hasn't gone un-noticed by NHS staff either or members of the public services.

The rainbow to the left, shared by Hedge End Cops online was drawn by the talented daughters of proud mum of two Emma, who lives locally in Hedge End. Did you spot a special rainbow whilst exercising or going to the shops?

*Congratulations to Chloe’s super creative Pandacorn drawing for winning the art competition hosted by The Friday Night Youth Project.*
CREATING SCRUBS
As the residents of the UK rally around the NHS, Hedge End is no different, with locals getting involved in schemes to help make the all-important scrubs, laundry bags and PPE for those who need it most.

From supporting the local doctor's surgeries to Mountbatten Hampshire and Southampton general, the sense of community and help has been astounding. Even if you lacked the skills to sew, many have donated money and materials in aid of this important cause.

BIRD BOXES FOR BLUE TITS
There is something very beautiful about observing nature, so when a lovely local resident started leaving these wonderful handmade bird boxes out for passers by to take home, people could not believe their luck.

The perfect size for blue tits to make a nest, and a great way to engage with natural wildlife on your doorstep. As well as a big hit with children who can have fun witnessing the little family of blue tits grow.

LOCAL BUSINESSES
M&S stores across Southampton have donated more than 9,000 meals through local charity partnerships since the 1st March, helping to support vulnerable people in the local area during the COVID-19 outbreak. Their charity partners include Hedge End Food Centre, The New Help the Homeless in Southampton and Saints4Sport.

M&S is always looking for new partners to work with. Local charity and community groups who would like to get involved in the food surplus programme or other charity initiatives are encouraged to email mands@neighbourly.com to find out more.
Every summer the Hedge End community gathers in excitement around the popular time honoured tradition of the Hedge End carnival, which has been running since 1921. This year will be a little different, so the next big milestone will be celebrating the 100th anniversary next year, remembering where it all began.

The Carnival was first held to pay Nurse Gammon the local community nurse, as she was not at that time paid by the state. Carnival funds were also used for many other community benefits. They provided an ambulance keeping it in service and driven by Nurse Morgan’s husband until the National Health Service was formed.

During the war, no proper Carnival was held—a sort of fete was held instead. When the ‘boys’ from Hedge End returned from war they were all given £5 from the funds raised at the fetes. Other beneficiaries The Village Hall, The Day Centre, The Hedge End Youth and Community Association, the Drummond Centre and the list continues. The money raised from the Carnival still goes to various good causes including the senior citizen’s annual lunch.

Xelabus is delighted to be able to return to service after a period of suspension following the Covid-19 virus and Government Guidelines. Philip Blair Chairman of Xelabus said

“We are pleased to be able to start getting our services back out on the road for our customers and we apologise for the period of time we have not been operating. However from Monday 8th June our Service X4 from Hedge End and West End to Eastleigh will recommence and operate a Saturday service. We are looking at staging our services and from 22nd June the X9 and X10 which also serve Hedge End/West End will also restart.”

Customer can obtain more information on our website www.xelabus.info.
I hope you are all keep safe and well during this difficult time.

As well as keeping ourselves safe, it is also the time (as so many of you have), to keep an eye on those who need it most. That could be a vulnerable family member/friend, or that elderly lady next door or across the street that doesn’t have anyone else in their life to help them at this time.

Hedge End Police have been actively patrolling the district to keep people safe during lockdown and to make sure people are following the Governments guidance on social distancing.

Hedge End Police station is also social distancing within the station. Our work terminals have been moved two meters apart, and we are not double crewing in cars (only vans) so this has meant that more of us are utilising our force bicycles, regularly used by neighbourhoods and tactical cyclists. We are also getting out more on foot compared to normal, to maximise our presence on the streets. We want to reassure you, as the Police, we are all still working in the background protecting those most at risk in our communities, as well as dealing with business as normal, regarding to the normal level of offences.

The Officer Uplift Program is still going ahead. We are in the process of increasing our numbers across the Force. So our training packages can be delivered at this time, we are allocating tutors and looking at new ways of learning/communicating with new recruits during this current climate.

Please remember we are still here if you need us. To report crime to us you can call 101 or 999 in an emergency. We also have online reporting available on the Hampshire Police Website on https://www.hampshire.police.uk/.

Thank you all for doing your part in keeping yourself and others safe. The Hedge End Police Team wish you all well during this time.

Hedge End Neighbourhood Team
Years ago in Hedge End and Botley, summer heralded a very eventful time. Long before the development of the village, most of the fields we put over to the cultivation of strawberries. This was a very busy time for the villagers, with whole families working long hours in the fields. The work was back-breaking but the income was welcome.

One old Hedge Ender, years ago kindly left me some notes. He was born in the 1920s at Hammerton Farm, which is now Trip's End caravan site. He recalls how when he was a child, he went strawberry picking and that the school holidays were "divided" for this reason - 4 weeks June/July and a further 2 weeks in September. Strawberry picking provided the children with much needed pocket money which was used to purchase new clothes and shoes. All this helped the family budget.

Another old Hedge Ender, Kate Reed, recalled that in the 1900s a group of strawberry pickers used to walk to Hedge End from Swathling to work on her great grandfather’s fields at Botley Holmes Farm (now Upper Northam Road). See picture 1.

Often there were long queues, so there was always a rush to get there as soon as possible. At Botley station, the fruit was loaded into specially shelved carriages and boys were employed for because they could squeeze between the shelves.

The legendary strawberry fields of Hedge End are now gone, and the price of land for building meant the cultivation was less viable and famers sold their land to developers. Millie Pharo summed it up well in her book “The Strawberry Village”:

"I have never been back to the village since my school days to pick fruit, but I can see the fields as clearly in my mind's eye, as in those far off days: the long straight rows, the sweet fruity smell that lingered over the whole field, the sunshine, the laughter and comradely spirit of the pickers grouped together with their packed lunches. Our living standards were not high and our houses were mostly humble, but our childhood days lacked nothing that was necessary to our well-being".

If you have old local photos or postcards, can you please see Steve upstairs in the Hedge End Post Office, S030 4QU.
Hedge End Town Council is working hard to support the resident of Hedge End during this period of uncertainty and throughout the Covid-19 outbreak. Especially the more vulnerable among the community who need may need additional support. Details about local groups and organisations who are stepping forward to help and offer support, during this difficult time have been listed below. Please note that these services may change prior to print so please check direct.

**CHURCHES**

**Salvation Army**
If you have a need the Salvation Army will try to help if they can. Please contact direct on 01489 796491. The Salvation Army are picking up calls Mon-Fri at 9am and 4pm.

**Kings Community Church**
Support is being offered to people who are self-isolating (and so cannot leave their home) because they are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus, and who do not have existing help from family, friends or neighbours. They might include: People with a serious health condition (and are ‘extremely vulnerable’) people who are over 70, anyone instructed to get a flu jab each year on medical grounds and pregnant women people who are displaying coronavirus symptoms people who are self-isolating for other reasons.

If you can get help from friends or family, please do this in the first instance so we can better help those who can’t. If you require assistance, please contact the following community group: Kings Community Church covering Hedge End, West End, Botley, Bursledon, Hamble and Netley. Phone: 07535 171274 or Email: admin@kccsouthampton.org

**FOOD SUPPORT**

**Marks & Spencer**
Setting aside the first hour of trading on certain days for our older and vulnerable customers (Mondays & Thursdays), and our brilliant NHS and emergency services workers (Tuesdays & Fridays). Please visit www.marksandspencer.com/stores to find out the opening times of your stores. Please note, this does not include franchise stores in petrol and railway stations.

Sainsbury's

For elderly and vulnerable customers, Sainsbury's offer dedicated shopping hours between 08.00 and 09.00 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. NHS and social care workers can shop in the supermarkets from 07.30 to 08.00 Monday to Saturday before they open. Sainsbury's have also launched a Volunteer Shopping Card to enable people to shop for others easily in store.

Customers who are vulnerable have priority access to our online home delivery service. For vulnerable customers who have been offered a slot and are unable to place their order online, there is a telephone ordering service with five times the number of colleagues on hand to help with this.

CO-OP

Now have a dedicated shopping hour for our vulnerable customers, those who care for them and our brilliant NHS workers. The hour is 8am to 9am Monday to Saturday and from 10am to 11am on Sundays.

If you’ve been instructed by the Government to stay home, you can purchase or top up our Community Shopping Card by calling 0800 029 4592. The card will be posted to you within 2-3 working days and friends, family or volunteers can use this to do your shopping in store. Co-op can also connect you to local volunteers in your area if support is needed to collect and deliver your shopping.

For a full list of Takeaway and Delivery options please visit the Hedge End Town Council Website.

GENERAL SUPPORT

One Community

Day Centres are currently closed, but One Community are keeping in touch with members and providing personalised services as required, including meals and companionship sits. The Personal Assistant and Take a Break services are offering limited support, with care as always to keep all involved safe. Virtual contact will be maintained with users of our Back to the Future (visiting) scheme. The Lifeline services continue as vital to vulnerable people in this time of isolation: phone 023 8090 2400

Transport services are closed to passengers but our drivers are involved in getting shopping and prescriptions to customers in high risk groups. Dial-A-Ride (phone 023 8090 2450 or 023 8090 2432), Community Transport (phone 023 8090 2414) and Hedge End Park service (phone 023 8090 2432).

Eastleigh Borough Council

You can also contact the customer service number 023 8068 8000, email: coronavirus-support@eastleigh.gov.uk.

Hampshire Safeguarding Adults

Local authorities across Hampshire, including the County Council and all the districts and boroughs, have joined forces with the county’s community and voluntary sector, to ensure vulnerable people are able to access the support they need during the coming weeks. A new helpline is up and running for frail or vulnerable residents who do not have support from families, friends or their local community, and who need urgent assistance with essential food or household supplies, collection of medication, or who are at risk of loneliness. You can contact the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Hampshire Helpline – Hantshelp4vulnerable – on 0333 370 4000. The helpline is available seven days a week, 9am-5pm.
LOCAL SERVICES

The Berry Theatre, Wildern Lane 02380 652333
The Community Hub (Youth Centre), Wildern Lane 01489 780440
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
Jobcentre Plus, Eastleigh Capital House, 100 Southampton Road, SO50 5PB 0800 169 0190
Skyline Gold Radio 102.5FM, St John’s Rd 01489 799000
TADIC (Teenage Drop-in, Wednesday 3-6pm), 28 Lower Northam Rd (tadic@btinternet.com) 07879 761660
Tennis | Bowls 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
Old School House, St Johns Rd (HETC) 01489 780440
Hedge End Village Hall, St Johns Rd 01489 784962
Methodist Church Hall, St Johns Rd 01489 784823
Underhill Centre, St Johns Rd 01489 790048
United Reformed Church Hall, St Johns Rd 01489 787408
OFFICE OPENING HOURS
Monday - Thursday: 8.30am - 5pm
Friday: 8.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays: Closed

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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.

Policy & Resources - First Tuesday monthly
Recreation & Amenities - Second Wednesday monthly
Highways & Planning - First Wednesday & Third Wednesday monthly
Full Council - Third Wednesday monthly

(Please note that the Highways and Planning Committee meeting for the third Wednesday will determine planning applications only; followed by Full Council)
Contact: townclerk@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk if you would like to join a Zoom Committee meeting

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