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# A Note From

## *The Town Clerk's Desk...*

**‘Memories, like the corners of my mind’, so sang Barbra Streisand to Robert Redford in the movie *The Way We Were* back in 1973...**

It is really quite extraordinary that a simple event or a familiar aroma or an everyday occurrence can trigger a flashback or a flood of memories that you had never thought about previously. You can believe that your distant vague recollections have been locked away forever in the deep recesses of your mind. I'm sure this has happened to you? I was walking into the centre of Hedge End one lunchtime the other day with the solitary aim of purchasing some milk for the office, when a waft of freshly baked bread hit me. I don't know why but on this day, this suddenly brought back to me the very first time I ever encountered the village centre of Hedge End.

The memory was so clear, the event could have happened just yesterday! My wife and I were house-hunting intent on moving to Hedge End and I recalled our first impressions of this town. We all know that a place gives off a certain ambience or 'feel' about it and I remembered that we felt Hedge End exuded a secure, friendly and approachable town. In those few happy minutes, we had already made our minds up that we wanted to be part of this community and to live in this town. It is a decision and judgement we have never regretted. It is that all important first impression of a town that makes the difference between a positive or negative vibe. For us who live and contribute to community life in Hedge End and go about our daily business, it is very difficult to appreciate the atmosphere of our town due to familiarity. We are acclimatised so to speak. Only newcomers to Hedge End can truly adjudge the impression our town presents and I know from feedback I receive, it is a truly positive one, one which we should all be truly proud of.

Some swear by diaries, others think it is silly, but keeping a journal about your life is such a positive thing to do. Whether your journal

cherished and wonderful memories, your feelings for closure or just to document your life, or just "chat" to yourself, years down the road, you'll be glad you did.

Whether you laugh at it all later or it brings you to tears, keeping track of your life on paper is an invaluable exercise. Being able to re-live your experiences is a priceless opportunity. Just recently, I came across my first diary in my very first year as the Town Clerk to Hedge End Town Council. If you were to use this diary as a yardstick to measure Hedge End and the events and progress nearly 9 years ago compared to today, the comparison is quite extraordinary. It bears no resemblance. We have so many more opportunities to exploit in Hedge End and two prime examples come to mind, the Berry Theatre and the paddling pool kiosk to complement the paddling pool. Sometimes, it is worth taking a step back to appreciate how lucky we are to live in Hedge End!

**Let's hope for a glorious Summer!**

See you soon.

*Kevin*



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# Council News

## *Chairman's Report / Committee Round Up*

### Chairman's Report

Firstly as the new Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year I would like to thank Councillor Val Houghton for all her hard work last year and hope that my year will be as enjoyable. Also I would like to welcome our new councillors, some of whom I know are a little nervous but as time goes on I am sure they will enjoy being part of the community as a councillor.

You will notice soon our new opening doors for the Town Council Building. We feel they will be more welcoming to our parishioners who visit either the offices or their clubs. I am sure they will be a great improvement.

Our new website is proving very informative and our thanks to Alison our Information Assistant who updates it regularly. If you have any interesting pieces that you would like to be included on the web either call in to see her or give her a ring on the council number she would love to hear from you.

Our best wishes go out to the Hedge End Carnival Committee and all those involved in the 90th Anniversary celebration on 2nd July. Please support them in anyway you can to make it a very special year indeed!

**LET'S HOPE OUR SUMMER IS A GOOD ONE FOR ALL OF US TO ENJOY.**

JANE WELSH



### Recreation & Amenities Report

**Allotments** - On my quarterly inspection visit it was a pleasure to see everyone taking such an interest in keeping their allotments up together with lots of produce being grown for their personal use. However there are a few holders who are not attending their allotments and therefore as they are always in demand, we have to ask them to either use or vacate so that someone else may benefit. I have suggested we have a cup for the 'Best Kept Allotment' to be presented each year at the Annual Parish Meeting and the costs would come out of the Chairman's small allowance - so it is not too late to be considered for the 2012 cup!

**The Paddling Pool** - is now open and all we need is good weather for the children to enjoy it to the full. The 10 spaces leased to us by Hedge End Club are necessary but we would ask all those residents who are close enough, to please walk to alleviate any parking problems.

**Albert Road Cemetery** - This year's Green Flag inspection has taken place and we are now waiting to hear if we have won the award for 2011/12. Special thanks go to Ken Hiscock, Groundsman, for tirelessly keeping the cemetery to such a high standard and to Denise Lowth, Deputy Town Clerk for completing the Management Report.

**Norman Rodaway Sports Field** - We are very pleased to hear that the Hedge End Rangers received a prestigious award for the young footballers. Many thanks to Richard Bauck and his team who have given up their time for the youngsters.

**Turnpike Sports Field** - We are pleased to say that the Junior Cricket Team and the Town Council are extending the cricket nets. These are well used and a great facility for practicing.

**The Bowling Green** - Both myself and the Town Clerk were invited to their opening day and were made most welcome. They provided us all with a lovely lunch and then we had a game of bowls with all the professionals. I would add that they always start with a small competition, a game called 'The Spider' and needless to say the novice, our Town Clerk won the bottle of Whisky, beginners luck I think!

**Greta Park** - The refurbishment at Greta Park Pavilion will commence on 20 June, so hopefully by the time the Gazette goes out it should all be completed. We appeal to all footballers who use this facility to please respect the shower units - I think some might be forgetting to take their boots off which should not happen!

**The Greta Park & Woodhouse Lane Skateparks** - Are currently being revamped which I know all the enthusiasts can't wait for completion. Hopefully Greta will be complete by the Summer holidays and Woodhouse by Autumn. Further information can be found on our website.

JANE WELSH

# Community News

## Street Pastors 'On Patrol'

Friday night is the busiest night on the streets of the UK according to Police. So, Hedge End Town Council recently met up with Frank Parker, Street Pastors Coordinator, to highlight the work being carried out on Friday evenings in and around Hedge End to support and benefit the local community...

### **Who and what are Street Pastors?**

Street Pastors are a uniformed group of men and women from churches in the local area who are committed to showing that Christians care about what happens in our community. We operate in six teams of three mixed gender groups and we patrol key areas in Hedge End, West End and Botley on Friday evenings between 8pm and midnight. We wear blue coats and 'Street Pastors' baseball caps so we are easy to recognise.

### **Where do Street Pastors operate in the UK?**

The initiative spread from London to other inner cities but is now being introduced in many rural locations too. There are now 200 locations across the UK with 8000 trained Street Pastors and a further 50 groups in the pipeline.

### **Where did the idea of Street Pastors come from?**

It originated in the London Borough of Brixton in 2003 by Les Isaac, a former Rastafarian and now a Baptist minister who was introduced to the concept by a group of church leaders in Jamaica. The aim was to have a direct presence on the streets to offer mentoring, practical support and care to the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

### **How are Street Pastors funded?**

Street Pastors are funded by grants from the Local Authority, the Police and also church donations. This covers our start-up costs, training and uniforms. All Street Pastors volunteer their time.

### **How long have you been involved with the organisation and how did you get involved?**

Two ½ years ago the Local Churches Together Committee was approached by Police Chief Inspector Diana Boyles, Eastleigh District, to consider setting up an initiative following an impressive fall in anti-social behaviour in other areas where the scheme had been introduced. I saw the real opportunity that Street Pastors would bring to the local community and got involved in the planning process.



Street Pastors at Greta Park

### **Can local residents get involved with Street Pastors?**

We love to have the support of residents when we are out and about and are able to pass their concerns on to the local authorities when we meet. To become a Street Pastor you need to be over 18 and have been a member of your local church for over a year.

### **What does your recruitment process involve?**

All Street Pastors have to be Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) checked, then references are taken and interviews conducted. Successful candidates then undertake 50 hours of training over 12 weeks. They are put in teams of three with an experienced team leader. Police are fully supportive of our work and are aware when we are out on patrol. We coordinate closely with them and they give us guidelines on where there are any issues that we might help.

### **What's an average Friday night like in Hedge End?**

We gather early to check equipment, uniforms and supplies and to coordinate with the Police. We then plan our routes and set off greeting everyone we meet. We visit the many parks and car parks in the area. When needs come up we offer help, be it simple first aid, offering water, referral cards to TADIC (Teenage Advice Drop-in Centre) or simply chatting and listening, offering a fruit pastille, waiting for parents to collect young people or offering a safe escort home if needed.

### **How is your presence received by the young people you meet?**

Where ever we go the young people we meet are always happy to stop and chat and welcome our support. We really enjoy meeting and chatting with these young people and hearing their stories. We hope to meet lots more people of all ages during these warmer, lighter evenings!



# Community News

## *Hedge End From Village To Town*

Hedge End Town Council met up with Steve Tanti, local bookseller and author of 'Hedge End, From Village to Town' to talk about life in Hedge End, his interest in local history and his love of books...

### ***How long have you lived in Hedge End?***

All my life. I was born at my Nan's house on Bursledon Road. It had a wonderful large garden, great for building dens! Kids don't do that sort of thing anymore do they?

### ***What do you like most about Hedge End?***

I love that you're not far away from the countryside. The old village centre is still the heart of the town for me; it still has that village feel despite Hedge End being such a large town now. My family all still live here, my kids have stayed here and my Nan too, she's 95 now but still as fit as a fiddle!

### ***When did you become interested in local history?***

I used to listen to my family telling stories when I was young and I'd look at their old photos and my interest grew from there. They would tell me about how rural Hedge End used to be with its many strawberry fields and farms in the area and I was fascinated.

### ***When did you decide to write a book about Hedge End?***

I started writing it in 2008. I talked to my family and made contacts through my Mum and Nan and I simply interviewed them over a cup of tea. I let them talk away about their memories and they shared their photos too. People used to pop into see me in my shop and give me photos and information.

### ***You run the book selling business above the Post Office?***

I began selling 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books at book fairs but I wanted a more permanent base and I took on the space above the Post Office in Hedge End about 5 years ago. The books are mainly non-fiction; mostly local history, military history and transport.

### ***You are now writing a new book on Hedge End?***

The new book will be mainly photographic and postcard images of Hedge End. I had so many wonderful photos following the first book that I felt I needed to get them published for other people to



Steve Tanti at his Bookshop

see. I am always interested in seeing more old photos and postcards of Hedge End if people would like to share them.

### ***If you could go back in time, is there a period or place in history that you would like to visit?***

I would go back to c1900-1910. I'd visit Hedge End and Botley but I'd take my camera with me so I could capture how life really was back then and I'd bring the images back to the future with me of course!

### ***If you could change one thing in Hedge End what would it be?***

I don't like the fact that when you mention Hedge End to a non-resident they always mention 'the superstores'. But there is so much more to Hedge End! We still have a busy village centre with good local shops too!

### ***You enjoy walking, what's your favourite local walk?***

I love to walk from Hedge End to Botley, along The River Hamble, up through Manor Farm Country Park. I also enjoy the walk along Swanwick shore to Warsash and there is also a lovely walk along the disused Meon Valley Railway Line (Knowle - Alton).

### ***What's your favourite book?***

'Brendan Chase' by BB. Written in the 1940's, it's about three boys who run away to live as outlaws in the forest. They hunt, fish, climb trees and wear rabbit skins for clothes! My kids really enjoyed it too.

### ***If you could be someone else for a day who would you be?***

I'd be the head of an archaeological dig somewhere in the UK, finding historical artefacts... fantastic!

# Community News

## *A Day in the Life of ...*

### ***How did you get started in theatre?***

I went to drama school and was an actor for a few years. I did theatre, radio, TV, both national and international and was always on the go. However, I started to get a bit bored of the constant touring and realised that the bit that really excited me was the rehearsal stage and seeing a new play come to life so I moved into directing.

### ***How did you become involved with The Berry Theatre?***

I joined The Point, Eastleigh as Theatrical Director 19 months ago and that's when I learnt there was going to be a new theatre in the Borough. I was so excited at the prospect, I just couldn't wait to be involved. It's a real producing hub with lots of artists to connect with and exciting new projects, plus a real sense of community.

### ***What does The Berry Theatre bring to the community of Hedge End?***

Entertainment right on its doorstep! A place for the community to come together and meet. It really is a high class venue with lots of local involvement including youth theatre, young writer's hub, disability groups and community plays. The Berry is distinct from The Point in that we focus on classic & popular drama, film and comedy. It's family friendly programming with a broad access for the whole community, but with emphasis on working with young people.

### ***What's an average 'Day in the life of a Theatre Director'?***

There really isn't an average day! My day might start at 7.30am for a breakfast meeting but I can be here till 11.00pm watching a performance or rehearsal, so they are long days. I work really closely with the Theatre Programmer. We are sent hundreds of scripts to review each day from professional companies keen for us to put on their productions. So we spend a lot of time reading and deciding what to put on. I also have to meet with our hirers, complete funding applications and direct rehearsals. In the evenings I like to talk to the audience to



Sarah Bringham

[www.theberrytheatre.co.uk](http://www.theberrytheatre.co.uk) | Box Office 01489 799499

find out what they do or don't like. Our comedy nights are extremely popular as are our film nights. We have installed state of the art projection equipment. It really is top quality and we get fantastic feedback from audiences!

### ***What's the most important thing you do each day?***

There are two things really. Talk to my staff to make sure they are happy. I really have a fantastic team. Secondly, talk to the audience. This really is the best recipe for success.

### ***What advice would you give to anyone aspiring to work in the theatre?***

Get involved as soon as you can, join a theatre group and really believe in it. You make your own success. Work really hard and really push for your ambition.

### ***What's been your career highlight to date?***

I have directed many plays and the true highlight for me is when I see the audience coming out happy. I like to stand and listen to the comments and when you get good feedback it's wonderful.

### ***Which actor would you like to work with?***

I admire Samuel West which is why we asked him to open The Berry Theatre back in April. He really is an extraordinary force on stage. He takes on these huge roles and delivers them with intricate beauty and he has a real passion for theatre. We hope to get him back again as he was very impressed with the theatre.

### ***Do you have a favourite place to visit in the local area?***

I love visiting Netley Abbey and I would love to hold an outdoor performance there one day, watch this space!



# Community News

## *Hedge End Rangers F.C.*

### **Hedge End Rangers F.C. Awarded Charter Standard Club Status!**

**Hedge End Rangers F.C. were formed in 1974 at which time they played their games on a cow field in Woodhouse Lane in Hedge End.**

Since that time the Club has gradually grown in size and currently boasts 33 teams ranging from Under 8 to Under 18, three girls teams, and three men's teams. In total they have in excess of 475 players registered to play for their teams in various leagues throughout Southampton, Eastleigh and Winchester.

In addition, they also have their own Soccer School in conjunction with the Saints Foundation which is held every Saturday at Wildern School. Over 50 boys and girls of years R, 1, 2, and 3 attend the Soccer School each Saturday and have fun learning football, team games and individual skills with fully qualified Saints coaches.

Last season the Club discussed ways of improving both the players and parents experience of local football. They decided to apply to become a Charter Standard Club. This involved ensuring that each team had a minimum Level 1 coach who had also attended a Safeguarding Children workshop, was first aid qualified and had been CRB checked. Furthermore the players, spectators, coaches, managers and officers had to agree to follow their respective Codes of Conduct which helps to insure that everybody's enjoyment of the 'Beautiful Game' is improved.

After many weeks and months of hard work behind the scenes by Annette Bauck, the club's senior secretary, and after close scrutiny of paperwork by the Hampshire FA the Club were awarded Charter Standard Club status and were presented with the Charter Standard Club plaque at their home ground, Norman Rodaway Sports Field on 21st April 2011 .



**HEDGE END RANGERS F.C.**

**YOUR LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUB**

**[www.hedgeendrangersfc.com](http://www.hedgeendrangersfc.com)**



### **Hedge End Rangers 1st Team Wins League**

**Congratulations to Hedge End Rangers 1st team for winning the league, well done from everyone in Hedge End! Special mention also goes to the U14's A Team who won the Tommy Traynor Cup and the U9 Kestrels for winning the league. Keep up the good work!**





# Community News

*Round Up...*

## Carnival Committee Donates £1 000 to Scouts & Guides

Hedge End's Carnival Queen for 2010, Francesca Fisher, carried out her last official duty by presenting a cheque for £1000 to members of the Scout and Guide association at Baden Powell Lodge. The donation was given from money raised during the Hedge End Carnival week and Fireworks Fiesta. The money is being used to improve the emergency exits at Baden Powell Lodge, Pavilion Road, so that it can be a better and more safely utilised venue.



St Luke's Church

St Lukes Close

Hedge End

01489 781448

Sunday Services

- 1st Sunday in the month - Family Worship
- 2nd Sunday - Communion
- 3rd Sunday - Morning Worship
- 4th Sunday - Communion
- 5th Sunday - Morning Worship

**Thank God It's Monday** - Men's group who meet on the 3rd Monday.

**Tea on Tuesday** - First Tuesday in the month between 2 and 4pm.

Please call for further information.



## Your Carnival Needs You!

By the time you read this I hope that you will have enjoyed the 90th anniversary carnival on a lovely fine day and we will have smashed the record for the street collection. There will be lots of photos on the website [www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk](http://www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk) please take a look and if you have any photos that you would like to add then send them in. If you search 'You Tube' you will probably find some postings there as well.

If there was a good collection there will be money to distribute to good causes and you may still be in time to apply for carnival funds, there is a form on the website. The closing date is July 20th. Remember that we can only make donations to organisations that are based in Hedge End whose aim is primarily to serve the people of Hedge End.

Several people who have been involved with organising your carnival have taken the 90th anniversary as their cue to stand down from the organisation. **IF YOU WANT YOUR CARNIVAL TO MAKE IT TO ITS CENTENARY THEN IT IS TIME TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!**

Contact the organisers now via the website or call 01489 785041 or make sure that you come to the **AGM ON SEPTEMBER 22ND.**

**Carnavalesco**

## Hedge End Carnival Committee Dates For Your Diary...

**Annual General Meeting** Thurs 22 Sept 7.30pm, Village Hall, Bursledon Rd, Please attend if you would like to help the carnival reach it's 100th anniversary!

**Senior Citizens Lunch** Sat 8 Oct 1.00pm - 2000 Centre, St John's Rd | Limited to first 100 applications | Add Name to List in Sept at Hedge End Post Office

**Fantastic Firework Fiesta & Fun Fair** -Sat 12 Nov | Adults £3 Children £1 | Family (2+2) £7

[www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk](http://www.hedgeendcarnival.org.uk)

### 2011 Carnival Court ...

**Senior Queen: Mrs Marion Robinson**

**Queen: Jemma Hammond**

**Princesses & Prince: Anna Toomer | Aimee Stevens | Ellie Maddox | Leon Smith**

# Community News

*Community Safety Report by PC Sandy Wyld & PCSO Tracey Chilcott*

## HOME SECURITY

Following a spate of burglaries in the area we are concerned to find that a number of residents are failing to secure their homes adequately when they go out. We don't want you to be the next victim of crime, so please don't be complacent and always follow this safety checklist:

- CLOSE & LOCK WINDOWS & CONSERVATORIES
- DEADLOCK FRONT & BACK DOOR
- LOCK GARAGE DOOR
- BOLT SIDE GATE
- DON'T LEAVE KEYS OR HANDBAGS BY FRONT DOOR
- DON'T LEAVE FRONT DOOR UNLOCKED EVEN WHEN IN THE GARDEN
- MOVE VALUABLES OUT OF VIEW OF WINDOWS

Put a reminder by the front door to help you remember. ***It only takes a burglar a few minutes to get inside and take your valuables if you leave your home unsecured. Don't make it easy for them!***

Please also bear in mind that you may be invalidating your home insurance policy if you fail to adequately secure your home.

## BICYCLE SECURITY

We receive regular reports of bike theft in Hedge End and more often than not we find they have been left unsecured. It may be for just a few minutes but that's all it takes the opportunist bike thief! Please remember to:

- LOCK YOUR BICYCLE SECURELY - EVEN IF YOU KNOW YOU ARE ONLY GOING TO BE AWAY FOR A FEW MINUTES.
- GET YOUR BIKE SECURITY TAGGED – YOU CAN CALL INTO HEDGE END POLICE STATION TO HAVE YOUR BIKES SECURITY TAGGED **FREE OF CHARGE!**

## CAR SAFETY

With summer now here, visiting local beauty spots is a popular activity for the family. Be aware that thieves do target the car parks at Manor Farm, Royal Victoria and other parks and play areas at this time of year. Please follow these safety guidelines to ensure your vehicle is not a target:

- LOCK CAR DOORS & CLOSE WINDOWS
- REMOVE ALL VALUABLES FROM VEHICLE
- NEVER LEAVE YOUR BAG TUCKED UNDER A CAR SEAT!
- LEAVE NOTHING ON SHOW - EVEN LOOSE CHANGE WILL TEMPT A THIEF!
- REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR AROUND VEHICLES TO THE POLICE

## ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour in Hedge End are few and far between, however if you find yourself in a situation that makes you feel worried or scared or you feel intimidated then don't be afraid to report it. Perhaps you have a neighbourhood dispute you need help in resolving as it's simply got out of hand. Please call the Police. We are here to help you.

## CONTACT US!

Hedge End Police Station  
St Johns Road  
Hedge End  
SO30 4AF



Dial 999 - Emergency Attendance Required. Life in Danger. Person Detained.

Dial 101 - Anti Social Behaviour | Criminal Damage

Dial 0845 045 4545 - General Crime

Email: Hedge End Police Station

[hedge.end.north.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hedge.end.north.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

**BEAT SURGERIES** - Come along and talk to us about crime or antisocial behaviour affecting you!

Hedge End Library: 11 July & 15 Aug -13:00 -15:30

M&S / Sainsbury's Foyer : 1 Aug | 5 Sept | 3 Oct, 10:00 -12:00 & 21 July | 18 Aug | 15 Sept, -18:00 -20:00



# Community News

*Out & About*

## Tree Warden Report

The other morning I parked my car at the Bowls Club, removed my bicycle from the back and took a leisurely ride around Grange Park and Dowd's Farm. Stopping every now and then to look at the trees and shrubs that have been around for some considerable time. Some of the mature trees are well shaped and are looking really good, all being a slightly different shade of green. Each of the mature Oaks can be home to around 400 leaf eating insects which in turn can become food for insect eaters such as the Blue Tit and the Great Tit, birds most commonly seen feeding around in the foliage as I continued on my journey.

Turning right from Old Shamblehurst Lane to get to Dowd's Farm recreation area I was struck by the view from the path across the pond towards the school and to how clean, bright and healthy looking it was. The pond has all the makings of a tranquil place to sit and watch the wildlife around. The Housemartins flying overhead, the Starlings and Sparrows on the surrounding grass areas and the ducks both on water and on land as well as all the insects flitting about.

As I rested there for a short while enjoying the scenery an article that appeared in the Daily Echo during April came to mind concerning trees in peoples gardens and how they help the environment. On my way round I had seen so many houses with trees and shrubs, sometimes both appearing over the tops of the fences and walls, that I felt heartened to see so many Hedge End people are helping to sustain the wildlife that we are so fortunate to have.

Looking at the trees and shrubs around the recreation park I am very pleased to say all are looking healthy as did the whole area. On my way back to the car the cleanliness and general well being of the area makes one think it must be a healthy place to live and our thanks goes to the Groundstaff for the excellent job they are doing now for Hedge End Town Council.



**Andrew Jemmett**

## Groundstaff Report



The Green Flag Awards inspectors were on site at Albert Road Cemetery and St John's War Memorial during May to inspect the sites for 2011/2012. Ken Hiscock, Groundsman, talks about his Green Flag preparation work:

Grass cutting at the cemetery takes a week to complete as I have to carefully mow and strim around each individual grave plot. I maintain the shrub beds, tidy the hedgerows and clean the seating areas but the trees are mainly left alone. I make sure that I time this work to coincide with the inspection so that it's looking its best when they visit. Unfortunately a few of our shrubs have been dug up and stolen recently which is a very sad shame.

The Green Flag Award is about site management, not just maintenance. It shows that you are looking at the environment; that you have thought about conservation. For instance, we only use peat free compost which helps preserve the UK's diminishing peat bogs and we encourage local wildlife too. We have bug and bird nesting boxes and have had two blue tit families this year. There are plenty of insects on site including ground dwelling bees and stag beetles. We also encourage wildflowers such as Bluebell and Primrose. Composting is also an important part of our conservation work and we have several bins recycling the green waste, which is then transferred down to the allotments.

It's really encouraging to get positive feedback from visitors and I am often thanked for the work we do which is very rewarding. The recent addition of the art deco archway at the entrance really adds to this unique site. The War Memorial at St John's is being included in the inspection this year and my colleague Danny France is carefully maintaining this important memorial for the community.

I am extremely proud of this site and I hope we achieve the Green Flag Award for a second year running...green fingers crossed!

**Ken Hiscock**

# Community News

## Your Letters...

### Re: West Rd Street Party / Old Friends

A friend gave me the Gazette to read because I lived in West Road as a child and she thought I would be interested in the photo of the people at the end of the war. Brian Bartlett lived two doors from us and I also knew Margaret Hopkins whom I attended Sunday School with in Bitterne.

*It would be lovely get in touch with the people I once knew.*

My name is June Dobbie, nee Holloway, though most people knew me as Bubbles!

Rgds

**June Dobbie**

(If you would like to get back in touch with June please contact Hedge End Town Council 01489 780440 and we will pass on your details)

**Have you LOST TOUCH with an old friend or neighbour in HEDGE END?**

**Would you like to send them a message, get back in touch or simply find out what happened to them? Why not drop us a letter for our next edition...we would be happy to publish your messages and hopefully reconnect you!!**

### Re: A Little Bit Of History (Sunday's Hill)

In the last Gazette I was asked where the name Sunday's Hill originated and following a little research, offered an explanation about its origin as 'Sandy Hill' but asked if anyone else could add to this or correct me. I am really pleased to say that local resident, Shaun Towers got in touch -

"Quite by chance researching on the internet I came across the attached document (extract taken from Dodwell Lane Watching Brief by CKC Archaeology, 2000) and have copied a small section from page 5 below:

*'Sunday's Hill seems to take its name from William Sunday, who held land in the area in 1550 that included 'Dodwelles' the probable predecessor of Dodwell Farm (Barstow 1994, 24)'*

I prefer this explanation to the Sandy Hill one that you found."

I would like to thank Shaun for sharing this information with us, it was very helpful.

**Jane Welsh**

**If You Would like to Share Your Thoughts, Memories or Old Photos with the Community Please Drop a Letter to Information Assistant, Hedge End Town Council, 2000 Centre, St Johns Rd, Hedge End, SO30 4AF or Email : [Infoassistant@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk](mailto:Infoassistant@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk)**

## EASTLEIGH FESTIVAL OF MUSIC & MELA

[www.eastleigh.gov.uk](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk)

**7 - 10 July**

**The Eastleigh Festival of Music & Mela Represents and Celebrates  
The Diversity That Makes up Our Local Community  
And Has Become the Most Important Community Event  
In the Area, and Continues to Go from Strength to Strength.**

**ELIZA CARTHY BAND, JAMES YORKSTON TRIO, STORNOWAY WITH THE  
NORTH SEA RADIO ORCHESTRA, DRY THE RIVER, THE LEISURE SOCIETY  
AND MUCH MORE TBA....**



# Community News

## *What's On Guide*

### Clubs & Organisations in Hedge End

**1st Hedge End Boys' Brigade** - Methodist Church, St Johns Rd | Meet Wed Eve | Boys 6+ | Games | Craft | Football | Camping | Duke of Edinburgh Award (14+) Phone 01489 783779

**1st Hedge End Girls' Brigade** - Methodist Church, St Johns Rd | Meet Tue Evenings | Girls 4+ Games | Craft | Music | Fun Email [Info@hedgeendgb.org.uk](mailto:Info@hedgeendgb.org.uk) | Phone 02380 696222

**Girlguiding** - Rainbows | Brownies | Guides | 10 Units | Most Evenings | New Adult Helpers Always Needed! Email the 'Join Us' Co-ordinator [guiding@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:guiding@hotmail.co.uk)

**Art & Craft Club** - Meet Tue 1.30-3.30pm | Village Hall, St Johns Rd | Outings | Demos | Small Friendly Club Phone 01489 798233

**Bingo** - Meet Wed 1.30-3.30pm | Tickets 1.15pm @ Drummond Community Centre (Good Companions Social Club)

**The Glee Club Singers** - Meet Mon 7.15-8.15pm | Drummond Community Centre | All Ages & Abilities | Very Therapeutic | New Members Most Welcome. Come along and Enjoy Yourself!

**Hedge End Indoor Bowls Club** - Meet Wed 2-4pm & 7.30-9.30pm | Sun 7.30-9.30pm | Village Hall, St Johns Rd | Fun & Exercise | *Taster Session Only £2.00 !* Come along and Join Us!

**Horticultural Society** - Meet 3rd Monday Monthly | Gardening | Demos & Speakers Most Meetings | 2000 Centre, St Johns Rd. Phone Heather 01489 699027

**Ladies Tea Circle** - Meet 2nd Tue Monthly, 2-3.30pm | United Reformed Church, St Johns Rd | Small & Friendly Group | Speakers | DIY | Craft. Come along and Enjoy a Cup of Tea and a Chat!

**National Women's Register** - Meet 1st Wed (Pm) Monthly | Active Book Group | Lively & Thought Provoking Discussions | Friendly Welcome Awaits. Phone Mrs Robyn Holmes 01489 788333

**New Music Makers** - Meet Thurs 7.30pm | Methodist Church Hall, St Johns Rd | Light Music | Songs from Shows | Tenors & Bases Required. Phone Lin 02380 454285

**Performing Arts Company (Youth)** - Youth Drama Group (14-30) | Chance to Perform Musicals & Pantos on Stage | Meet Sun & Mon Eves @ HEYCA (Old School Hse) St Johns Rd | Proud Winners of Two Southern Echo 2010 Curtain Call Awards. Phone Barbara 01489 690140

**If You Would like to Advertise Your Club on This Page Please Send Us an Email to [Infoassistant@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk](mailto:Infoassistant@hedgeend-tc.gov.uk) or Phone 01489 780440**

# Competition Time

*Win a copy of 'Hedge End From Village to Town'*

It's competition time again and in this edition you have the chance of winning yourself a copy of Steve Tanti's lovely book 'Hedge End from Village to Town' kindly donated by the author himself.



Simply complete our Royal Quiz below:

1. Who was Elizabeth I's mother? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name the Royal Scottish Estate purchased by Queen Victoria? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name the Tudor Palace built for Cardinal Wolsey circa 1514? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name Henry VIII's flagship vessel which sank? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's family home on the Isle of Wight? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Can you name Charles & Diana's 1981 Wedding Venue? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Cathedral City, where Mary I married Prince Philip of Spain in 1554? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Famous Coronation Chair stone, returned to Scotland in 1996? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name King George VI Speech Therapist who assisted him with his stammer? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name The Queen's favourite and most famous 'Trooping the Colour' horse? \_\_\_\_\_

**Closing Date: Friday 5 August 2011 (Noon)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete your contact details above and pop your entry into the Town Council post box at the 2000 Centre, St John's Rd, Hedge End, SO30 4AF and your entry will be placed into the prize draw which will be drawn on Monday 8 August 2011.

**Competition Winners:** Spring Edition, Issue 42 was won by The Sheppard Family. We hope you all enjoyed your family trip to The Berry Theatre!!

## Did You Know...



1 recycled tin can would save enough energy to power a television for 3 hours.  
1 recycled glass bottle would save enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes.  
1 recycled plastic bottle would save enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for 3 hours.  
70% less energy is required to recycle paper compared with making it from raw materials.  
([www.recycling-guide.org.uk](http://www.recycling-guide.org.uk))



# Local Services

*Hedge End*

## Local Services

The Berry Theatre , Wildern Lane	01489 799499
The Box (Youth Centre) , Wildern Lane	01489 789638
Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), Village Hall	01489 796651
Civic Amenity Site, Shamblehurst Lane	01489 780028
The D@rt Centre (Arts), Wildern Lane	01489 779471
Hampshire Constabulary, Hedge End Police Station, St Johns Road	08450 454545
Hedge End Library, Upper Northam Rd	01489 783135
Post Office, Upper Northam Rd	01489 782066
Skyline Radio 102.5FM, St John's Rd	01489 799000
TADIC (Teenage Drop-in), Lower Northam Rd	01489 782727
Tennis, Bowls, Putting Green, Pavilion Rd (Apr-Sep)	01489 797124
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

## Medical

St Luke's Surgery, St Lukes Close	01489 783422
The Medical Centre, 24-26 Lower Northam Rd	01489 785722

## Places of Worship

Hedge End Baptist Church, Upper Northam Rd	01489 786260
Hedge End Methodist Church, St John's Rd	01489 790604
Hedge End United Reformed Church , St Johns Rd	01489 690515
Kings Community Church, Upper Northam Close	01489 784333
Our Lady of the Assumption, Freegrounds Rd	01489 895889
St John's The Evangelist Church, St Johns Rd	01489 790048
St Luke's Church, St Luke's Close	01489 781448
Salvation Army Citadel, Wellstead Way	01489 798681

## Community Halls For Hire

2000 Centre ( Large & Small Hall), St Johns Rd (HETC)	01489 780440
Drummond Community Centre, Drummond Rd, Grange Park (HETC)	01489 780440
Norman Rodaway Pavilion, Heathhouse Lane ( HETC)	01489 780440
Turnpike Pavilion, Turnpike Way (HETC)	01489 780440
Hedge End Village Hall, St Johns Rd	01489 784962
Hedge End Youth & Community Association Halls (Old School House), St Johns Rd	02380 444025
Methodist Church Hall, St Johns Rd	01489 784823
Underhill Centre, St Johns Rd	01489 790048
United Reformed Church Hall, St Johns Rd	01489 690515

# Hedge End Town Council

## *Contacts & Committees*

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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 and Culture - Second Tuesday monthly

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

2011	Recreation & Amenities	Finance	Highways & Planning	Full Council	Community & Culture
Aug	10th	11th	3rd & 17th	none	9th
Sept	14th	8th	7th & 21st	21st	13th
Oct	12th	13th	5th & 19th	19th	11th
Nov	9th	10th	2nd & 16th	16th	8th

The deadline for contributions to  
the Autumn Gazette is  
Friday 16 September 2011



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