

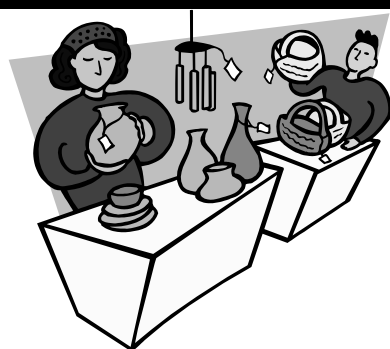
Community News

for

Hackbridge, Beddington Corner & Wandle Valley

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ADVANCE NOTICE:

HACKBRIDGE CARNIVAL

Saturday September 18th 2010

1-5pm around Hackbridge and 6.30-9.30pm at BedZED Pavilion

Draft programme: Afternoon

- 1.00pm: walking parade Hackbridge Primary School to All Saints
2.15pm: Opening by the Deputy Mayor of Sutton
On the Road: Fire Engine, Veg Van, Greensleeves morris men
- Round the church: stalls and games, barbecue, veg show, food-growing workshop, climbing wall, bouncy castle, exhibitions, story telling, traditional silly games
- In the Church: live bands - showcasing local Hackbridge music talent - rock, folk, gospel; exhibitions of local history and future developments
- Round the centre: Messy Play for young children; Vegetarian snacks and healthy living stalls
- In the Centre: Health Day - Hands on ways to test our health and easy ways to improve it; dance and displays and workshops; martial arts



To participate, please contact:

Stalls in the church grounds: Gillian McKay 8669 8792

Local groups wanting to join the parade: Helen Woolston 8404 4962 (eves.); helen.woolston@blueyonder.co.uk

Fun activities, offering a dance display or workshop, a live music group, vintage car display or whatever; and if you would be willing to volunteer to help man some of our events - we will need a lot of volunteers! : Andrew Roland 8648 3650, or aoroland@gmail.com



And for the Evening:

6.30-9.30pm: Traditional Country Food, dance and music at BedZED Pavilion; Come in fancy dress as a storybook or nursery rhyme character!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL: £3 per person 5 years and over (under 5s free) - please contact Jo Simister 07796 410 850 or email josimister@yahoo.co.uk

WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY ... (or The Lost Leader)

At 10am Sunday 16th May, the congregation of All Saints looked at each other and wondered, "What do we do now?" Andrew, the vicar, was 600 miles away in Munich, Germany, and no replacement vicar had turned up. Who could fill the vacant chair?



Clive, churchwarden and a bakery supervisor at Sainsbury's, stepped into the breach. He led the service as if he had been doing it all his life. When it came to the sermon, Ron, a retired gardener, gave the word, talking about the reading - when St Paul was in prison for his faith, but it did not stop him praising the Lord. Liz, a former nun in Pakistan and health visitor in Brixton, led the prayers.

After the next hymn, it should normally have been communion – remembering how Jesus at his last supper said about bread and wine, "This is my body," and "This is my blood". Clive felt the bishop would be a bit upset if he took this on himself. Linda, Andrew's wife, suggested that some people might speak about their own faith. Brian, a retired insurance claims negotiator, and Fungai, a former headteacher from Zimbabwe, spoke about what their faith meant to them. Just as they finished, the children came back from their Young Church, and the service ended happily with a hymn and coffee.

People sometimes think that the church is the building or the clergyman. No, it's ALL OF US!



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Monday to Friday 10-4pm

The Vine Project
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t - 020 8640 1623
e - kidstop@thevineproject.org
w - www.kidstop-cic.co.uk



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- **Deadline for next issue: 20th August 2010.**



VICAR'S CORNER

It's not often you hear a politician say sorry, but that's what happened on May 10th.

At Cameron's and Clegg's first joint press conference there was a moment of delicious embarrassment as a reporter reminded David Cameron that during the election a reporter asked him for his favourite joke, and he had replied "Nick Clegg". Cameron squirmed but responded in these words: "We're all going to have things that we said thrown back at us ... And if it means swallowing some humble pie, and if it means eating some of your words, I cannot think of a more excellent diet in which to provide the country with good government."

Saying sorry is hard to do. We may have lost our temper over something trivial and said something hurtful. It's tough to say, "I'm sorry for what I said. I was wrong. Please forgive me."

The trouble is that it takes quite a lot of courage, faith and humility. Courage because we are putting ourselves in a position where the other person could just lay into us. Faith because we are trusting the better nature of the person – and that God will be in the process. Humility because we have to swallow our pride and abandon any feelings of superiority (which are probably mistaken anyway!)

Jesus taught us that saying sorry is not only the road to reconciliation with our family, friends etc. but also with God. In the Sermon on the Mount he said, "If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer our gift." (*Matthew 5.23-24*) That is why in the middle of every communion service there is time when we all shake hands and say "The peace of the Lord be with you", so as to ensure that when we come up to receive the bread and wine of communion, there are no lurking resentments or hurts among us. And there is also the wonderful promise that "If you forgive people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." (*Matthew 6.14*)

It is worth taking a moment to ask ourselves: is there something I should apologise for to my partner? to my children? to a colleague? to a friend? to my boss? And if it's difficult (and it will be), we can always ask God to give us the ability to carry it out.

May you have a very happy summer.

Andrew Roland

Churches in Hackbridge

ALL SAINTS CHURCH (CofE)
New Road CR4 4JL

**Sunday 10.00 Parish Communion
& Young Church**

7.00 Evening Prayer

Tel. Rev Andrew Roland 020 8648 3650

APOSTOLIC CHURCH

All Saints Centre, New Road

Sunday 11.00 – 1.00 Worship

2.00 Youth Meeting

Tel. John Quarcoopome 020 8395 5794

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

All Saints Centre, New Road

Saturday 10.00 Sabbath worship

Tel. Dusan Uzelac 07909 834 636

VESSEL OF GLORY MINISTRIES

a Pentecostal church meeting

in All Saints Church

Sunday 1.30pm

Tel. Olive Barnor 020 8652 5722

KINGDOM LOVE CHURCH

at Wandle Valley Community Centre

Sundays 10.00 Bible Study

10.45 Main Service

Tel. Dishon Mwanzi 020 8640 1312

PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

*40 minutes of prayer through singing,
silence and scripture*

using the music of Taizé

followed by coffee, cake and discussion

7pm on the 1st Sunday of each month

All Saints Church, New Road, Hackbridge

Tel 020 8646 3650

EXPLORING OUR FAITH

discussions on the BIG questions
including:

Is God real?

Who is Jesus?

How should we live?

How can we pray?

When? every Tuesday 8.00pm

Where? the Vicarage, New Road
(next to the church)

Cost? It's free

Who can come? Anyone!

(inquiring mind an advantage)

Queries? Contact Andrew Roland
0208 648 3650

BUILDING THE BRIDGE

The London Road bridge at Hackbridge railway station was built in 1860, when the only transport was by horse. 150 years later the weight of traffic means it needed to be replaced. Work started in October last year. Work has been progressing on schedule. Last bank holiday weekend the bridge was closed so that gas, electricity, telecom and cable services could be transferred from the old bridge to the new one. The road will also be closed over the August bank holiday weekend while the old bridge is finally demolished. Work will be completed on Christmas Eve 2010.

A few problems have arisen apart from the queues of traffic in both directions (although crossing from the Felnex estate has been much safer!). Cyclists find the single carriageway dangerous, so tend to cycle equally dangerously on the footpath. The Council, after tortuous negotiations with Thames Water and the landfill operator Viridor has now arranged for Mile Road to be opened as a cycleway, linking with the north end of Beddington Park – very good news for two-wheelers! Also, the 151 bus stop at Hackbridge will be moved to just inside the Felnex estate in the near future, if everything goes to plan.

The St Helier, Wrythe and Wandle Valley Local Committee heard on 8th June about the progress, and the Council and its officers are to be congratulated on moving forwards such a complex operation within budget and on time!

Andrew Roland

[NB: the foot-bridge across the railway on the path near BedZED Pavilion has been declared unsafe and will be demolished in due course]

SAVED BY THE BILL

On Monday 7th June All Saints Church was miraculously saved from sabotage. Sometime around Sunday 6th someone had broken into the church basement and tried to flood it.

People only go down to the church basement occasionally. On Monday afternoon the vicar, Andrew Roland, decided to check the church's gas bill by looking at the meter. As he got near, he saw the door open – the hasp had been wrenched from the door frame - and there was 6" of water in the basement. The water was coming from a hole which had been punched in a pipe, and the basement was gradually filling with water because the sump pump, which drains water away, had itself been sabotaged by cutting off the wire leading to the plug. Had the attack not been discovered, in a day or two the water would have reached the main fuse-board and there would have been a very loud bang! "I think it must have been malicious," said the vicar, "there is nothing down there of any value apart from the church boiler and a plastic Christmas tree."

The fire brigade were called and they responded magnificently, as did the churchwarden, John McGuinness. By 6.00 the water had been pumped out and the pipe re-instated the same day. By the following day the sump pump was working again.

So the church was saved by a gas bill. It is the only reason the damage was discovered in time. Andrew Roland reflected, "I guess somebody doesn't like us – but then Somebody does!"

HAPPIER THAN JO'BURG

There was a great atmosphere at the Red Lion during the England - USA match on June 12th. The match was shown on big screens throughout the pub, but the beer garden on a fine summer evening was the place to be, with young men wearing England flags telling the players just what to do, and mums & dads bringing their children to run around happily. Robert Green's agonising fumble with the ball did not dampen the atmosphere, and by the end the carnival atmosphere was still there, unlike the gloomy faces of England fans at the Rustenburg stadium.



**Wandle Valley Safer
Neighbourhood Team**

020 8721 2773



COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT

Every Thursday 7-9 pm,
only £1, for all ages.

*snooker - table tennis - air hockey -
scrabble - chess - dominoes
and many more board games; laptop
computers and access to the internet.*

Children under 11 are very welcome to come along
with parents. Young people aged 11 to 16 must be
registered by a parent

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Saturdays - £6 for evening
Beginners 7.00 – 8.00
General Dance 8.00 – 10.00
All Saints Centre, New Road
Contact Marion 0208 648 7488

COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. our
excellent cook and several
volunteers run a
Community Lunch Club for
about 40 local people, mostly
from the Senior Corner Club
and Sutton Mencap.
*Only £5.00 for a healthy and
freshly cooked 2 course meal and
fruit juice. Vegetarians & special
diets catered for.*
To join us call 0208 646 1937.

FOR RENT:

2 WORK STATIONS

in large newly decorated office in
All Saints Centre, New Rd CR4 4JN
£60 per week, flexible terms.
Contact June Mountsteven,
Centre Manager, 020 8646 1937
allsaintscentre@googlemail.com

also

Halls available

for Children's Parties most
afternoons at £30 per hour
tel: 0208 646 1937

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

For girls and boys aged 8-13.
Every Wednesday during term-
time from 3.45 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.
Games, arts and crafts etc
Only £1.50!
Call 020 8648 3650 for info

ALL SAINTS CENTRE

New Road, CR4 4JN.
Centre Office Tel: 020 8646 1937

For parents, carers and young children:

PARENT & TODDLERS Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30 am
CHILDMINDERS Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30 am
ABC MUSIC Tuesday 10.15- 11.00 am
Phone Sherilee 07852 658 738

HUMPTY DUMPTY PLAYGROUP

for children aged 2-5 (over 3s free- supported by LBS)
Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.00 noon
Phone Jackie 07729 434 226

For young people:

THEATRE BUGS DANCE Tuesday 3.45 – 4.45 pm
Phone Zoë 07968 021 406

BEAVERS (age 6-8) Wednesday 6.00 – 7.15 pm

X-PLOSION DANCE (up to 11) Thursday 4.30 – 6.00 pm
Phone Natalie 07723 335 163

DANCE EXPRESS (age 11+) Friday 6.15 – 8.45 pm
Phone Becky 07917 702 234

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

for 8-13 year olds Wednesday 3.45 – 5.45 pm

BLUE STARZ Cheerleading Squad

Age 8-14+ Tuesday 4.00 – 7.00 pm
Phone Abigail 8647 4286

Open to everyone:

BALLROOM DANCING LESSONS

Saturday 7.00 – 10.00 pm
Phone Marion on 8648 7488

COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT

Family games - all ages Thursday 7.00 – 9.00 pm

MITCHAM CAMERA CLUB

Wednesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm
www.mitchamcameraclub.com

MARTIAL ARTS

Tai Chi Chuan Monday 8.00 – 9.00 pm
Karate Monday 8.00 – 10.00 pm
Kung Fu Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00 pm
Karate Friday 7.00 – 8.30 pm

COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

Tuesday 1.00 – 2.00

SENIOR CORNER CLUB

Bingo, singing & chat Tuesday 2.00 – 3.30

June 2010.

Q: How many donkeys can you get into a Fire Engine?

A: Two in the front, two in the back, and one on top going 'heeee-haw, heeee-haw....'

BedZED Pavilion Noticeboard

Sandmartin Way, BedZED Estate SM6 7DF (next to the field)





NEPALI NIGHT

Saturday July 3rd 6-9pm




An evening of delicious traditional food from Nepal, with story-telling....

Please bring a cushion to sit on! £3 per person 5 years and over (under 5s free).

BOOKING ESSENTIAL: via Jo on 07796 410 850 or email josimister@yahoo.co.uk

NB: please remember there is no parking at BedZED without a permit!




Don't forget!

Carnival Night, Sept 18th 6.30-9.30pm

Come as your favourite storybook or nursery rhyme character.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL: £3 per person 5 and over (under 5s free)



Volunteers are needed to oversee these events, help prepare and serve food, and so on – entry free for helpers! – please contact Jo on 07796 410 850 or email josimister@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to help.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the
The New Possibility Committee (managers of the BedZED Pavilion)
2.30pm on Saturday 25th September in the Pavilion, 24 Sandmartin Way, SM6 7DF
All welcome: refreshments available from 1pm

The NPC will be losing some of its founding trustees this summer: Leon Pearson and Simon Garner are moving to pastures new, and Jo Simister is stepping aside as Chair. At the same time, we are at an exciting stage of our development as a community centre, with a new kitchen in progress and the field being claimed as a community recreation asset.

We need YOU! If you have useful skills to help as Chair or Treasurer, etc, or can fund-raise, or just want to get involved with making events and activities happen in your community, then we would like to hear from you. If you'd like to know more before committing yourself, please come to a management meeting (usually the first Wednesday of the month, 7.30-9.30pm) or contact us for information.

Roy Bennett, Company Secretary

Why have a Board of Trustees?

- To meet needs of members, users, or clients or the community that it serves
- To ensure accountability: members, users, community it serves and its funders
- To draw on people's experience or expertise in making decisions
- Donors, funders want to know financial and other decisions are made properly
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Main responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

- Maintain a long-term overview of the organisation and all its work;
- Make strategic and major decisions about the organisation's objectives, policies and procedures;
- Ensure needs / interests of relevant people / bodies are taken into account when making decisions;
- Ensure adequate resources, especially people and money, to carry out activities;
- Ensure appropriate action is taken when work is not being done, or is not being done properly;
- Take legal responsibility for the organisation and all its actions (or inactions).

REGULAR ACTIVITIES @

**BEDZED
PAVILION**

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Hip Hop and Street Dance with X-plosion dance company

Mondays 4.15-4.45pm Hip Hop don't stop 4-6 years: £4
 Mondays 4.45-5.45pm Hip Hop Juniors 7-11years: £4.50
 Mondays 5.45-6.30pm Hip-Hop 11-15yrs: £4.50
 Mondays 6.30-7.30pm Waacking over 13s: £5) both for
 Mondays 7.30-8.30pm Bashment over 13s: £5) £7
 Thursdays 4.30-5.15pm Break Dance 7-11yrs £5
 Thursdays 5.15-6.30pm Break Dance 4-6yrs £5
 Fridays 6-7pm Hip Hop 12-16 years beginner/intermediate: £4.50
 Fridays 7-8pm Hip Hop 12-21 years advanced: £5) both for
 Fridays 8-9pm Nu Skool Hip Hop all ages: £5) £7
 Contact Natalie Ward for details 07723 335163;
dancingdivanazza@hotmail.com

WELL-BEING

Yoga (classic hatha yoga with meditation – gentle/intermediate)

Tuesdays 12.30-2.30pm June 8th – July 13th
 6 wks @ £42, single session fee £8
 Please check for dates in summer holidays
 Contact Jo Simister 07796 410 850; josimister@yahoo.co.uk

Pilates for adults with Rob Filmer (until end of July)

Tuesdays 5.45-7.15pm Beginners and 7.30-9pm improvers
 £6 per session, induction necessary

Tai Chi Chuan for beginners with Norman Jones

Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm
 £4.50 per session

X-plosion Dance Company

Hip Hop adults dance Wednesdays 7.45-8.45pm: £5
 Contact Natalie Ward for details 07723 335163;
dancingdivanazza@hotmail.com

Karate for all levels and ages

Thursdays 6.30-8.00pm
 Saturdays 9.30-11am
 Contact Carlos 07932 012159, email kickingfrog@live.co.uk;
www.hackbridgedojo.co.uk

'Health 2 Happiness' Pamper and Therapy Days

2nd Sunday of every month: June 13th, July
 11th, August 8th, September 12th etc; 1-5pm.
 2pm Tai Chi class - FREE
 3-5pm therapy & beauty mini-sessions for £2.50 upwards
 Contact Charlotte White 07714 568 698 for more details.



COMMUNITY

Thee Bryans (music workshop)

Sundays 4-7pm, 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.
 Contact Peter Alfrey littleoakgroup@btinternet.com

Sri-Lankan Prayer Group

Sundays 10.30-1pm (10-12noon on 2nd Sundays)
 Contact Bro. Bonifas or Dilini 020 8683 3206 or 07983 579 132

News of classes, etc:

Karate at Hackbridge Dojo

On the 4th of June the Hackbridge Dojo will have completed 2 years of activity. In the last two years the club has managed to attract a diversity of new students from all ages, genders and ethnic backgrounds which has made us very proud.

The club runs all year and doesn't close for the Summer Holidays.

A grading will be held on September 4th: any new students who join us in June will be able to grade in September.

Also planned for the summer is a get-together at Beddington Park: club members and families are welcome to join the fun and games, and more details can be found on the website:

www.hackbridgedojo.co.uk

AVAILABLE TO BOOK:

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 £20 per 3-hour session

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(variable hourly rates
 depending on type of booking)

Please contact the Pavilion

Manager, 020 8544 5113

bedzedpavilion@yahoo.co.uk

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Enquiries: 020 8544 5113 or bedzedpavilion@yahoo.co.uk; Website www.bedzedpavilion.org.uk

Community Diary

date	event	contact	cost
Thursday 24th June, 7-9pm	Hackbridge Community Forum at Hackbridge Primary School	Daniel Croissant, Daniel.Croissant@sutton.gov.uk	No charge
Saturday 3rd July, 6-9pm	Nepali Night at BedZED Pavilion: <i>Delicious food from Nepal, and storytelling: please bring a cushion to sit on. BOOKING ESSENTIAL</i>	Contact Jo 07796 410 850 or email josimister@yahoo.co.uk	£3 per person 5 years and over; under 5s free
Saturday 24 - Sunday 25 July, 10am to 4pm each day.	Carshalton Lavender Community pick-your-own Harvest; <i>access via the gate next to South Carshalton Day Centre just off Oaks Way, Carshalton Beeches, SM5 4NQ.</i>	Email cashaltonlavender@yahoo.co.uk; www.carshaltonlavender.org	No charge for looking - pay for lavender picked
Sunday 8th August, meet 9.15am, finish 11am approx	Autumn Migration Bird Walk around Beddington Farmlands. 1.5 to 2 hours. <i>Meeting at Hackbridge Train Station at 9.15-9.30. Led by Peter Alfrey and the Beddington Farm Bird Group.</i>	Email Peter at littleoakgroup@btinternet.com to book a place.	No charge
Monday 29th August, 10:30am - 8pm	Environmental Fair at Carshalton Park, Ruskin Road; <i>one of the best events in South West London showcasing local sustainability initiatives; around 10,000 people attend and enjoy a range of entertainment, food and stalls</i>	E-mail fair@ecolocal.org.uk or call Heather on 8770 6611; www.ecolocal.org.uk	Under 12's free, adults £4, 12-15 yrs and concessions £2
Saturday 18th - Sunday 19th September	Open London weekend - <i>lots of interesting local buildings are open to the public, including the BedZED estate (book early to get on a tour!).</i>	www.open-city.org.uk/activities/london	
Saturday 18th September, 1-5.30pm	Hackbridge Carnival: <i>walking parade; stalls and games, barbecue, veg show, food-growing workshop, climbing wall, bouncy castle, exhibitions, story telling, traditional silly games Live bands and dance and martial arts displays Centred around New Road</i>	See front page - or contact Andrew Roland 8648 3650, or aoroland@gmail.com	No charge for onlookers! Modest charges for purchases and some activities
Saturday 18th September, 6.30-9.30pm	Carnival Night at BedZED Pavilion: <i>Traditional English Country music, food, dance: come as your favourite story-book character. BOOKING ESSENTIAL</i>	Contact Jo 07796 410 850 or email josimister@yahoo.co.uk	£3 per person 5 years and over; under 5s free
Thursday 23rd September, 6-9pm	Global Action Plan at All Saints Centre: <i>how to get together with friends and neighbours as an Eco Team, a fun way to small actions to reduce our impact on the environment.</i>	Email helen.williams@sutton.gov.uk, LBSutton, Sustainability Dept	No charge
Saturday 25th September, 7pm	The Annual General Meeting of the New Possibility Committee at BedZED Pavilion - <i>voting in a new committee to run this community centre</i>		
Thursday 30th September, 6-9pm	Global Action Plan at All Saints Centre: <i>how to get together with friends and neighbours as an Eco Team, a fun way to small actions to reduce our impact on the environment.</i>	Email helen.williams@sutton.gov.uk, LBSutton, Sustainability Dept	No charge

Planning meeting for next issue of Community News: 8pm, date tbc at All Saints Community Games Night - or send your contribution direct to hackbridge.news@gmail.com; **deadline 20th August 2010.**

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