STAND OFF AT IRRIGATION BRIDGE

10th March, 8.00am: a gang of contractors in orange jackets and hard hats arrive at BedZED.
Objective: close off all access to the small bridge over to the country path in Beddington farmlands.
Task: weld large metal plates to the structure on both ends of the bridge.
Problem: a group of active local people who are committed to keeping the bridge open.

Find out what happened next – page 2

PUBLIC MEETING at 7pm on 7th April at BedZED Pavilion: Come along and help defend one amenity that we have in Hackbridge & Beddington Corner – good access to countryside.

Time Capsule Unearthed!
Saturday 9th April; 2.30-5pm at All Saints Centre, New Rd

Kids Fun Activities ★ Music ★ Tea ★ Snacks ★ Local History Displays

Buried in the grounds of the All Saints Centre lies a time capsule marked ‘not to be opened until after July 2010’. Come and see the capsule lifted and opened! What will be in it? We expect some local history as well as Sutton’s vision for 2010….. but what was that vision?
Come and find out! and take part in an afternoon of fun activities.

There will be drawing, painting, games and a bouncy castle for children, as well as displays and stalls with information about local activities.

We will be burying a new Time Capsule: what do you think should be in it? What is your vision for the Hackbridge of 2025?

Don’t miss out on this historic event!

Tree Planting at Bedzed
Residents and friends of BedZED came together 13th March to plant 105 trees donated by the Woodland Trust – another batch will be planted around All Saints Church on Saturday 26th March – helpers welcome!

This event is organised as a partnership between All Saints Church Hackbridge, EcoLocal, Transition Town Sutton, and local Hackbridge residents.
When Marianne Rasmussen, a resident of BedZED, found out what was happening, she took action. “I phoned through to the contractors, and then Network Rail, who said that it was a health and safety issue. At present Network Rail is liable for any accident that might arise from the bridge being open. They could not stop the contractors unless there was a change of ownership of the bridge from Network Rail to Sutton.” She then ran round BedZED, Bioregional, Zedfactory and All Saints, gathering 30 people to protest against the closure.

Meanwhile two brave young women were confronting the contractors at the bridge. They tried to talk to them, but this was made difficult by the showers of sparks from the welding, which only stopped after they had unplugged the contractors’ electricity supply. By this time a small crowd of 30 concerned locals had assembled, and the project manager who was on site called a halt to the work. The contractors gathered their materials, returned to the van and left, politely – but clearly very displeased.

The irrigation bridge has been a bone of contention between Network Rail and local residents for some time. Network Rail say it is private property which belonged to Beddington Sewage Farm. However, in recent years it has been used as a footpath and the brick bridge has been a lifeline for ramblers and dog walkers wanting access to the country path which the Council has created on the other side of the railway. Network Rail has made several attempts to close off the bridge, each one being defeated by local residents.

Marianne remains mystified why Network Rail are so insistent on the bridge being closed. “My question is, why does Network Rail think the bridge is unsafe? I have asked them several times and not had a satisfactory answer.”

There will be a public meeting to show Network Rail and Sutton Council what we as local people really want. We hope the meeting will provide answers to some questions:

- **Do we value the access to Beddington farmland which the bridge gives?**
- **What reasons make it necessary to close off the bridge to pedestrians?**
- **Is the answer to transfer responsibility for the bridge to Sutton Council – and when could that happen?**

The Public Meeting will be at 7.00 on Thursday 7th April at BedZED Pavilion.

NEW BUILDING BEGINS:
I have had some difficulty locating the plans for the new developments, but these seem to be the approved versions: ‘Centrale’ block on the site of the Kelvin House (left) and the replacement for the ‘army flats’ in Hackbridge Rd, opposite the Fabric Warehouse (below).

*Jo Simister*
Get Fit, Grow Food!
Gardening is really good exercise and can burn around 340 calories per hour. If you don’t have your own garden space or perhaps aren’t that confident at gardening, then Carshalton Community Allotment could be the answer for you! Open every Friday and Sunday, you can drop in anytime between 10.30am-1pm to garden with other people. Led by an experienced food grower, you can learn as you go along, get some fresh air and meet other people. We also welcome experienced gardeners. There is no charge and you can take fresh fruit and veg home to eat. The entrance is down the track next to number 33 Colston Avenue, Carshalton.
You can increase your work-out further by walking to the allotment (20-30 minutes from Hackbridge - burning around another 300 calories) or it’s just a 5 minute walk from Carshalton Station or the 127 bus stop on North Street.
Phone 020 8770 6611 or email food@ecolocal.org.uk for more information. To receive news of other local food and environmental events, sign up to EcoLocal’s e-news at www.ecolocal.org.uk/news

Volunteer Opportunity at School Gardening Club
Hackbridge Primary School is looking for a volunteer to lead their gardening club sessions.
Could you spare an hour or so per week at lunch time or after school (3.15pm-4.30pm) to help children aged 4-11 grow food and flowers in the school grounds?
The children love gardening, and if they grow fresh fruit and veg then they are likely to want to eat it!
If you are looking for experience to get into teaching or classroom assistance, or just something rewarding to do in your spare time, then this is perfect for you!
Speak to Jacquie Fairhurst at the school to find out more, on 020 8020 8647 or email jfairhurst@suttonlea.org

CYCLING AT THE ARENA
From 10.30am to 12.30pm on Wednesdays and 10.30am to 12.30pm on Thursdays, the Sutton Arena’s athletics track is turned into a park for cycling.
For just £3 a session, adults are welcome to turn up and have a go on two, three or four wheeled cycles in a safe and supportive environment.
EcoLocal’s cycle instructors will help you take it at your own pace. You don’t even need to have ridden a bike before!
BedZED Pavilion Noticeboard
Sandmartin Way, BedZED Estate SM6 7DF (next to the field)

Hip Hop and Street Dance with X-plosion dance company

- Mondays 5.45-7.15pm Hip-Hop 4-15 years
- Mondays 7.30-8.30pm Old Skool/ New Jack Swing: all ages
- Tuesdays 5.45-6.45pm Hip Hop
- Wednesdays 7.45-8.45pm Hip Hop – adults
- Thursdays 5.00-6.15pm Hip Hop 4-11 yrs
- Fridays 4-7pm Hip Hop 12-16 yrs

ALL FEES TO BE PAID TERMLY: £40-£50 per term (10 x 1 hour classes)
Contact Natalie Ward 07723 335163; dancingdivanazza@hotmail.com

Yoga – beginners/intermediate, with meditation – starts 7th June

- Tuesdays 10.00-12 noon £7.50 per session
Contact Jo Simister 07796 410 850, josimister@yahoo.co.uk

Tai Chi Chuan for beginners with Norman Jones

- Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm £4.50 per session

Karate for all levels and ages

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

The New Possibility Committee is a Company Limited by Guarantee. Company number 5986323
Registered office: 24 Sandmartin Way, Hackbridge, Wallington SM6 7DF
Enquiries: 020 8544 5113 or bedzedpavilion@yahoo.co.uk; www.bedzedpavilion.org.uk

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Healthy, easy, affordable meals
Learn everything you need to know to cook easy, healthy and affordable recipes

FREE 3 week course
Learn all about making
- cheese sauces
- pasta dishes
- meat balls, burgers and meat loaf
- fruit crumbles
- soups
- bread…. and more

This course is designed for beginners
Evenings 6-8pm
Dates to be confirmed
Local Hackbridge venue
To go on the booking list; email food@ecolocal.org.uk or call 020 8770 6611
www.ecolocal.org.uk

WELL DONE to the Pavilion team for securing FUNDING to fit a KITCHEN – look out everyone for cooking and eating opportunities!

The Pavilion & Green Room are also available for hire (variable hourly rates depending on type of booking) Please contact: 020 8544 5113 or bedzedpavilion@yahoo.co.uk

TURN YOUR STRESS INTO REST!!!
(Math. 11: 28)
Join us every Sunday in our

SUNDAY POWER SERVICE
and see the Lord turn your:

*LACK INTO HIS ABUNDANCE

* YOUR SICKNESS INTO HEALTH

* YOUR SORROWS INTO JOY

* YOUR TROUBLE FOR DOUBLE SOLUTION

….. AND MANY MORE!!!

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LET THE EARTH PRAISE THE LORD
(Sanctuary Of Praise Ministries)

10.30AM-1PM in the main auditorium, SUTTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
55, Cheam Road, Sutton, SM1 2AX
(opposite Holiday Inn/Secombe theatre )
BUS: 151, 213 (Bus stop: Sherwood Park Rd)
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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.
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Centre Office Tel: 020 8646 1937
Email: allsaintscentre@googlemail.com

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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

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for children aged 2-5 (over 3s free- supported by LBS)
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Phone Jackie 07729 434 226

For young people:
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Baby Ballet age 3-6 Tuesday 4.00 – 4.30 pm
Ballet age 6+ Tuesday 4.30 – 5.00 pm
Phone Zoë 07968 021 406

BEAVERS (age 6-8) Wednesday 6.00 – 7.15 pm
DANCE EXPRESS (age 11+) Friday 6.15 – 8.45 pm
Phone Becky 07917 702 234

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB
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BLUE STARZ Cheerleading Squad
Age 8-14+ Tuesday 4.00 – 7.00 pm
Age 3-5 Friday 4.30 – 5.00 pm
Phone Abigail 8647 4286

Open to everyone:
BALLROOM DANCING LESSONS Saturday 7.00 – 10.00 pm
Phone Marion on 8648 7488

13th FILMCLUB Community Action 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Phone Helen on 07932039031

MIDDLECAMERA CLUB Wednesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm
www.mitchamcameraclub.com

CHEERLEARDERS Thursday 7.30 – 8.30 pm
Phone Becky 07917 702 234

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 pm

SENIOR CORNER CLUB
Bingo, singing & chat Tuesday 2.00 – 3.30 pm

March 2011
CHANGE IN THE CHURCH

Saturday 29th January saw a scene of unusual activity in All Saints church. A group of half a dozen regular worshippers spent several hours shifting furniture and taking up carpets.

It was the climax of a long process of discussions in which church members of All Saints had worked through a plan to change the east end of the church – the area where the choir and altar are and where people come up for communion. Instead of the priest being at the far end of the church, below the east window, he now leads the prayers from the middle of the chancel – where the organ is. The choir have moved to the side of the congregation, where the pulpit used to be. And the pulpit is ready to find a new home.

The new arrangement helps bring the priest and congregation closer together, and the new arrangement of the choir works really well. Choir members feel more part of the congregation, and the congregation can hear them better. And the sanctuary at the east end is now a beautiful area for private prayer and meditation.

The Church Council had originally wanted to replace the carpet with another one, but since its removal, we have seen the chequered stone paving stones. After a time of getting used to the new look, we may well opt for a Turkish-style carpet in the chancel.

Over the last 4 years, there have been other improvements: regrading the path leading to the north porch to make the church wheelchair-accessible; sanding and re-varnishing all the pews, turning them from a dismal black to a warm reddish-pine colour; and getting new hymn books which have brought a whole new range of modern worship songs into our services.

The major changes, however, still lie in the future: installing a toilet in the south porch, and having a modern kitchenette and servery at the west end for both the congregation and any community groups who want to use the space.

Rev Andrew Roland

13th FILM CLUB

How would you like to spend a fun time together with local residents each month, watch an interesting film, drink tea and eat delicious home-made cake? If so – and who wouldn’t?! – do please come along to All Saints Community Centre on the 13th of each month.

A small group of local residents have got together to organise these community gatherings – which include the showing of films – usually lasting about 45 minutes – and covering topics relating to living a simpler and less energy intensive lifestyle.

A splendid time is had by all – young and old alike – with stories, artwork – and our very own Hackbridge song, (to Yellow Submarine) – see opposite!

Times of events vary depending on which day of the week the 13th falls and on type of event. There is however always a poster outside the Community Centre (and various other places) publicising the next event. Events are free of charge – but donations are welcome to cover costs.

If you would like any further details please contact George Dow at g.dow@tiscali.co.uk or phone 020 8669 0608.
VICAR'S CORNER

“WINNING THE CLUTTER WAR”
That was the title of the book I brought home three weeks ago from Oasis, the Christian bookshop in Wallington. But before I could open it, my wife had seized it and begun a grand campaign to organise and simplify our home. For instance, all our kitchen surfaces are now completely clear. The two weapons in this war have been:
   a) plastic storage boxes, and
   b) Freecycle.
Linda has bought a huge number of plastic boxes. Our cupboards, and fridge, now consist of cartons with labels like “dairy”, “leftovers”, and “extension leads”. I now know exactly where things are – once I have asked Linda!
Linda has become a bit of a “Freecycle” addict. “Freecycle” is a website* on which people give and collect items for free. It is split up according to area, so we just get emails from Sutton people. We have got rid of quite a quantity of stuff which we don't want but someone else does – clothes, coat hangers, old blankets, tango CDs, and my old morris dancing outfit.

Simplifying our life helps give us the space to put first things first. And top of our list must be quality time for the important relationships in our lives, to spend time with our spouse and partner, not to do anything specific, just to be.

And time to be with ourselves, and with God. I find that it is only when I take my focus off myself and try to listen to God's silent voice that I get “de-magnetised” from the mental and emotional clutter I fill myself up with. My life seems to be much more creative when I give quality time to God, long enough for me to wind down, de-clutter my mind, and turn to the One who is beyond all thought or imagining. As the Bible says, “Be still, and know that I am God.” It is then that I am able to pray the simple prayer that Jesus prayed, the night before he was crucified:

“Father, your will, not mine, be done.”

Happy Easter

Andrew

* www.freecycle.org/ [Ed]

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

OLIVE TREE 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

EASTER AT ALL SAINTS

April 17th PALM SUNDAY
10.00 Parish Communion
with palm crosses and reading the story of Jesus' crucifixion

April 22nd GOOD FRIDAY
2.00 HOUR BY THE CROSS
the churches of Hackbridge invite you to an hour of hymns and reflection on the last hours of Jesus life

April 24th EASTER DAY
SURPRISE! He's alive! He is Risen!
10.00 EASTER FESTIVAL
COMMUNION for all the family!

THE SUBURB OF OUR DREAMS

Chorus:
We can live in the suburb of our dreams
Living green and clean
From Hackbridge to Cheam
(repeat – and sung between each verse)

I’m going to the Farmers’ Market
Use my oyster card on the bus
Got Squids* enough to fill my baskets
With veg aplenty for all of us
And the heart begins to beat
Deep respect for birds and bees
From east to west, above, below
Deep within, the heart’s a home
Lots of bikes, far less cars
What’s your hurry, it’s not that far
Time to walk is time to talk
Time to look up at the stars

* Squids = Sutton pounds!

Forest Donald and Russet Wendy
Upturn our dreams for 2020
With wry smiles on the green mile
They shake the head in verdant plenty
On the 13th of each month
Using tea bags more than once
Soya milk and Fairtrade tea
In Café “Chez Carbon-Free”!
(a future local currency?)
Community Diary

to advertise your event here, please notify Jo of the details via hackbridge.news@gmail.com

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<td>Dawn Chorus Walk around Mitcham Common with local bird experts – bring binoculars and torch (sunrise 5.30am)</td>
<td>Mitcham Golf Club Car Park (free parking); optional breakfast at the Golf Club afterwards. Please call or email to book a place on walk, and breakfast if required. Melanie 07944 833 605, <a href="mailto:mlnunzet@gmail.com">mlnunzet@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>Free 2-3 miles easy circular walk.</td>
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<td>Beddington Park May Day Fayre (near Cricket Club)</td>
<td>Come along to the duck stall and race a duck along the Wandle! Church Rd, Wallington, SM6 7NN; 020 8647 1014</td>
<td>Free? – stalls and entertainments</td>
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<td>Wandle to Carshalton Walk via Mitcham Common, Beddington Park and Wilderness Island</td>
<td>Get Walking Day: Meet at Mitcham Junction bus stop (on the bridge), finish at the Sun in Carshalton (or the station). Melanie 07944 833 605, <a href="mailto:mlnunzet@gmail.com">mlnunzet@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Access via the gate next to Carshalton Day Centre just off Oaks Way, Carshalton Beeches SM5 4NQ; <a href="http://www.carshaltonlavender.org">www.carshaltonlavender.org</a></td>
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