

# Community News

for

Hackbridge, Beddington Corner & Wandle Valley

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## ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS FAIR



Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

*Christmas gifts, Santa's  
Grotto*

*tombola, cakes, stalls*

2.00 – 4.00

in All Saints Centre  
New Road, Beddington  
Corner



## MYSTERY PHILANTHROPIST: DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?

- ☆ He has been credited with many miracles.
- ☆ In one story he saved three officers from death by appearing to Emperor Constantine in a dream. In another legend he provided bags of gold to a poor man as dowries for his three daughters, so they would not have to beg on the streets.
- ☆ His feast day is celebrated on December 6.
- ☆ By the 6th century his burial shrine was well known at Myra, in the modern day Antalya province of Turkey.
- ☆ In 1087 his remains were moved to Bari, Italy, which became a crowded pilgrimage centre in his honour.
- ☆ Devotion to him spread throughout the Christian world, and he was chosen patron saint of Russia and Greece.
- ☆ Thousands of churches throughout Europe have been named after him.

***DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN? – all is revealed on page three!***

## IT'S OFFICIAL: BEDDINGTON CORNER EXISTS!

Back in June 2007 we ran a front page article highlighting the scandal of the name and post code lottery that Royal Mail saddled us with. They insist on calling the old village of Beddington Corner, which dates back hundreds of years, "Mitcham", even though we are not and never were part of Mitcham. The fact that it is in fact an abbreviation of "Mitcham Corner, which Royal Mail called their post office in London Road, because of the name of the nearest railway station, helps very little.



But success, after a fashion, has come at last, in black and white and metal. The new 20 mph road signs at the entrance of Orchard Avenue, New Road and Seymour Road, state clearly that you are now entering BEDDINGTON CORNER!

Back in the 1840's Beddington Corner was a sizeable village of 60 houses, mostly strung along the London Road, housing industrial workers at the mills on the Wandle. Hackbridge was a small hamlet half the size, housing farm labourers, clustered round the old Red Lion pub. Beddington Corner was given its present character when a local builder laid out the existing street grid in the 1890's. In the London A-Z atlas, that is just what it is called. The area of Beddington Corner is in fact easy to work out. If the post code is CR4, you are in Beddington Corner. If it is SM6, you are in Hackbridge.

Let's not allow Royal Mail to take away our character. If the Post Office won't pay any attention to us, at least we can reclaim our name and use as an address:

New/Wolsley/Spencer Roads etc,  
Beddington Corner,  
near Mitcham, CR4....

Let's not let Royal Mail rob us of our heritage!

*Rev Andrew Roland*

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### **Community COOKBOOK: Sylvia's famous Bread Pudding: makes about 12 squares** *PLEASE BRING IN YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPES to Community Games Night, 8pm on Thursdays!*

1 lb / 500g cut stale loaves, at least two days old  
(brown or white or a mixture)  
4oz / 150g dried fruit – sultanas, currants etc  
2-3 tsp mixed spice  
2 eggs  
Up to a pint of milk

Put the ingredients into a bowl, mix well and leave for at least an hour (preferably overnight).

Grease a dish about 8 inches / 20cm square, pour in the mixture and smooth down.

Bake for about 1½ -2 hours on Gas 2-3 / 150 deg C until golden and springy - lower the temperature if the pudding browns too quickly.

Cool a little before cutting into 12. Sprinkle with sugar and serve warm – maybe with custard

For sprinkling over after cooking:

2 tablespoons sugar – granulated or Demerara

#### **WANDLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

*Available for Hire  
for group activities – office also  
available*

*Disabled access & toilet, kitchen*

Contact Carmen Theodoulou  
Phone 07736 167 390

#### **Want to ADVERTISE?**

**£25-£35 for a small ad, £50 per half page. Goes to 3,200 homes in the area. Short ARTICLES & PHOTOS also welcome. Please contact the editors (see back for details).**

**Deadline for next issue:  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2009**

#### **ASIA TANDOORI**

*Helping Hackbridge  
celebrate since 1980!*

*Excellent Indian food +  
Takeaway*

Open daily 6pm – midnight

0208 773 0450

www.riversidecentre.org

**TimeOut**  
youth project

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riverside centre: tues, fri, 6.30 – 8.30pm

wandle valley community centre:  
thurs, 6.30 – 8.30m

all saints centre: fri, 7.00 – 9.00pm



**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 **£3.50** for a healthy and freshly cooked 2 course meal and fruit juice. We provide a vegetarian alternative and our cook will adapt meals to meet individual dietary requirements. To join us call 0208 646 1937.*



**Wandle Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team**

**020 8721 2773**



## **DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN? SANTA CLAUS - the background**

The legend of jolly old Santa Claus, or St Nick, began with a real person: St Nicholas who lived many centuries ago. Although he is one of the most popular saints honoured by Christians, very little is actually known about him. He lived during the 4th century in Lycia, a province on the southwest coast of Asia Minor. Tradition says he was born in Patara, a seaport, and travelled to Egypt and Palestine as a young man. Eventually he became bishop of the church at Myra. During the period of persecution of Christians by Emperor Diocletian, he was imprisoned, but he was released by Diocletian's successor, Constantine the Great.

The transformation of St Nicholas into Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, began in Germany among Protestant churches. There he was called Kriss Kringle, derived from Christkindle, meaning 'Christ Child', and he became permanently associated with the Christmas season and gift giving. From there his legend spread to France, where he was called 'Pere Noel'. In the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam (now New York City) he was called 'Sinter Claes', which easily became 'Santa Claus'.

As Christmas became more widely celebrated, the legend grew. In 1823, Clement C. Moore wrote 'A visit from Saint Nicholas', portraying Santa Claus riding on a sleigh drawn by 'eight tiny reindeer', the same mode of travel he uses in Scandinavia. The first drawing of him that resembles today's Santa Claus was a cartoon by Thomas Nast that appeared in Harper's Weekly in 1866.

## NEW FACE AT COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT: Introducing Robert Walker

Last month we had a new face in All Saints Centre. Robert Walker had just come as the new Coordinator of the Community Games Night on Thursday evenings. Up to the summer we sometimes had 15 adults and 15 children all playing various games such as table tennis, Scrabble, air hockey, Connect 4 and going on the internet. Our aim is to have a place where people of all ages can come and enjoy themselves and meet others, somewhere that whole families can come.

Robert went to Hackbridge School as a boy. He recently moved back here from Oxford and wanted to get involved in the local community. He has been a scout leader, has worked helping young people in trouble and has done successful fundraising. I asked him about his hopes for the Community Games Evening. He said, *"I'd like to see more people doing a wider range of activities, and deciding what they want to make of the evening."*

On 19<sup>th</sup> November he helped organise a Bangers and Mash evening for all who had been to the Games Night in the past – for a social occasion, good food and new ideas.



*Everyone is welcome to come any Thursday evening from 7.00 – 9.00*



### THE MYSTERY PULPIT

All Saints Church has a pulpit which could be unique.

Instead of having Christian symbols on it, it is decorated with carvings of military pips and First World War 21 inch artillery shells!

How was it made and how did it come to be in All Saints?

One story is that it was made by German prisoners of war during the First World War and was put first in the iron church at New Road, (on the site of All Saints Centre), and transferred to the present All Saints in 1930.

Is there anyone out there who knows any facts about the pulpit?

If there is, the Vicar, Andrew Roland, would be delighted to hear from you, on 0208 648 3650 or [aoroland@gmail.com](mailto:aoroland@gmail.com).

### HACKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Guy Fawkes night saw the beginning of Hackbridge Community Choir, a group of local singers preparing to sing at the Christmas Carol Service on 20<sup>th</sup> December

Eight people gathered among the bangs and whistles, with ages ranging from 21 to 80, under the direction of Dan Rootham, a software engineer and member of the Bath Minerva Choir and Carshalton Choral Society.

They sang some old favourites and some less well-known ones, and paused mid-evening for tea and carrot cake. Dan said, *"My personal view is that music is a terribly important part of worship. I love church music and I think more people should get to know it. And it's a great way of bringing people together."*

***The choir meets in All Saints Centre every Thursday up to Christmas from 7.30 – 9.00.***

***Anyone is welcome to join at any time – it is for the whole community. If interested, phone Dan on 07771 701 089.***





## VICAR'S CORNER

### WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

I recently went round five houses near the church to find out what Christmas means to people. Here are the responses:

*"It means having the family round and giving love – and you can give presents as well. And putting the lights on the house and the Christmas tree."*

*"Happiness, sharing and family."*

*"Not a lot of difference to me. Remembrance Day means more. Sorry."*

*"Children, happiness, peace."*

*"It's a traditional Christian festival (my Dad is a Hindu), a celebration of the birth of Christ." The children added: "We get to open all the presents and we get lots of chocolate!"*

It means the same for me too, a family time and a bit of a rest. But Christmas for me is also about another family – the worldwide family of Christians who live in the light of God's forgiveness and the hope of resurrection. The Christmas story of Jesus birth in poverty is God's way of "giving love". We believe that in the birth of Jesus, God got involved - that as a result of Jesus' life, death and resurrection we have a way of becoming part of that family. As it says in the gospel at midnight on Christmas Eve: *"To as many as received him, who believed in his name, he gave authority to become children of God."* John 1.12

May you have a happy and peaceful Christmas

*Andrew Roland*

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month  
All Saints Church, New Road, Hackbridge  
For details please phone 020 8646 3650*

## 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**

### **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**All Saints Centre  
Sunday 6.00 Bible Study**

### **VESSEL OF GLORY MINISTRIES**

**a Pentecostal church meeting  
in All Saints Church**

**Sunday 1.30pm**

**Tel. Olive Barnor 8652 5722**

## **CHRISTMAS at All Saints**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm**  
**FESTIVAL of READINGS & CAROLS**  
*with the Hackbridge Community Choir  
followed by seasonal refreshments*

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**5.00 Carols round the crib**  
*Kids can bring their parents!*  
**11.30 Midnight Communion**  
*THE way to see in Christmas*

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**10.00 Family Christmas Communion**

Any queries? Phone 8648 3650  
**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**  
New Road  
Hackbridge & Beddington  
Corner

**Planning meeting for next issue of Community News: 8pm on 25<sup>th</sup> February**  
at All Saints Community Games Night - or send your contribution direct to [hackbridge.news@gmail.com](mailto:hackbridge.news@gmail.com)

# BedZED Pavilion Noticeboard

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



k0272394 www.fotosearch.com

## BOOKING NOW: SCOTTISH BURNS NIGHT Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 6-9pm

THIS EVENT INCLUDES A TRADITIONAL BURNS NIGHT SUPPER OF HAGGIS AND RECITATION, AND IS MORE SUITABLE FOR ADULTS THAN CHILDREN. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL!** £3 per person

Please contact: Jo 07796 410 850,

email [josimister@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:josimister@yahoo.co.uk)

or the Manager 020 8544 5113,

email [bedzedpavilion@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bedzedpavilion@yahoo.co.uk)



Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And auld lang syne!

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere!  
And gie's a hand o' thine!  
And we'll tak' a right gude-willie waught,  
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.

### Hiring BedZED Pavilion

- Excellent venue for family and children's parties and community functions.
- Popular for corporate 'away days', small conferences and meetings.
- Available for hire for activity classes (day and evening).
- Reception / social area with a bar / servery counter.
- Community / seminar space on the mezzanine floor, max capacity 60 seated.
- Wheelchair lift.
- 90m x 45m outdoor space.

Charges for rental of the Pavilion are from £10 per hour to £30 per hour depending on the type of function.



### COMING SOON - Saturdays 12 noon – 3pm

THEE BRYANS- Community Music Project.

More info on:

THEE BRYANS ON FACEBOOK

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Thee-Bryans/67571634534?ref=s>

THEE BRYANS ON MYSPACE

<http://www.myspace.com/theebryans1>

THEE BRYANS ON TWITTER

[http://twitter.com/Thee\\_Bryans](http://twitter.com/Thee_Bryans)

and of course [www.bedzedpavilion.org.uk](http://www.bedzedpavilion.org.uk)!

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES @

### 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 Teen Ballet: £25 for 6 weeks  
 Mondays 6.30-7.30pm Commercial House over 13s: £5 ) £7  
 Thursdays 4.30-6.30pm **NEW SESSION** starts January  
 Thursdays 8.15-10.00pm **NEW SESSION** starts January  
 Fridays 6-7pm Hip Hop 12-16 years beginner/intermed: £4.50  
 Fridays 7-8pm Hip Hop 12-21 years advanced: £5  
 Sundays 4.30-8.00pm  
 Contact Natalie Ward for details 07723 335163;  
[dancingdivanazza@hotmail.com](mailto:dancingdivanazza@hotmail.com)

### WELL-BEING

#### Pilates for adults with Rob Filmer

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  
**Legs, Bums and Tums** Mondays 10.30-11.20am £25/6wks  
**Aerolatino** Fridays 9.30-10.20am £5  
 Contact Natalie Ward for details 07723 335163;  
[dancingdivanazza@hotmail.com](mailto:dancingdivanazza@hotmail.com)

#### Karate

Thursdays 6.30-8.00pm **NEW SESSION**  
 Saturdays 9.30-11am, for all levels and ages;  
 Contact Carlos 07932 012159, email [kickingfrog@live.co.uk](mailto:kickingfrog@live.co.uk)

#### 'Health 2 Happiness' Pamper and Therapy Days

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month: Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, Feb  
 14<sup>th</sup>, Mar 15<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup> etc; 1-5pm.  
 1pm Tai Chi class  
 2-4pm therapy & beauty mini-sessions for  
 £2.50 upwards  
 4pm occasional workshops – see website or  
 Contact Charlotte White 07714 568 698 for more details.



### COMMUNITY

#### Thee Bryans (music workshop)

Saturdays 12 noon -3pm.  
 See website, and item on opposite page  
 Contact Peter Alfrey [littleoakgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:littleoakgroup@btinternet.com)

*\* Spring term 2010 starts 4<sup>th</sup> Jan, ends 1<sup>st</sup> April; half-term 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb*

**NB: Please note there is no onsite parking without a permit and car clampers operate at BedZED. If you have a disability and need to park nearby, please contact the activity leader or Manager in advance and we will lend you a parking permit. There is public car parking at Hackbridge station.**

*The New Possibility Committee is a Company Limited by Guarantee.  
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 Website [www.bedzedpavilion.org.uk](http://www.bedzedpavilion.org.uk)*

## News of classes, etc:

**Kickingfrog Shotokan Karate Club and Hackbridge Dojo Karate Club** meet at the Pavilion on Saturdays 9.30-11am, and are now starting a **NEW SESSION** on **Thursdays 6.30-8pm.**

This is a family-friendly karate club where both parents and children can practise together. The lessons follow a set syllabus to achieve the different grades. Gradings are held every 3 months.

'We attend several training courses every year with top English and Japanese instructors. We also take part in a summer camp and often meet for social events' says Sensei Carlos.

The club has been running for over 20 years and at the Pavilion since 2008.

Chief instructor is Sensei Gary Welch 4th Dan and Sensei Carlos is a 2nd Dan registered both with AMA and English Shotokan-Ryu. All instructors are licensed, insured and CRB checked.

## **! New Website !**

Please visit

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

and give us your feedback.

**COME DANCING  
with Ace Dance**

Ballroom & Latin for everyone  
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 GAMES NIGHT**

Every Thursday 7-9 pm, only £1.  
For local people of all ages.  
*snooker - pool - table tennis  
badminton - 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.

**Halls available**

for Children's Parties  
most afternoons  
£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.

Activities include games and sports,  
arts and crafts, music and dance,  
cooking and computers.

Only £1.50 - including a healthy  
snack.

*Call Andrew Roland on  
020 8648 3650 for further  
details or call in at the club to  
register your child.*

**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  
**CHILDMINDERS** Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30  
**LITTLE VOICES** Tuesday 10.15- 11.00  
**Phone Sherilee 07852 658 738**

**HUMPTY DUMPTY PLAYGROUP**

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

**For young people:**

**BEAVERS** (age 6-8) Wednesday 6.00 - 7.15

**ALL SAINTS JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB**

for 8-13 year olds Wednesday 3.45 - 5.45

**TIME OUT YOUTH PROJECT**

for 11-18 year olds Friday 6.30 - 8.30

**Phone Dave Lunn 020 8669 9050, 07920 056 546**

**BLUE STARZ Cheerleading Squad**

Age 5-14+ Tuesday 4.00 - 7.30

**Phone Abigail 8647 4286**

**Open to everyone:**

**ADULT HIP HOP** £5 Thursday 7.30 - 8.30pm

**Phone Natalie at X-PLOSION 07723 335 163**

**LEGS, BUMS AND TUMS** Friday 9.15 - 10.15am

**Phone James Baker 07884 431 373**

**BALLROOM DANCING LESSONS**

Saturday 7.00 - 10.00

**Phone Marion on 8648 7488**

**AEROBICS - SCOLA**

Monday 7.00 - 8.00

**COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT**

Family games night for all ages

Thursday 7.00 - 9.00

**MITCHAM CAMERA CLUB**

Wednesday 8.00 - 10.00

**www.mitchamcameraclub.com**

**MARTIAL ARTS**

Tai Chi Chuan Monday 8.30 - 9.30 pm  
Karate Monday 8.00 - 10.00 pm  
Kung Fu (Women) Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30 pm  
Kung Fu (Men) Wednesday 8.30 - 9.30 pm  
Kick Boxing Thursday 8.30 - 10.00 pm  
Karate Friday 7.00 - 8.30 pm

**COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB**

Tuesday 1.00 - 2.00

**SENIOR CORNER CLUB**

Bingo, Community singing & chat

Tuesday 2.00 - 3.30

*November 2009.*

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