

Community News

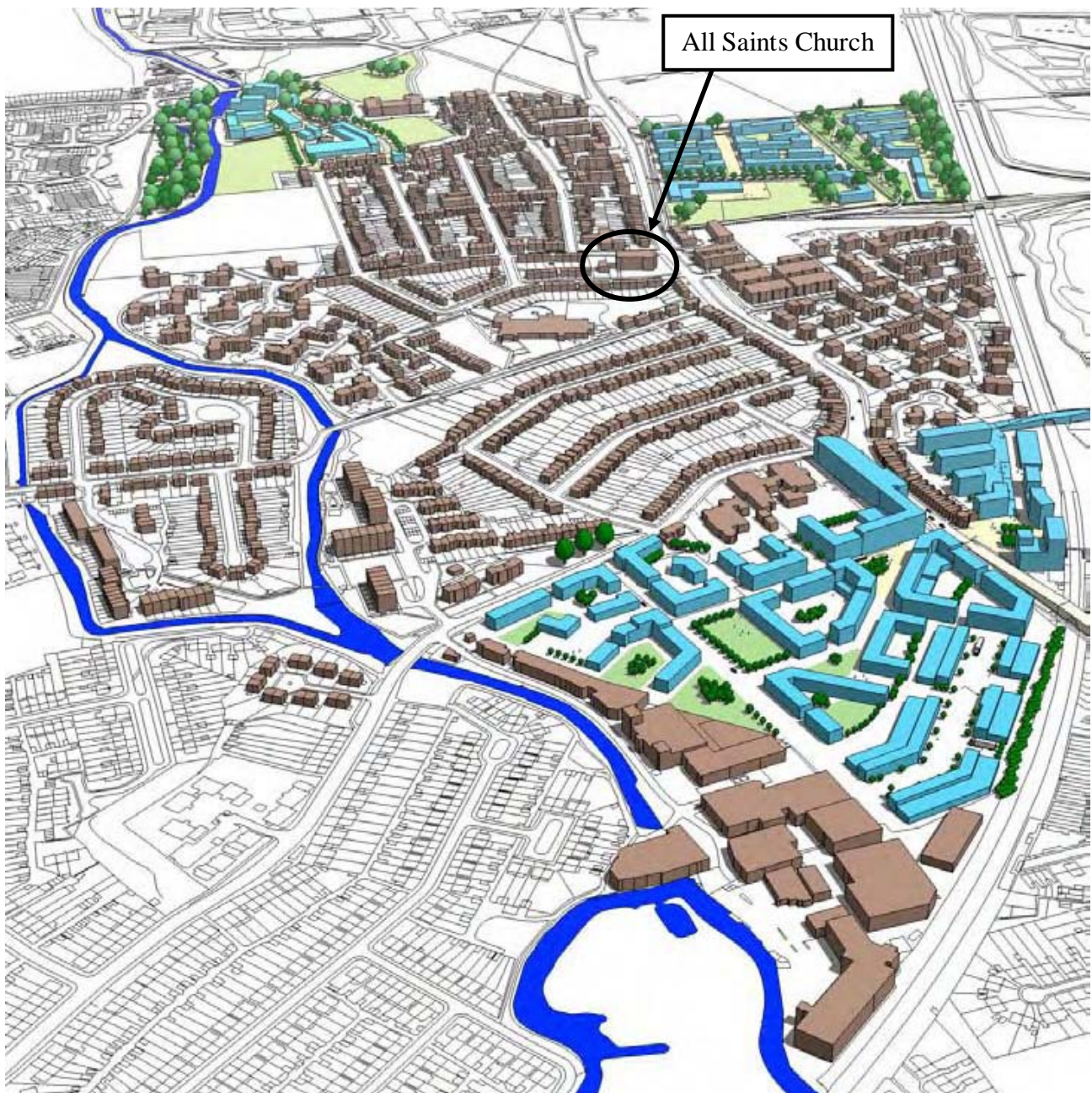
for

Hackbridge, Beddington Corner & Wandle Valley

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HACKBRIDGE – THE MASTERPLAN !



PLEASE SEE INSIDE FOR KEY AND REPORT

AT LAST!

After two years of consultation and work, Monday 24th November saw the masterplan for Hackbridge took a step forwards to reality when eight members of the Council's Planning Advisory Group met in a smallish room with about 15 concerned local residents to hear the discussion.

Hackbridge has been identified as the key area for the Council to create a "flagship sustainable regeneration project". This means to develop Hackbridge (and Beddington Corner) to give it a real sense of place, with a better centre round the junction of London Road and Hackbridge Road, better road and path links, with an emphasis on cyclists and pedestrians, and a mixed development of housing and employment.

This is all possible because there are a lot of opportunities for development. There is underused commercial space right in the middle by the railway station and on the Felnex site, as well as the Wandle Trading estate by Middleton Road. Also there is land next to BedZED where a new estate would be built, possibly with a new primary school. It would all go hand in hand with the development of better shops, amenities such as a health centre, and public open spaces. The total number of new homes would be 1,100, with the hope that that in itself would help the economic regeneration of the area.

Local residents raised some of their concerns, including the small amount of employment offered at present on the Felnex site, the lack of provision for local young people, and the difficulty of forecasting the future numbers of schoolchildren.

The next stage will be public consultation in February/March with every household receiving an explanation of the proposals. We are at the start of what could be a milestone in the history of Hackbridge. (You can download the whole document from <http://sutton.moderngov.co.uk/Published/C00000319/M00002229/AI00010013/HackbridgeMasterplanDraftFinal.pdf>)

KEY TO THE ILLUSTRATION ON FRONT COVER

- ① Mixed-use district centre providing new retail, cafes, restaurants, community and health facilities as well as housing and employment.
- ② Scale of development on Felnex site reduces away from the district centre, so ensuring development relates well to surrounding area
- ③ Streets and spaces provide new connections towards the district centre and the rail station
- ④ Improved pedestrian and cycle connections to the regional park
- ⑤ Development of land north of BedZED creates a more balanced urban structure to Hackbridge as a whole
- ⑥ New green spaces help to maintain and improve green links throughout the area
- ⑦ Development of Wandle Valley Trading Estate creates a greatly improved 'gateway' to the Wandle Trail
- ⑧ Traffic management, new cycle lanes, improved footways and new signal-controlled junction help to make London Road a much friendlier place for pedestrians and cyclists

Ace Dance
Ballroom & Latin dance for everyone!
Saturdays

Beginners: 7.00-8.00pm
General Dance: 8.00-10.00pm
Cost is £4.50 for the Evening

All Saints Centre, New Road
Contact Marion 020 8648 7488

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Independent Family Funeral Director
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Established 1881
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304 Wrythe Lane, Carshalton	8644 9607
33 High Street, Carshalton	8669 5823
15 Rowan Road, Streatham Vale	8679 3552

News from BedZED Pavilion

Sandmartin Way, BedZED Estate (next to the field)



Recent Events

We extended our Monday toddler group to older children over the summer, and worked on this 4-panel mural made of recycled materials, under the guidance of Maria Brown (left). The theme is the seasons and elements. It will be up on display shortly!



Annual General Meeting and future developments

In September we celebrated two years since the New Possibility Committee was founded. We reviewed our activities to date and presented plans for the future at an Open Meeting, and the Committee of Jo Simister (Chair), Simon Garner (Vice-Chair) and Roy Bennett (Company Secretary) was voted in to continue to lead developments, ably assisted by Leon Pearson, the Project Manager. Please see inside for more on our activities and how you can support us.....

As well as an exhibition of photos from the past eighteen months, there were refreshments and a chance to make suggestions for future developments, particularly relating to the development of the field as an amenity for the community. This illustration draws together the suggestions to date.



BedZED Pavilion: The Field
Possible Layout, incorporating suggestions to Sept 08

If you would like to pick up an A4 blank to submit your ideas, some are available in All Saints Centre or at the Pavilion, or you can download from www.bedzedpavilion.org.uk. Please let us have your ideas by Friday 9th January – you can pop the form into the letterbox at 24 Sandmartin Way

Activate London Funding:

Big Lottery Funding has enabled us to offer a number of wellbeing activities at minimal cost, and we hope to implement a couple more programmes during the next months.



Intercultural Events:

April – an Arabian Night with food from the Levant and belly dancing;
July – American style with Tex-Mex food and line dancing; October – food and dance from Ghana..... travel the world with us!
Next stop: China on 10th January – see box opposite for details.



Sunday Oasis

Every Second Sunday of every month: 11th Jan, 8th Feb, 8th Mar, *NB: 5th April, 10th May.*

FREE ACTIVITIES – e.g. CIRCUS SKILLS 1pm, DANCE 2pm

PAMPER – therapy & beauty mini sessions 3-5pm £1.50

REFRESHMENTS – 12noon-4pm

BIKESTREET CYCLE MAINTENANCE SKILLS

bikestreet

FREE cycle maintenance course covering all aspects of bicycle maintenance and repair, with the EcoLocal Bikestreet project. AQA qualification awarded on completion of 6 week course (1 hour per week). Limited to 6 places, please contact us to confirm times or to register.

BedZED Butterflies:

We have had great fun this year with activities inside and out, with music and messy play and food and all sorts....

Why not join us? £3 per structured session (*save by paying by the half term in advance*); Mondays 9.45-11.45am or 1-3pm



And finally, an opportunity:

BedZED Pavilion is a community centre for the whole of Hackbridge. The three voluntary trustees whom you have voted to continue as the New Possibility Committee need your involvement in the running of the activities and services. We want to keep the centre as a community space which is run by and for the community.

How can you become involved?

- As a co-opted member of the management committee – come to meetings (regularly or occasionally) and make your opinion count!
- Help with admin – we are seeking to employ an admin assistant for the equivalent of one day a week. You need computer skills in basic Microsoft programmes.
- Can you cook? We are looking for someone to share the responsibility for Monday lunches and the catering for various events like the Sunday Oasis programme.
- Do you like plants – indoor or outdoor? We love the few plants we have inside the Pavilion, but we could have more..... but we need a couple of people to be responsible for their care.
- Then there is also the development of the field (once Thames Water have finished digging it up), which will include a garden. Are you up for some community leadership in making ideas a reality – perhaps even getting sponsorship and TV involvement!
- Can you fund-raise? We always need financial support for community activities.
- Would you like to run an activity – whether for a one-off session or a few weeks? (You need to be CRB checked for work with children and other vulnerable groups.)
- Do you just have ideas you'd like us to consider?

Just contact us! Remember – if you don't have your say, you cannot complain we are not serving your needs!

We hope to see you soon!

Jo Simister

Coming Soon:

CHINESE NIGHT

10th January 2009, 6-9pm

Traditional food and activity – please bring a cushion!

LIMITED PLACES so booking ESSENTIAL - £2 per person 5 years and over:

Please contact Jo on 07796 410 850 or josimister@yahoo.co.uk

The New Possibility Committee is a company limited by guarantee.

Registered Office: 24 Sandmartin Way, Hackbridge, SM6 7DF (off Helios Road)

Enquiries: Please contact 020 8544 5113 or email benzedpavilion@yahoo.co.uk

Website www.bedzedpavilion.org.uk; Company Number 5986323

REGULAR ACTIVITIES @

BEDZED
PAVILION

BEDZED BUTTERFLIES: Pre-school MUSIC, ART AND MESSY PLAY

Mondays during school terms* 9.45-11.45am or 1-3pm; led by Karen Evans NVQ and Charlotte Ryan NNEB; £3 per session SAVER: PER HALF TERM £15

BALLET ages 4-9 With Zoe Hodges from TheatreBug.

Tuesdays during school terms*, starting 6th Jan; 3.50-4.20pm; £2.50 per session

STREET DANCE ages 4-9 With Zoe Hodges from TheatreBug.

Tuesdays during school terms*, starting 6th Jan; 4.30-5.15pm; £2.50 per session.

IMPROVERS CHESS With Wallington & Carshalton Chess Club

Thursdays 5.45-7.15pm (during school terms* – restarts ???) £3 per session;

Contact prescottlaurie@hotmail.com or 020 8404 4953

Children

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

AEROBICS With Sue Burgess – New Year general fitness 12 week programme

Thursdays 9.15-10.15am £3.50 per session

CHAIR EXERCISE With Sue Burgess – for seniors and those with mobility problems

Fridays 12-12.45pm £??

Well-being

VEGZED LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

Sundays 11am-1pm. A weekly market for fresh and local fruit, vegetables and other foods, bought direct from the farmer.

Contact Leon 07915 094415, email leon@vegzed.org.uk or visit www.vegzed.org.uk

COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays 1-2pm during school terms*. Freshly prepared soup & hot dishes, bread, cakes and desserts etc simple, seasonal, and inexpensive!

WALLINGTON & CARSHALTON CHESS CLUB

Thursdays 5.45-7.15pm Improvers (during school terms* – restarts 18th Sept) £3 per session;
7.30-10.30pm Main Club; contact Alan Hare 020 8669 3043; www.wallingtonchess.co.uk

KARATE for all

Saturdays 9.30-11am, for all levels and ages;

KARATE for age 50+ (Stay Active Everyday prog)

Saturdays 11.15am-12.15pm, introduction for age 50+

contact Carlos 07932 012159, email kickingfrog@live.co.uk

Community

*Spring term 2009: 5th Jan – 3rd April, with half-term break 16th-20th February

VICAR'S CORNER

We have pretty high expectations of Christmas. We no longer expect ideal weather – the odds are 7-1 against having a white Christmas. But we do expect lots of food and drink, our children expect the latest electronic gadgets, and we expect to have a lovely time with all family members being kind and jolly and patient with each other for 48 continuous hours. When our expectations aren't met, we can sink into a depression and wish Christmas had never been invented. That is particularly true for people on their own, when knowing that others are with their families can make their loneliness worse.

So what should we expect of Christmas? It all hinges on whether we have a do-it-yourself Christmas, which can mean reducing ourselves to a frazzle trying to come up to other people's expectations, or we buy into the two thousand years of Christian experience.

For almost 2,000 years the centrepiece of the midwinter festival has been a baby born in a cave and sleeping in an animal feeding trough. (The stable was in fact a cave under the house where animals were kept during winter. That cave is still there, under the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem). Christians believe that in that baby, born into poverty, we see God entering our world to share our life – and death. The purpose was to welcome us into a family relationship with him, and therefore with all other men and women on earth.

So the heart of Christmas is worship. That is why I recommend that together with all the family festivities, we factor into our Christmas plans a visit to church, where we can sing the well known carols, hear the well known story, and enjoy an hour when we focus on a greater love where we can drop our busyness and receive the Christmas present that God has ready for us.

Andrew Roland

**Prayer through singing & silence
using the chants of the community of
Taize**
7.00pm Sunday 6th December

An experience of real peace and prayer
in All Saints Church, New Road,
followed by coffee and home-made cakes
and open discussion.

Everyone welcome, whatever your belief.

CHRISTMAS at ALL SAINTS

Sunday 21st December

7.00pm

FESTIVAL OF READINGS & CAROLS

with the Reeves Singers

+ mulled wine & mince pies after.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday 24th December

5.00pm

CAROLS ROUND THE CRIB

a celebration for children and families

11.30pm

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

THE way to welcome in Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday 25th December

10.00am

FAMILY CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

All welcome!

On your own at Christmas?

Ring Rev Andrew Roland

0208 648 3650

CHURCHES IN HACKBRIDGE

ALL SAINTS CHURCH (CofE)

New Road, CR4 4JL

Sunday 10.00 Parish Communion
& Young Church

7.00 Evening Prayer

Details from: Rev Andrew Roland 8648 3650

APOSTOLIC CHURCH *meeting in the Centre*

Sunday 11.00 – 1.00 Worship

2.00 – 3.00 Youth Meeting

Details from: John Quarcoopome 8395 5794

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

meeting in All Saints Centre

Saturday 10.00 – 1.00

Details from: Dusan

CHURCH OF CHRIST *All Saints Centre.*

Sunday 6.00pm Bible Study

ALL SAINTS CENTRE

New Road, Centre Office Tel: 020 86461937

Halls for Rent

£10.00 groups £6 individuals – off peak
Children's Parties Sat & Sun afternoons £25 per hr

For parents, carers and young children

PARENT & TODDLERS Tues 9.30 – 11.30

LITTLE VOICES Mon & Tues 10.15 – 11.10

Phone Sherilee 07852 658 738

CHILDMINDERS Weds 9.30 – 11.30

HUMPTY DUMPTY PLAYGROUP

for children aged 25 (over 3's free)
Monday to Friday, 9.30 – 12.00 noon
Phone Jackie for details 07729 434 226

For young people

BEAVERS (age 68) Wed 6.00 – 7.15

CUBS (age 8-10 1/2) Friday 6.45 – 8.15

STAGES Theatre School Sat 3.00 – 7.00

Phone Claire 0772 5945 141

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

for 8-13 year olds Wed 3.45 – 5.45

BLUE STARZ Cheerleading Squad

Age 5-14 Mon 4.30 – 6.30

Age 14+ Tues 5.00 – 7.00

phone Abigail 8647 4286

For the whole community

BALLROOM DANCING LESSONS

Phone Marion on 8648 7488

AEROBICS – SCOLA Mon 7.00 – 8.00

MAKING HACKBRIDGE HAPPY

Tabletop games night for all ages and families

Thurs 7.00 – 9.00

MITCHAM CAMERA CLUB

Wed 8.00 – 10.00

www.mitchamcameraclub.com

MARTIAL ARTS

Tai Chi Chuan Mon 8.00 – 9.00

Kung Fu Wed 8.30 – 10.00

Karate Friday 7.30 – 9.30

For older people

LUNCHEON CLUB Local Senior Citizens

Tues 1.00 – 2.00

Phone Keith or Centre Office 8646 1937

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Visits once a Month on Tuesday

SENIOR CORNER CLUB

Bingo, Community singing & chat

Tues 2.00 – 3.30

SENIOR LUNCH CLUB

For local elderly people. The cost is only £ 2.50
for a healthy and freshly cooked 2 course meal.

Every Tuesday at 1 pm.

COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT

For local people of all ages, 8 to 80. Children
are welcome to come along with parents.

Games include snooker, table tennis, badminton,
air hockey, and board games like scrabble and
chess and Connect 4.

Plus computers and internet.. Cost just £1.

Thursdays 7-9 pm.

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

For girls and boys aged 8 to 13.

Games and sports, arts and crafts, music and
dance, cooking and computers. Cost only

£1.50. **Wednesdays, termtime, 3.45-
5.45 pm**

ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

Internet access in our computer room can be
used for research, including family and local
history, as well as games and e-mail.

Experienced volunteer available to help
newcomers access the internet.

Cost is only 50p for 30 minutes

Tuesdays 11 am-12 noon + 2-3 pm

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