

# Community News

for

## Hackbridge, Beddington Corner & Wandle Valley

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### Would you like the S1 bus to come back to Hackbridge?

Many local people would like to see the S1 back in Hackbridge, in a way which brings a bus closer to our homes and helps us get to the places we need.

The suggested route would come direct from Mitcham Junction to Hackbridge, turning into Longfield Avenue, then Link Road and left into Hackbridge Road to the bus stop already served by the 151 and 127, and not too far from the station.

It would then turn back into London Road, turn left along New Road and into the Mullards Estate (not too far from the 80 route), right into Spencer Road and Wood Street, then left into Wolseley Road and on to Mill Green Road where it would resume its existing route.

Advantages:

- a link point with other services
- improved access to the tram at Mitcham Junction
- improved access to schools, community centres, shops, churches, doctors and so on for all the estates in Hackbridge and Beddington Corner
- part of the future transport network in Hackbridge

**Please contact Roy 020 8773 9879 to give your support.**

Come and help us design a new **website** for the

**COMMUNITY NEWS** – discussions on Thursdays 8pm at the  
**Community Evening at All Saints.**



### HIP-HOP COMES TO HACKBRIDGE:

**Monday** afta school 4.45-5.45

7-11year olda street beats £4.50

**Wed eve** Bashment course 6 weeks starting  
1st April 7.45-8.45pm

£25 for the course or £5 a class

**Fri eve** 6-7pm Hip Hop don't stop

11-15 year olds intermediate £4.50

**Fri eve** 7-8pm Hip Hop-ography 16+ years £5

*All at BedZED Pavillion, off Helios Rd*

*Call Natalie on 07723335163 for more info*

## Future Hackbridge – latest news



Public Consultation on the draft Hackbridge Masterplan has been underway for a number of weeks, with the 6-week consultation period ending on 25 March 2009.

Proposals include:

- Building over 1,000 new, energy efficient homes
- Heat and powered from locally produced renewable sources
- New employers attracted to provide more local jobs
- Roads, pavements, bridges and more improved to encourage walking, cycling and public transport
- New parks and open spaces
- More shops and entertainment.

A community workshop was held recently on 18 March 2009, with tremendous interest with over 50 attending the event.

The workshop provided a great opportunity to exchange invaluable local knowledge and ideas on key elements of the draft plan. The main topics discussed including the Overall Approach/ The New District Centre, New Homes/ Jobs, Getting Around, and Open Space and Parks. The draft masterplan document is available to view on the Council's website [www.sutton.gov.uk/hackbridge](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/hackbridge) and is also available at selected Council offices, local libraries and at the exhibition at the All Saints Community Centre.

A summary report on feedback from the community workshop will be made available April 2009. A report will also be made available from the wider public consultation with a summary of responses and Council considerations June 2009.



### *A Walk along the River Wandle*

*Some observations of living near the river, from local resident Ron Alfrey*

On July 31<sup>st</sup> 1979 a tremendous thunderstorm brought the Wandle into my cellar, and it was pumped out by the local fire brigade – now a culvert pipe takes away most of the flood water. It happened within three days of me moving into Wood Street. The same thing happened again in 1979 – though not so badly. Since then, one has to inform the house insurance company of flood risk, at a cost of more money on the premium.

But the river is usually a lovely neighbour. The local wildlife has been flourishing with the help of the water authority, who have introduced fish of various types – perch, roach, dace, carp, chub, and barbell – some to reasonable weights on catching and returning to the river. Also the birdlife is doing well, with a little egret being in residence all the year round, plus rig-necked parakeets squawking all over the place, a little grebe, a sparrow hawk, a kingfisher darting along, a few cormorants looking like black witches when drying their wings after a fishing foray – and of course the various ducks.

I remember in the early years we saw water voles, but not any more due to habitat destruction. There is an awful amount of debris thrown into the poor old river!

*More on River Wandle Clean-ups next time – or visit [www.wandletrust.org](http://www.wandletrust.org)*

## **SAVE THE DATE!! Hackbridge Carnival - Saturday 27 June 2009**

Theme for 2009: '**Past, Present, Future of Hackbridge**'. The parade departs 12.30pm from Culvers House Primary School and ends at Hackbridge Primary School in Hackbridge Road, where there will be live music, dance, open air theatre and workshops. We are looking for a range of acts such as dance, drama and live music to perform at the Carnival - **please register interest by 13 May 2009.**

**If you, your group, school or organisation, would like to be involved in the Hackbridge Carnival Parade, please register interest by 13 May 2009.** Walkers, marching bands, dancers, (any form of sustainable transport) are welcome to join in.

**Please contact Bernie Kemble by:** email - [bernadette.kemble@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:bernadette.kemble@sutton.gov.uk), phone 020 8770 5621.

In January Sgt Tom O'Donoghue took over as team supervisor for the Wandle Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Home Security

It is a good time to make sure that your property is safe and secure to prevent any burglar's easy access. Make sure that the doors have strong fitting locks on them and review your lighting and alarm systems. You should check the security of your shed or garage, as they are often full of expensive tools to steal or use to break into the house. Do not leave a garage or garden shed unlocked, especially if the garage has a connecting door to the house as it may also provide an access route to your home.

Vehicle Security

You should also make sure that your vehicle is locked and secure at all times. If you follow the precautions below hopefully you can reduce your vehicle being a target.

- Don't leave anything on view in your car.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Never leave the keys in the ignition when your car is unattended.
- Disconnect your Sat Nav, remove the suction mounted fittings and erase any marks that are left every time you leave your vehicle.

For more information regarding any of the above please contact the Wandle Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team on 0208 721 2773. If you would like to speak to us face to face then we hold a surgery at the All Saints Community Centre once a month for an hour on a Tuesday morning from 11.00am –12.00pm. Dates of the Surgery are as follows:

10 <sup>th</sup> February	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	6 <sup>th</sup> October
10 <sup>th</sup> March	14 <sup>th</sup> July	3 <sup>rd</sup> November
7 <sup>th</sup> April	11 <sup>th</sup> August	
5 <sup>th</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> September	

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**COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB**

Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. we run a Community Luncheon Club for local people. **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.

We are also visited on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tuesday of each month by the mobile library.

To join us call 0208 646 1937.

## HACKBRIDGE AND THE CRUNCH

How is the recession hitting Hackbridge & Beddington Corner? I spoke to T Khan, the manager of the Asia Tandoori, our local Indian restaurant to find out. T Khan has been at the Tandoori ever since it opened in 1980, and this is what he said:

*"Business has definitely slowed down. The slowdown started some time ago, about four years. But 2007 was a good year. In 2008 it got worse. Now we are busy one week and then not busy for three. Business is 30% of what it was. With the housing market in a slump, everyone's money goes down. And the media are making a lot of people frightened to spend money. They are much more conscious of the cost of going out. When the phone in for a takeaway they now ask the prices of things.*

*"It is more difficult for us because costs are going up. Rice has doubled in price from £15 to £30 per sack and other food costs have doubled. Gas and electricity bills have gone up. But we have not put up our prices because people could not afford it."*

Manjit Singh of the A & J Mimi market at the corner of Spencer Road confirmed the downturn. Business in January and February was 10 – 15% down on the same period last year, though he thinks it might be starting to pick up. Perhaps with spring in the air, we will all feel a bit happier and things might begin to get better.

*Rev Andrew Roland*

## CHANGING CHURCH

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February was wet and bitterly cold as a small group battled their way to All Saints church. There was the archdeacon Tony Davies, Fr John Thewlis from Carshalton, a heating expert and three architects – two of them from Zedfactory, the architects who designed BedZED and whom All Saints has engaged to draw up plans for the church. They had come to look at the proposal to bring changes to the church to help it serve the community better in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Top of the list for everybody was a toilet. (I don't know how folk were expected to manage when the church was built in 1930). The church's plans met with general approval, provided we keep the wonderful carved wooden doors in place. There was a lot of discussion about the kind of kitchen which the church needed at the back of the church. (We use the church already for men's breakfasts, fellowship suppers and coffee after church). Our architect, Matthew Hoad, had sketched some fine ideas for an enclosed kitchen, but this may not be needed if we only want to provide drinks and snacks. The Parish Church Council is discussing this at the end of March.

The idea of moving communion nearer the congregation and having a prayer area beyond it was liked, provided we use the existing magnificent carved wooden altar as a centrepiece. Everyone was anxious that there would be no changes that would detract from what Fr John called *"the most beautiful church in Sutton"*.

We also talked a lot about energy-saving suggestions. Matthew has drawn up plans for solar panels on the south-facing roof, which would work well alongside a more efficient lighting system. The big question was heating. How do you heat an enormous space like All Saints when you need it warm only at certain times, and when so much heat simply escapes through the roof? We have been looking at putting in a wood pellet boiler instead of the existing gas one. We also discussed the possibility of insulating the roof – taking off all the tiles and putting a foot of insulation material on; it would probably cost over £50,000, before we did anything about the heating system itself. Another idea was to provide hot seat cushions for each person who came in! We concluded we needed to do a lot more research.

Bringing change to a church building is never a quick or easy job. So much has to be considered and thought through. But with the help of Matthew Hoad and Zedfactory, and the advisers from the diocese, we have made an excellent start.

*Rev Andrew Roland*

Q. What does this say? Hdnjueiksleo

A. Water - H to O - H<sub>2</sub>O

Q. What is a shoe shop's favourite customer?

A. A millipede



## VICAR'S CORNER

We are coming up to Good Friday and Easter, when Christians over all the world celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. On Good Friday churches often reflect on the last words of Jesus as he died slowly on the cross. Three of his most striking ones are:

*“Father, forgive them they do not know what they are doing.”* Jesus said this as the soldiers were nailing him to the cross. In saying this, he nailed forgiveness at the centre of every Christian's life. It is often incredibly hard to forgive, but when we do, we ourselves are liberated. And we know from Jesus' example that God is always willing to help us forgive if we ask him.

*“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* Jesus uttered this cry of despair near the end of his life, as he felt the full power of evil in our world. I find it strangely comforting to know that however bleak or despairing I may feel, Jesus has been there before, and he could still say it all to God.

*“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”* His dying words, in the gospel of Luke, are words taught by Jewish mothers to their children as a night time prayer. It speaks of trust and peace, knowing that the one we will come to after this life is not some remote monarch but “Father”.

Wishing you a happy Easter.

*Andrew Roland*

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER at All Saints Church, New Road

**PALM SUNDAY** 5<sup>th</sup> April  
**10.00 PARISH COMMUNION**  
*with giving of palm crosses*

**GOOD FRIDAY** 10<sup>th</sup> April  
**2.00 HOUR BY THE CROSS**  
*reflection on Jesus' last words*  
*followed by tea & hot cross buns*

**EASTER DAY** 12<sup>th</sup> April  
**10.00 FESTIVAL COMMUNION**  
*All welcome*

### 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 8648 3650**

**APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
All Saints Centre, New Road  
**Sunday 11.00 – 1.00 Worship**  
**2.00 Youth Meeting**  
**Tel. John Quarcoopome 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**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### LUNCH CLUB CO-ORDINATOR

at the Tuesday Community Lunch Club at All Saints Centre about 40 people come, mostly from the Senior Corner Club and Sutton Mencap.

We have an excellent cook and several volunteers. Keith will help the person settle in. *If interested, please contact Andrew Roland on 0208 648 3650*

### CHURCH TREASURER

After sterling service, our Church Treasurer finds that the pressure of work no longer allows her to carry on. So we are looking for someone who would be willing to take on this key task in the life of our church from May.

*Please contact Andrew Roland or the churchwardens if you think this is a possibility. 0208 648 3650*

### JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Volunteers are needed to support the Junior Youth Club on Wednesday afternoons, 3.45 – 5.45, including set up.

We have about 20 young people aged 8 to 13 and have a varied set of activities including games and drama.

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**Deadline for next issue:**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup> 2009**

# BedZED Pavilion Noticeboard

Sandmartin Way, BedZED Estate (next to the field)



2nd Sunday of each month, 1-5pm or later...

April 5<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, etc

**Wellbeing...**

**Pampering...**

**Activities...**

## What's on?

1pm to 5pm: Open for home-baked refreshments, new and nearly new books, wellbeing stalls and consultations and more...

2pm to 3pm: Free try-out activity class, such as Latin/ line dancing or salsa.

3pm to 5pm: Pamper Mini-Sessions for £1.50, with extra treatments £5 – or have a longer session for £6.50.

Therapies include Reflexology, Indian Head Massage, and Back/Neck/Shoulder Massage, SAD light treatments on dull days....

Beauty treatments include eye-brow threading, mini-manicure....

*Book your session as soon as you arrive.*

## KARATE NEWS

The Karate club is currently doing well and we are approaching 1 year of activity! We are also working with the Sutton Borough Council by providing free of charge classes for anyone over 50 years of age.

**Saturdays 9:30 to 11 am.**

**All ages welcome. Over 50's free of charge.**

Contact Carlos 07932 012159 [kickingfrog@live.co.uk](mailto:kickingfrog@live.co.uk)

## Summer Yoga & Meditation

Tuesday mornings 10am-12noon, 2<sup>nd</sup> June-7<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> Aug-8<sup>th</sup> Sept. £7 per session, or £35 advance registration for six sessions (= one session free).

Yoga brings many benefits and is especially useful for maintaining calm, flexibility and mobility. It also helps with asthma, stress, weight problems and addictions. It is suitable for all shapes and ages – you don't have to be willowy!

This class is very popular with people whose usual classes stop during the summer months, but is also open to people who have not done yoga before.

Sessions include breathing, postures, movements and relaxation, and we set aside the final half hour for meditation. Minimum of 8 members needed.

Please contact Jo 07796 410 850 for further details or email [josimister@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:josimister@yahoo.co.uk) – or contact Leon 8544 5113 or [bedzedpavilion@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bedzedpavilion@yahoo.co.uk) ..



## ADVANCE NOTICE:

# SPANISH NIGHT

Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm

*Food and Flamenco*

£2 per person over 5 years (under 5s free)

Booking ESSENTIAL! Please contact:

Jo 07796 410 850 [josimister@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:josimister@yahoo.co.uk)

or Leon 020 8544 5113 [bedzedpavilion@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bedzedpavilion@yahoo.co.uk)



*Danielle Allan performing with members of her student flamenco dance company Flamenco Con Gusto (photos: Tony Barranco)*

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: HARVEST MAGIC 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 6-9PM**

**Are you interested in Bird-watching?**

**Look out for details of an exciting new project in the next issue!**

# REGULAR ACTIVITIES @



## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### **BedZED Butterflies parent and toddler group:**

Mondays during school terms\* 9.45-11.45am; £1.50 per session including refreshments

### **Dance with Zoe Hodges from Theatrebug:**

*Ballet ages 4-9* Tuesdays during school terms\*, 3.50-4.20pm; £2.50 per session

*Street Dance ages 4-9* Tuesdays during school terms\*, 4.30-5.15pm; £2.50 per session.

### **Hip Hop and Street Dance with Natalie:**

*7-11 years mixed ability* Mondays 4.45-5.45pm

*11-15+ yrs intermediate* Fridays 6-7pm

*16+ yrs mixed ability* Fridays 7-8pm

Contact Natalie Ward 07723 335163; [dancingdivanazza@hotmail.com](mailto:dancingdivanazza@hotmail.com)

## WELL-BEING

### **Legs, Bums and Tums:**

Mondays 6.30-7.30pm; Contact Jackie Diss 07845 316262; [jackiediss@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiediss@hotmail.com)

### **Body toning workout:**

Mondays 7.30-8.30pm; Contact Jackie Diss 07845 316262; [jackiediss@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiediss@hotmail.com)

### **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

### **Karate:**

Saturdays 9.30-11am, all levels and ages; Contact Carlos 07932 012159, [kickingfrog@live.co.uk](mailto:kickingfrog@live.co.uk)

## COMMUNITY

### **VegZED Local Produce Market:**

Sundays 10am-12 noon; Contact Leon 07915 094415, [leon@vegzed.org.uk](mailto:leon@vegzed.org.uk), [www.vegzed.org.uk](http://www.vegzed.org.uk)

### **Community lunches:**

Mondays & Fridays 1-2pm during school terms\*. Freshly prepared soup, hot dishes, bread, cakes and desserts. Please contact us to receive the weekly menu.

### **Wallington & Carshalton Chess club:**

Thursdays 7.30-10.30pm: contact Alan Hare 020 8669 3043; [www.wallingtonchess.co.uk](http://www.wallingtonchess.co.uk)

*\*Summer Term 2009: Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> July, with half-term break 25<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> May.*

**NB: There is no on-site parking without a permit, but if you have a disability, please contact us in advance and we will lend you a parking permit. There is public car parking at Hackbridge station.**

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Activities include games and sports,  
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**Only £1.50 - includes a  
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Call Keith on 07982 721 496  
for further details or call in  
at the club to register your  
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**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  
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**LITTLE VOICES** Tuesday 10.15- 11.00  
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**For young people:**

**BEAVERS** (age 6-8) Wednesday 6.00 – 7.15  
**CUBS** (age 8-10½) Friday 7.00 – 8.30  
**STAGES Theatre School** Saturday 3.00 – 7.00  
**Phone Claire 07725945141**

**ALL SAINTS JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB**

for 8-13 year olds Wednesday 3.45 – 5.45

**BLUE STARZ Cheerleading Squad**

Age 5-8 Monday 4.30 – 6.30  
Age 9-14+ Tuesday 5.00 – 7.00  
**Phone Abigail 8647 4286**

**Open to everyone:**

**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](http://www.mitchamcameraclub.com)**

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Tai Chi Chuan Monday 7.30 – 9.30  
Kung Fu Wednesday 8.30 – 10.00  
Karate Friday 7.00 – 8.30

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**SENIOR CORNER CLUB**

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March 2009.

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