HEDCA Chairman's Chat No.6

HARDWAY ELSON DISTRICTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – NOVEMBER 2026

HEDCA Members,

Six months have passed since my last newsletter, so the Summer updates are part of the past to me in respect of HEDCA events and activities, because as you may or may not be aware, sadly my wife Lyn of 49 years had been chronically ill since April and passed away in July, so I have been 'out of touch'. I would therefore like to formally take this opportunity to thank the Social Club & HEDCA Management Committees (HMC) and all volunteers for their past work, particularly during these months in my absence, which is personally truly appreciated. However, *life goes on* and I have to adjust and continue …

The HEDCA AGM was held on the 23rd June with the following appointments:-

HMC Trustees: & HMC Committee Members	Ron Jeffrey, Alison Wagstaff (Pre-School Manager), Gary Jeffrey
HMC Chair:	Les Heyhoe BCAv; Vice-Chair - Sylvie Hasson;
HMC Committee:	Treasurer - Lorraine Charley; Secretary - Bev Wyatt; Gill Hughes - Bingo Rep.
Social Chair:	Matt Wagstaff Vice-Chair Janice McCaulder
Social Committee:	Treasurer - Gary Jeffrey; Secretary - Tina Sisk; Cheyanne Taylor; Gill Hughes; Rich Lewis; Lisa Jolliffe.
Social Employees:	Rachel Golding - Bar Manager (staff as at 01/11/26) Janice McCaulder - Assistant Bar Manager Katt Pyle / Amanda Searle / Poppy Richardson / Cheyanne Taylor Rich Lewis
HMC Employees:	David Eves Office Administrator Colin Marshall Caretaker Lorraine Charley Cleaner (Self-Employed)

All the above appointments are voluntary except for those stated as employees (paid by the HMC / Social Committees).

If you want to consider becoming involved to 'have your say' with ideas, suggestions and proposals and be part of what's going on within HEDCA and you are able to spare a few hours a month to be part of this association, then contact or speak with any committee member or contact me to find out some information and what is involves before deciding if you want to join a committee?

Monthly meetings of the HEDCA Management Committee (HMC) are held 7.30pm on the 2nd Wednesdays i.e. 11th Nov & 9th Dec for 2026 and thereafter for 2027.

Monthly Social meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesdays.

ANY ITEMS FOR AOB? Discuss with a Committee Member





HEDCA Pre-School Manager Alison & Staff invited the children and their parents to bring into school food items for them to be donated to the local registered charity food bank of "Jacobs Well" in celebration of the "Harvest Festival". Jacob's Well Manager Lorraine Molyneux, said 'I'm very grateful for the thoughtfulness of the children & parents and so will the recipients be of those that will receive the much-needed food, THANK YOU!"

The Pre-School children have been busy this term, planting seeds to see whether they could grow an Enormous Turnip, just like the one they've been hearing about in a story that has been read to them. They've even had a go at chopping and mashing some turnips before having a taste!



As mentioned above, the children and their families and Pre-School staff generously contributed items of food to the Harvest Festival basket for the Jacobs Well foodbank to help support families in the local community.

The children (and staff) enjoyed making a scarecrow for their garden, stuffing it with straw, and creating its face.

After many suggestions, the scarecrow was decided as being female and a name chosen as …

ROSIE

I'm sure you'll all agree with me, that Rosie looks great and the children did a marvelous job in her construction – well done.

"Pink Cuppa & Cake Afternoon" 29th October 2026





The Pink Cuppa & Cake Afternoon took place at HEDCA from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM supporting 'Pink October' Breast Cancer awareness month. The event held in the HEDCA lounge saw members and guests donate and contribute via the purchase of games, raffle, guess the weight of the cake and tombola. Plus other forms of fundraising.

Organized by Ellevents (Lisa Jolliffe) in conjunction with HEDCA volunteers and in collaboration with other supporting groups. A special mention of support for the operation of a "Pay What You Can" bridal gown and dress rail by owner Amy of The Bridal Hall.

The event raised a magnificent sum of **£493.50** for **Breast Cancer Now … awesome!**



You may or may not have noticed that located to the right of the kitchen window on entering HEDCA is a 'newly placed' **Defibrillator**.

This life-saving equipment will hopefully never have to be used but is there waiting and ready, should the occasion arise?

The Defibrillator was generously donated by **Sharon Brady** in association with **The Gosport Road Runners** and kindly installed by Electrical Contractor **Philip Ashton**. *THANK YOU*





Held in Room 2 of HEDCA at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd November, HEDCA members & guests were invited to attend a free 90-minute presentation and participate in **Adult/Child & Baby Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)** and how to use and operate a **Defibrillator**.

Attendees were (in no specific order):- Myself, David Eves, Colin Marshall, Tina Sisk, Janice McCaulder, Tracey Ashton, Kim & Richard Magill, Janet Collier, Becky & Dale Taylor, Maria Smith, Mandy Searle, Jo Brown, Julie Butler, Nick Storne & Jave Storne.

All the above received a 'certificate' recognizing and acknowledging their attendance.

The presentation and demonstration was overseen by volunteers of the **Gosport & Lee-on-the Solent Community First Responders**, Jon Howard, Lianne Haile, Dale Mason & Amber Tee. By coincidence, Dale & Amber were on duty and had an emergency call just as the session finished having arrived in the newly purchased vehicle that myself & Lyn had bought for GLCFR (£28k) from our fundraising efforts of '25 which was delivered in August.



The presentation & training was presented in a very professional relaxed style and the feedback suggests it was certainly worth while.

Therefore, subject to interest and availability, consideration will be given to holding another session in the 1st quarter of the New Year. Interested? Then please let me / us know.

I shall not take the time and trouble to duplicate what has already been said via the HEDCA media posts and posters in raising awareness of Social events, only to say that the Social Committee & Ellevents have done a great job throughout the year in organizing a diverse range of social engagements.

So as to not be disappointed, as events are now becoming more sold out than not, don't leave it until later, get your tickets as soon as you can so as to not to be disappointed! Also, for the odd occasion, please note that you may also be disappointed if an event is postponed or cancelled due to initial lack of interest as there is 'a fine line financially if an event is viable' and for that reason cancelled, so please make that decision easier for the committee to purchase early rather than late.

To keep up-to-date with HEDCA Entertainment view the Facebook page.





Wishing all members and their families, great festivities, good health & future happiness.

Enjoy the coming Winter & New Year of 2027! – Les Heyhoe BCAv,
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