

## AROUND THE GROUPS

### SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY WALKERS

The Sunday walks arranged by the association continue untill June 2nd, before reverting to Wednesday evenings

The walks have proved so successful that a varied programme has been arranged.

Below is a list of the walks for the Summer:

May 19th (Sunday) Exbury and picnic. Meet at the community centre at 9.30am

June 2nd: (Sunday, 9.30am at centre. Lyndhurst to Bolderford Bridge.

June 8th (Saturday, 8.00 am at centre) Isle of Wight all day trip. Take a picnic and at least £5 for fares etc.

June 12th (Wednesday, 7.00pm at centre) Denny Lodge

June 19th (Wednesday, 7.00pm at centre) Bank to Fritham.

June 26th (Wednesday, 7.00pm at centre) Walk to be arranged.

July 3rd (Wednesday, 7.00pm at centre) Footpath walk to Travelers Rest.

July 7th (Sunday, 9.30am at the centre) Romsey to Mottisfont. Full-day picnic.

July 10th (Wednesday, 7.00at centre) New Copse, Brockenhurst.

July 17th (Wednesday, 7.00 at centre) Whitmoor, Brockenhurst.

July 24th (Wednesday, 7.00pm at centre) Beaulieu to Bucklers Hard.

July 31st (Wednesday, 7.00pm at centre) Matley near Beaulieu Road.

August 7th (Wednesday, 7.00pm at centre) Southampton city walk. Please be prompt.

August 14th (Wednesday, 7.00pm at centre) Leps walk.

August 21st (Wednesday, 7.00pm at centre) Lyndhurst to Bank

August 28th (Wednesday, 7.00pm at centre) Salmon leap, Totton.

September 4th (Wednesday 7.00pm at centre) Blackfield.

September 8th (Sunday, 10.30 am at centre) Coffee morning to discuss future programme.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

The June meeting of Hythe Photographic Club will be devoted to an illustrated talk by Ken Batchelor on the workings of cameras old and new.

If you have a camera that you don't have a great deal of information about, why not bring it along - you may find out its history.

The club meets on Wednesday June 12th at 7.30pm. Membership fee is £5. a year - or you can pay 50p for each visit.

The May meeting was devoted to a demonstration of slide film processing for the amateur.

In July the club plans a field trip to Hythe marina.



## HELP US TO RUN THE CENTRE

In a bid to find out just what the people who use the community centre need to ensure maximum pleasure from their pastime, the Association's Executive Committee has set up a special committee for centre users.

Each group has been asked to nominate a representative to attend three or four meetings a year.

The idea of the meetings is to promote an interchange of ideas so that the association can study the possibilities of improving its service to groups.

If you have any constructive ideas to improve the centre, then this is the place to air them.

The inaugural meeting was being held as the Community News was

going to press, but indications were that groups would be responding favourably to the idea.

If your group has not yet nominated a representative, act now and inform the staff at the centre office.

The executive committee cannot be expected to be mind-readers - they can only know your feelings if you pass them on.

It is hoped the User Group meetings will be the next step on the road to forging a true community spirit in the Hythe area.

We have the premises - now we need to prove we are a real community with a real heart.

COMMUNITY CENTRE, BRINTON LANE, HYTHE. Tel: 844074

CAR BOOT SALE

The association's Car Boot Sale in the Community Association car park on May 4th proved a resounding success. More than thirty cars were squeezed into the parking area for the sale which attracted a large number of bargain hunters. Despite the weatherman's warning of rain, the morning stayed dry as the sale took place. The next sale has been fixed for Saturday September 7th. If you were unable to get a space this time, book early for the autumn sale. Details soon from the community association office.

RE CHEM

Re-Chem International has said that it is not now considering burning cancer linked PCB chemicals at its plant close to the Netley View Estate. The massive public objection to the incineration of the toxic waste seems to have paid dividends for the people of Hythe. But the company could change its mind at any time. For that reason the campaigners against the plant, like the WASTE group, are continuing to be vigilant. Having won a battle over PCBs, attention is now being turned to a campaign to revoke the Re-Chem licence to dispose of chemical waste at Hythe.

MARINA

Whether you like the idea of loath it, Hythe's marina is fast becoming a reality. In fact

COMMUNITY MARKET

The Community market held in the car park at Brinton Lane on April 13th boosted the association funds by £35.50.

A total of 15 groups manned stalls selling a wide range to produce. The Social Committee is now considering and idea to extend the scope of future markets by extending an invitation to selective outside groups to man stalls.

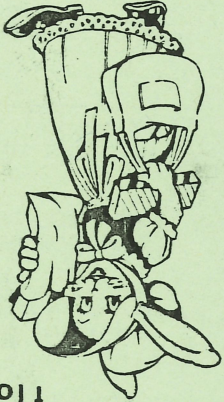
TALENT SHOW

Can you sing, dance or entertain in any other way? If you can, this is your chance to surprise your friends. Enter the Community Association talent competition to be held in September. Just let the centre office staff have your name, address and telephone number - and start rehearsing.

**Look out**

for the  
Community  
Association

float  
at



**WATERSIDE  
CARNIVAL**

SATURDAY JULY 6th

GANG WARILY, BLACKFIELD

7 Bullrush Close, Dibden Purlieu. 844238)

Waterside Club for the Visually Handicapped (Mrs. E. Dent, 43 Fairview Drive, Hythe. 842470)

Weightwatchers (Mrs. L. Wyeth, 3 Villiers Road, Butts Ash. 846388) Meeting Monday evenings - Lynne Tattam, 171 Laybourne Avenue, Kinson, Bournemouth. 576711. Meeting Tuesday morning)

Wednesday Whist Club (Mrs. M. Longman, 1 Waterside, Hythe. 848606)

Writers Circle (Mrs. K. Wade, 5 Jessop Close, Hythe. 842484)

Yoga (Mrs. Julie Pope, Greensleeves, Lime Walk, Dibden Purlieu. 842582)

Dressmaking Class (Mrs. E. Winklareth, 30 Crete Road, Dibden Purlieu. 845400)

Art Lessons (See Waterside Art Group)

Hythe Bridge Club (Mr. Young, 3 Ranfurly Gardens, Dibden Purlieu. 848488)

Hythe and Dibden Mother and Baby Group (Mrs. S. Mitchell, 15 Cheviot Drive, Dibden. 845177)

Waterside Labour Party (Mr. Tony Wheeler, 56 Heatherstone Avenue, Dibden Purlieu. 848481)

Hythe and District Historians (Mr. T. Pritchard, 96 Rosebery Avenue, Hythe 847332

Hythe and Dibden Walkers (Mrs. S. Barton Roseles, Claypits Lane, Dibden 848823)

Any queries about the aims and meeting times of the groups can be answered by the Club's officials.

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# Fancy a cuppa?



Tea &  
coffee  
is so  
cheap

at the  
COMMUNITY  
CENTRE

10am to 4pm  
Mon - Fri  
10am to 1pm  
Sat



The Community Centre has been open only a year, but it is proving extremely popular with organisations in the area. Among those regularly holding their meetings at the centre are:

Lip-reading discussion group (Contact Mrs. E. Lawrence, 27 Fairview Drive)

Civil Service Retirement Fellowship (Mrs. D. Jenkins, Ivanhoe, Butts Ash Lane - Tel 843643)

Dibden Purlieu Players (Mrs. D. Read, En Passant, Furzedale Gardens, Hythe. 843468)

Hythe Community Playgroup (Mrs. Hocking, 3 Linwood Close, Hythe. 842366)

Monday Whist Club (Mrs. P. Catchpole, 3 Copsewood Road, Hythe. 847975)

Hythe Spiritualist Church (Mrs. M. Marcham, 36 Malwood Road West. 848564)

Hythe Wives (Mrs. Kinch, 126 Beech Crescent, Hythe)

Keep Fit Group (Mrs. J. Brown, 29 Broomy Close, Dibden. 845972)

Hythe Photographic Club (Mrs. Young, 3 Ranfurlly Gardens, Dibden Purlieu. 848488)

St. John Ambulance Cadets (Mr. R.A. Coleman, 23 Ocknell Grove, Dibden. 844667)

St. John's Lay Pastors (Mrs. Ausden, 161F Langdown Road, Hythe. 846765)

Scrabble Club (Mrs. F. Mairey, 12 Walton Road, Holbury. 893331)

Waterside Aerobics (Mrs. R. Harfield, 173 Langdown Road, Hythe. 848958)

Waterside Art Group (Mrs. J. Breton,

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### SLUDGE FARM

New Forest Council's Development Committee has turned down an application for a chemical sludge farm on land adjoining Hythe Chemicals' plant at Hardley.

Members of the committee rejected a council officer's report which backed the application.

The county council had already decided to reject the plan subject to the district council's agreement.

The county has included the land in a schedule of countryside heritage sites. The meadow is said to contain rare plant species including Autumn Ladies Tresses and Yellow Bartsia.

Hythe Chemicals had been unwilling to alter its plans to safeguard parts of the site containing the rare plants.

### STREET CLEANING

New Forest Council's Environmental Services Committee has welcomed the news that the district may take over street cleaning services from the county council.

They feel the job could be done more efficiently on a local basis.

Looking around Hythe recently, it certainly would not be difficult to do a better job than at present. The whole area is a litterbug: paradise and the cleaning vehicles virtually unheard of.

If the Editor's road is typical the service can only be described as appalling. A cleansing vehicle has not been near it since it was built 11 years ago.

### JUBILEE SAILING TRUST VESSEL

The project to build and operate a full-rigged sailing ship, specifically designed to be part crewed by disabled persons, benefited by £157 following a Folk Song Night held at the Maritime Social Club, Hythe. Already over £1 million has been raised and the keel laid, but a further £1 million is still required to complete the fitting out of the "Lord Nelson".

### BEDPUSH

The annual Waterside Bedpush attracted around 70 entries this year as organisers set themselves the target of raising a record cash sum for local charities. Final proceeds are not yet known because all sponsor money has not been collected, but the street collection alone broke all records.

### COUNCIL ADVICE

Since April New Forest Council has had an office at the Community Centre with a staff to answer local queries about council services. If you have a problem - pop in any weekday from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

### MAH JONG

Are there any ladies who play Mah Jong and also have a set with the hope of starting a little club going? Also any ladies wishing to learn this interesting and fairly easy game. Please ring Hythe 843916

# Why Hythe?

An enigmatic heading perhaps, but it is Hythe come to be built where it is and when was it founded.

The name itself is a guide. Hythe is a modern variant of the Saxon word for a landing place and is usually connected with some form of man-made adaptation of a natural feature.

For instance, if someone built a landing stage or quay on the side of a tidal river it would be called a hythe. This, obviously, would fit the physical description of Hythe, but whether the hard or the tidal lagoon where the marsh is now situated, was utilised is open to conjecture.

The earliest mention of the name that we know of is in 1276AD, but we must assume from its derivation that the settlement goes back to the Saxon period before the Norman invasion in 1066. It is just possible that it goes back to the original landings of the Saxons in the 5th Century AD after the collapse of Roman rule in Britain.

The reason for the settlement, however, must be more complicated than that of a single landing of Saxons.

No matter how good a landing place was, it was of no practical use if it did not also serve the hinterland. As with modern ports, Hythe was merely a place to offload cargo from a boat to another form of transport, so that it could be moved inland.

The question we must now answer is who living beyond Hythe, would benefit by goods being delivered and transhipped through it. The monks of

Beaulieu are obvious candidates with their strong connections with Southampton and Southampton Water.

They, however, are really too late in time, coming to Beaulieu only in the early 13th century. We must, therefore, look for an area of relative importance in Saxon times for which access through Hythe was easier than any other route. No evidence is available to show where pre-Conquest village sites were situated except by inference and back projection of the manors listed in the Domesday Book. We can perhaps learn something of the road layouts in the area. A road which runs from A to B with few sharp turns is likely to be an early main routeway whereas right angle junctions are likely to be later additions to meet local requirements.

There is only one main routeway out of Hythe. That is the one to the south and west that splits at Langdown and serves Beaulieu and Fawley. The other routeway - the one to Dibden - has so many sharp bends and junctions that it would appear to be of a secondary nature.

So we must ask ourselves were either Beaulieu or Fawley areas of importance in Saxon times.

O.G.S. Crawford, the field archaeologist and first Archaeological Officer of the Ordnance Survey had a theory concerning certain defensive ditches at Beaulieu Heath. He connected them with the landing of the Saxons under Gerdic and the creation of a base from which Gerdic moved on to create the Kingdom of Wessex.

I will discuss this theory and its possible effects on the creation of Hythe in the next issue.

## COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Waterside Council of Community Service has moved back to Hythe after a spell in Fawley. The Council had its headquarters at Hythe Court House until two years ago and has now returned to premises on the top floor of Oliver's Hardware Store in South Street.

The New Forest Youth Enterprises will remain at Old Fawley School, but all other services have been moved to Hythe to be closer to the main centre of population.

## FERRY BOAT CAPE

Hythe and Dibden Parish Council has refused to give backing to plans to turn the Ferry Boat Cafe in Hythe into an amusement arcade with catering facilities. The change of use is not considered to be in keeping with the conservation area.

## FLOTS PLAN

An appeal by General Estates Company against New Forest Council's refusal to grant permission for a block of flats at Mousehole Lane, Hythe, has been rejected by the Department of Environment. The Council was concerned about the effect of the proposed development on the character of packets lane and the privacy of residents in Kelvin Close.

## JUMBLE SALE

The Community Association jumble sale held on 2 March raised £45. The proceeds will go towards the running of the Community Centre.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

An extensive list of events is being arranged by the Community Association's Social Committee.

## PUBLIC FORUM

The Parish Council is to let residents air their views in public at the monthly meetings. Fifteen minutes are being set aside later in the agenda for a public forum at each meeting.

Other changes are the abolition of the Highways Committee and Parish Hall Committee and the creation of a Finance Committee and Planning Committee.

## COUNCIL RENTS

Rent arrears totalling £187,495 are owed by New Forest Council tenants. £50,324 of the arrears are due from 226 former tenants, the rest have been run up by 1,736 families.

Legal action is being taken in 38 cases and 26 notices seeking possession were outstanding when the last Council Housing Committee meeting was held.

## FOUNDED STREETS

The Parish Council is urging M.P. Michael Colvin to seek a realistic increase in the minimum penalty for dog fouling offences. The Council is also considering the introduction of a bye-law requiring all dogs to be kept on a lead in Hythe shopping centre.

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### HARD OF HEARING CLUB

Ten years ago the Club came into being, inaugurated by Mrs. Margaret Douthier. With a lot of hard work and few members, it has through the years grown in strength and purpose.

'Fellowship is Life' is the Club motto. Members have a right to feel they live up to it, as their aim is to help others mainly the deaf and hearing impaired. A happy atmosphere prevails and on the lighter side, the Club has at least one outing a year. In September there will be a Service of Thanksgiving at the United Reform Church (details later).

Meanwhile, the Club meets in the hall of the above Church, every third Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.

Just pop along or contact:-  
Mrs. Nancy Lewes on 843538.

### HYTHE HISTORIANS.

The above Group meet on the first Thursday of each month at 8.00 p.m. in Hythe Community Centre. Last month's meeting was an open one and several topics were discussed amongst the audience relating to by-gone Hythe. There was also a goodly selection of postcards showing views of the area taken in the past.

At the May meeting Mr.

Maldwin Drummond of Cadland Estate, gave a talk on the area.

On June 9th we are organising a visit to Butser Ancient Farm. Transport will leave at 11.00 a.m. Why not join us at our next meeting and find out more about local history.

### SCRABBLE CLUB

We would like to extend our congratulations to Hythe Scrabble Club for their two resounding victories in the first round of the Southern League. They beat Southampton by ten games to two and Salisbury by eight games to three with one draw. We wish them luck in Round II.

Sometime in the Summer the Scrabble Club hope to hold an Open Competition. The prize will be a new exciting game of Scrabble Rebus which is not yet available in shops. Entry for this competition will be free of charge and it will not be open to existing members of the Club so you need fear no competition from "experts".

Keep a lookout for details or if you can't wait you can always ring Frankie - 893331. The Club meets each Friday evening at the Community Centre.



CAR BOOT SALE Saturday SEPTEMBER 7th

COMMUNITY MARKET Saturday OCTOBER 5th

JUMBLE SALE Saturday NOVEMBER 2nd

ALL AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, BRINTON LANE.

## BOOKS

R FIELDING

Despite all the other things that demand our precious time, we are still a nation of readers... as the roaring trade at the community centre second hand book stall will bear out.

We are, therefore, starting a regular book page to suggest a few publications that may have

escaped the eye of the avid Waterside book fan.

If you know of a good book that deserves a wider readership, this is your chance to pass on the title and publisher. Just drop a line to the Community News Editor, c/o Hythe Community Centre, Brinton Lane, Hythe.

There are facts in abundance on the book scene at the present. Books for mind and body... animal, vegetable and mineral.

If you are concerned about food and its content then E FOR ADDITIVES is the book for you. It covers all the additive numbers in food we buy, so you can look them up and decide for yourselves. The book is published by Thorsons, price £3.50.

Still on the subject of food, another useful book is THE WHOLE-HEALTH HANDBOOK. This book is more comprehensive than most books about diet. It covers everything from a spoonful of sugar to the Sunday joint. A complete illustrated guide to health, diet, nutrition and natural foods, the Wholehealth Handbook is published by Sidgwick and Jackson at £7.95

If you are a dog lover this next book will interest you. DELINQUENT Dogs by Tony Wilinon, the book of the BBC TV programme "Moment of Truth."

It is essential reading for anyone

about to buy a dog and is a vital reference book for any dog owner. Published by Quartet Books at £5.95.

The mind is well catered for in CHAMBERS 20th CENTURY DICTIONARY, new edition. It is especially recommended for Scrabble enthusiasts, being the official reference for the UK Scrabble championships. Price is £11.95.

A new book for the mature woman is WOMEN COMING OF AGE by Jane Fonda. This book offers concrete advice and encouragement on every aspect of midlife. Based on the latest medical research, it tackles many questions with honesty, commonsense and intelligence. Published by Viking Press, £12.95

Lastly, not forgetting the men, especially cricket enthusiasts, who will be pleased to learn that WISDEN CRICKETERS ALMANACK 1985 bears no price increase at £11.95 or £9.95 in soft cover.

More books next time.

WHAT'S ON

JUNE

WEEKLY MEETINGS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY:	Hythe Community Playgroup - 9.30
	Waterside Aerobics - 10.00
	Whist Club - 2.00
TUESDAY:	Yoga - 7.00
	Weightwatchers - 7.30
	Weightwatchers - 9.30
	Keep Fit - 7.30
	Waterside Art Group - 7.30
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	Keep Fit - 10.30
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FRIDAY:	Waterside Aerobics - 10.00
	Sunabla Club - 7.30
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Athling Singers	United Reformed Church 2.00 Tuesday
Purleu Singers	Methodist Hall - 7.30 Wednesday
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Wed 5	CND		Methodist Hall	8.00
Thu 6	Writers Circle		Community Centre	7.45
Thu 6	Hythe Wives		St. Andrew's Hall	7.30
Fri 7	Hythe Wives		Methodist Hall	7.45
Mon 10	Horticultural Soc		Community Centre	7.30
Thu 11	Didden Purleu Players		Community Centre	7.30
Wed 12	Civil Service Retirement Fellowship		Community Centre	2.30
Wed 12	Spiritualist Church Lecture		Community Centre	7.30
Wed 12	Photographic Club		Community Centre	8.00
Thu 13	Didden Purleu WI	Tea Dance	Community Centre	2.00
Thu 13	Townswomen's Guild		WI Hall	2.00
Thu 14	Community Assoc.		Waterside Centre	7.30
Fri 14	Junior Disco		Parish Hall	7.00
Wed 19	Hard of Hearing Club		United Reformed Church	2.30
Thu 20	Writers Circle		Community Centre	7.45
Fri 21	Hythe Wives		Community Centre	7.30
Thu 25	Animal Welfare		41 Ipley Way	2.30
Thu 25	Waterside Art Group	Water Colour Demo	Community Centre	7.30
Wed 26	Waterside Flower Club		Village Hall	7.30

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