

# HEDCA "CHAIRMAN'S CHAT" NO.3

Dear Members,

MAY 2025

I hope you're enjoying the Spring and are looking forward to (hopefully) the warmer and sunny days of Summer and perhaps even a holiday with loved ones, family and friends.



## Import Notice - 7pm Tuesday 24th June 2025

The opportunity to re-elect HEDCA Management & Committee (HMC) & Social Committee members, or become a Committee member yourself? Have your say, give feedback and find out what has and is going on in detail – Restricted to HEDCA Members Only, join us!?

Spring welcomed the opportunity for fun, games and entertainment with HEDCA holding an Easter Weekend Party for children aged up to 10 for 50 children, supported by mums & dads, nans & grandads etc. which by all accounts and feedback went extremely well! This was all down to a collective HEDCA team effort, overseen by Vice-Chair (VC) Sylvie Hasson & Trustee Ali Wagstaff, together with the support of all volunteers and helpers. I'm sure for those of you who attended, you'll all join me in saying a job well done, THANK YOU.



"Mr & Mrs Easter Bunny"



HEDCA Volunteer Chefs – Carole & Charley



An array of entries of Easter Hats & Bonnets



Best 'Hat' Beaming smile winner with prize



You may or may not be aware that within the confines of HEDCA there is a thriving Pre-School overseen and administered by Alison (Ali) Wagstaff, the Pre-school Manager who is supported by a great team.

This comment is substantiated by a 24/3/25 visit by Ofsted with the subsequent report overall rating of 'GOOD'. This also means that the Pre-School is not required to be inspected again up until six (6) years' time.

Well done to Ali and team on their accomplishment.

The was achieved in Quality of Education, Behaviour & Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership & Management – see <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50275007> for the full review but listed below are just some of the highlighted favourable comments within the report.

*“Children come in happily and are warmly greeted by staff. They settle quickly and are keen to start playing. Children understand the rules and routines of the pre-school and follow these well”.*

*“Staff have a clear understanding of children's backgrounds, and they get to know children and their families very well. Staff use this knowledge to ensure they provide children with experiences to bridge any gaps in their knowledge”.*

*“An open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first”.*

# NO PARKING



**PARKING** - It is appreciated that this is a topic that is becoming increasingly of concern to all member and guest vehicle owners who visit and use the facilities of HEDCA. This topic has been discussed and reviewed at several past HEDCA Management Committee (HMC) meetings.

Due to the ever increasing success over the past decade of HEDCA events, activities and groups (the HMC are not complaining and we welcome this fact as it means HEDCA will remain operating), there is now limited approved car parking spaces in relation to the 'need and demand' which is regrettably beyond our control. To elivate this dilema and scenrio, you may or may not be aware but an 'overflow car park' is now available (again few restricted spaces) on event and weekend evenings. Vehicles *may not park overnight* in this car park as access is required during the day for children/adults attending the Pre-school. For H&S and Fire reasons these gates are never locked but should always be closed for the safety of the children during the day during Pre-school term time.

For those that are able to park in approved car parking spaces, please bear in mind this is a free benefit on attending HEDCA with no car parking charge, not like some other community Gosport venues. If unfortunately there are no approved spaces available, please 'Do Not' park on the HEDCA grass verges or yellow hatchet line areas or remove any cones to park (they are there for a reason). Failure to comply could incur the revoking of your HEDCA membership. Unavailabe parking space(s)?, then please park legally elsewhere and not in front of drop-curbed pavements or garages and have consideration for the community neighbourhood as it is HEDCA that receives any adverse feedback & comments.



# Saturday Night in the Lounge Bar 10th May 2025 VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations With James Austin



Good to see a number 90 'full house' in the bar with everyone enjoying the 'ol favourites of the WW2 era and beyond for a great sing-along.

Checkout:-

[https://www.facebook.com/1207396495/videos/g.14494337013/995354149465193?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/1207396495/videos/g.14494337013/995354149465193?locale=en_GB)

A special mention of thanks to Gill for providing an excellent buffet which was much appreciated, and the feedback of the evening was a great FUN night!

Left to right Members: Marilyn (Maz) Eileen & Cary's





**'Operation Airbase'** – Moving the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (H&IWAA) service site from North Hants to a location on the edge of Southampton Airport.

An acknowledgement letter was received from Dr Simon Hughes Clinical Lead of the H&IWAA to Liz Smithbone of the HEDCA 'Sew Creative Group' (a.m. Wednesdays) for their donation of £175.00 raised through the creativity and joint voluntary efforts of the group.

If you or your group have any news of awards or community recognition or individual achievements and would like to share them with HEDCA members then please contact me.

## TEMPORARY OPENING HOURS

Please note that effective from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May David Eves, HEDCA Office Administrator, will be absent until at least the beginning of June, when hopefully upon David's return normal office hours will resume.

In the meantime, and as a temporary measure on a voluntary basis, Sylvie (VC) will be present in the office; not always all the office time usual hours, but on sporadic timings convenient to Sylvie and inline with member and the public accessibility – see Face Book.

**Statement** – Please note the above articles are in no way meant to offend or be offensive, but to provide accurate information, details and positivity in connection with HEDCA. *All wording, thoughts and opinions are my own* and do not necessarily reflect those of the HEDCA Management or Social Club Committees. **Les Heyhoe BCAv HMC Chair**  
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