



## SANDON TOPICS



### Spring 2012 Newsletter from Sandon Parish Council

Website: [www.sandon.info](http://www.sandon.info)

#### ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual Assembly of Sandon Parish Council will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.30p.m. at Sandon Village Hall. Representatives from various organisations will be on hand to give parishioners help and advice including Essex County Councillor Ian Grundy, Councillor John Galley, Cabinet Member for Finance Chelmsford Borough Council, Mike Courts, Director of Planning The Brett Group (owners of Sandon Quarry), Derek Stebbing, Planning Policy Manager Chelmsford Borough Council, Councillor Bob Shepherd Chelmsford Borough Council, Councillor Chris Kingsley Chelmsford Borough Council and Sarah Ward RCCE (re digital TV switchover). Do come along as this is your chance to have your say. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

#### SANDON QUARRY

Your Parish Council responded to the Waste Development Document, vehemently opposing the inclusion of Sandon Quarry as a selected preferred site for In-Vessel Composting, and setting out our objections in great detail. We felt that the scoring system used for its inclusion was totally flawed, with particular regard to proximity to Sensitive users, Hydrogeology, Ecology, Historic environment, Traffic and Transport and site selection.

Whilst the quarry is listed in the document as a non-selected site for Inert Waste, we felt it prudent to also list our objections in regard to this and to comment that it should remain a non-selected site.

Chelmsford Borough Council also responded to the document with significant objections to both the In-Vessel composting and the inert landfill proposals at Sandon.

## SANDON PARISH OPEN GARDENS DAY

Councillor Dianne Neal will once again be organising an Open Gardens Day in the Parish on Sunday 20th May 2012 between 11a.m– 5p.m. with all proceeds to Farleigh Hospice.

There will be at least 18 gardens open, with some offering cakes and refreshments, ploughmans lunches and cream teas. There will also be craft stalls and plant sales.

In addition there will be a Barbecue courtesy of David Farrar and a Vintage/Classic car display on the green at Butts Green, organised by Neil Arnold. This year there will be a musical performance at 3p.m. on the village green by The Royal British Legion Youth Band Brentwood (UK Supreme Champions). The Mayor of Chelmsford Bob Shepherd MBE and the Mayoress will be introducing the performance by the Band, and will try to visit as many gardens as possible throughout the day.

Tickets cost £5 per person (under 16's free) which gives entry to all gardens and the use of the free taxi buses which will go around the route continuously. Tickets will be available, in advance, from Meacock and Jones, Estate Agents, Danbury 01245 222856, Chris and Coral Mann, 6 The Green, Sandon 01245 472504 or any open garden on the day.

## ST ANDREWS CHURCH

In celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee a celebration is being held at the Church over the bank holiday weekend of the 2nd to 5th June 2012. There will be a Flower Festival in the Church, stalls in the grounds and other attractions. They do need help in stocking and running the stalls so if you can offer any help or would like further information please contact Barbara Underwood on 01245 225756 or email [iunderwood@talktalk.net](mailto:iunderwood@talktalk.net)

## LAMBING LIVE 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY

Over 300 excited people flocked to attend the Lambing live of 172 ewes at Danbury Park Farm courtesy of Richard Speakman and his family. The sheep were labelled in groups with those expecting 1 lamb, those expecting twins and those expecting triplets.

Delicious cakes and refreshments were served and over £285 was raised for the Heart Foundation. The event will be held again next New Years day so do put the date in your diary now.



## TREE WARDEN SCHEME – JUBILEE TREE

Chelmsford Borough Council Tree Warden Scheme recently offered an Oak tree to every Parish and Ward in the Borough to be planted in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. There will be no charge to the Parish Council for the tree but it would be the parish council's responsibility to plant and look after the tree.

This parish council took up this offer and the tree was duly delivered just before Christmas.

As this tree must be planted on parish council land which is visible to the community, we have decided to plant it on Butts Green which meets both criteria, and once the ground thaws out we will be planting this as soon as possible. We hope it will become a prominent landmark in years to come.

## DIGITAL TV

You should receive a pink and purple 'Guide to switchover' booklet through the post explaining how to convert your television and how to retune to receive the new signal. Additional help is available at [www.digitaluk.co.uk/anglia](http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/anglia) or on 0844 650 5050.

There is a Switchover Help Scheme, run by the BBC, which can convert one TV to digital for you. You are eligible for the Help Scheme if you are:

Aged 75 or over, or  
Live in a care home (for six months or more), or  
Receive (or could get): Disability Living Allowance (DLA), or  
Attendance or Constant Attendance Allowance, or  
Mobility Supplement, or  
Registered blind or partially sighted.

If you are eligible then the Help Scheme will write to you directly. All you need to do is respond to the letter by sending back a completed reply form or telephone for free on 0800 40 85 900. If you receive a letter, please respond even if you don't need any help.

The scheme can provide and install easy to use equipment to switch one TV. It includes an approved installer, aerial upgrade if needed, and a 12 month aftercare service, with free helpline. Most people will be asked to pay £40 towards the service but it can be free for those who receive certain income related benefits.

Do you know someone who needs a helping hand switching to digital TV? Please talk to them and make sure they get the help to which they are entitled by telling them about the Switchover Help Scheme. If you need any further information or help, or know someone who may, then please contact RCCE on 0844 477 3938

For further information on the Switchover Help Scheme visit [www.helpscheme.co.uk](http://www.helpscheme.co.uk) or call 0800 40 85 900. Textphone users can call 0800 40 85 936.

If there is an article or an event which you would like to be published, or you have any comments, please contact the Editor, Councillor Dianne Neal @ [dianne.neal@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dianne.neal@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01245 222330.

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Council meets at 7.15p.m on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month at Sandon Village Hall and on alternate months at Howe Green Chapel. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Broomfield Hospital

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Citizens Advice Bureau

0844 9938667

Trading Standards

0845 4040506

Neighbourhood Watch

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