

# SANDON TOPICS



## *Spring 2017 Newsletter from Sandon Parish Council*



### **Inviting all residents to the 2017 Annual Assembly**

The Annual Assembly of Sandon Parish Council will be held in the Main Hall of The Sandon School, Molrams Lane, CM2 7AQ on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm. You are all very cordially invited.

This is your opportunity to ensure that your Parish Council is living up to expectations; it is also **a meeting that every Sandon resident should endeavour to attend**. Members of the Parish Council will be available to chat to and as usual we have invited local officials and service providers, people we feel are relevant to community life - such as city councillors and the police - to attend the meeting, brief us on developments and answer questions from parishioners. Some of these invited individuals and organisations will have stalls/tables in the hall and can give individual attention to parishioners. Of special interest this year will be the Hammonds Farm presentation. The speaker will bring us up to date on the plans for 3,000 new homes and how this will impinge on Sandon.

Please come along and make your contribution or ask questions on matters affecting you and the parish. Last year's Assembly was well attended and all agreed that it was an interesting event.

The Sandon Cup will also be presented to a local resident. As is customary, the identity of the recipient is kept a secret until the night.

Refreshments (kindly organised by the WI) will be served. We look forward to seeing you all there!

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk.

### **Message from the Chair**

#### **Our countryside**

We value the English countryside for its beauty, diversity and tranquillity. We want a countryside that is used and valued by everyone, and where people are in tune with the environment and aware of their impact on it.

This means we are all responsible to keep our area for our future generations, to not drop litter (litter picking when necessary), to help the wildlife in our gardens or on our land to thrive (feed them where appropriate and give safe nesting and living areas), to be thoughtful neighbours (keep fences in good order, keep trees within limits and be helpful to others). These actions will help us live in harmony with our neighbours and consider our actions and their reaction on others.

We are very fortunate that our Parish is so rural, with wonderful public footpaths, beautiful countryside to appreciate, and a very good community spirit. We must all work very hard to keep it that way! Keep up the good work.

Cllr Dee Hyatt - Chair



## Message from the Parish Clerk

The Parish Council is short of a councillor. CAN YOU HELP! It takes about an hour of your time each week, and you will need to attend a two hour meeting on a Monday meeting once a month. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in joining.

### Planning

Sandon Parish Council normally raises no objections to reasonable planning applications. However, they do raise concerns on the construction of buildings that are not justified in this agricultural setting, and that are out of keeping for our rural location.

### Finances

Note that the precept for the 2017/18 financial year has been agreed at £30,580.

### Allotments

There is currently one allotment vacant. Contact the clerk if you are interested in plenty of fresh air and home grown produce!

## Open Gardens in Sandon this year.

Farleigh Hospice have notified us that their Open Gardens programme will be including Sandon this year. The proposed date is Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Can you help by opening your garden? For further information contact Andy Hilton on [andy@hiltonpm.co.uk](mailto:andy@hiltonpm.co.uk) . It is a pleasure teaming up with Farleigh over this very worthwhile charitable venture.

*Farleigh Hospice relies on fundraising and gifts in Wills to provide vital services for local people affected by life limiting illnesses. For more information visit [farleighhospice.org](http://farleighhospice.org) or follow Farleigh on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FarleighHospice](http://www.facebook.com/FarleighHospice)*

## Re-development of the Village Hall & Sports Pavilion - an update

Following a successful ballot sent out to all residents of the Parish, your Parish Council has approached architects who have experience in these projects. Three architectural firms have now been briefed on our ideal requirements and asked for quotes to produce feasibility studies and drawings to assist us, and you, in arriving at our ideal design. Once an architect has been selected, the study can continue, and a potential budget established. We will then be able to commence fund raising.

We thank all those who participated in the survey for your comments, suggestions and criticisms. The Parish Council will keep you all updated with the progress of this exciting project

Cllr Cedric Calmeyer

## History of the three villages that form Sandon Parish

We are looking to engage with any parishioners, or their families, to form a history group. The aim will be to share some photos, and memories, of the three villages that form our parish. We hope to create a place where history can be gathered, so that others can read and share. We will then have a record for all time that could be kept in the cloud, or buried like "Blue Peter" does!

Once the Topics has been delivered, we suggest that people ring, or email the clerk who will then arrange an initial session to get it going. I will be looking for the oldest person with the best memory to start us off! Will we achieve anything? YES, but not sure if it will be a weekly session, or a one off. So after you read this, please email or ring the Clerk at the number mentioned at the end of this newsletter. A suggestion could be to meet with us at the parish offices on Woodhill Road. We could offer a drink and biscuits to get this project going.

Look forward to seeing you all. Even young ones can bring pictures of great-grandad for example!

Cllr Martin Cross - Vice chair

## News from St Andrews Church

### Easter Services:

**Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday Service** 10 am We will meet on The Green at 9.50am and then process into church with or without the donkey! 6.30pm Stainer's Crucifixion with St. Andrews choir and All Saints choir Maldon

**Thursday 13th April Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm Sung Eucharist followed by stripping of Altars and meditation in Church. Watch until 11pm

**Friday 14th April Good Friday** 9.30am Morning Prayer and Stations of the cross. 2pm Final hour at the cross.

**Sunday 16th April Easter Sunday** 8am Holy Communion. 8.45am Easter Breakfast for 8am & 10am Congregations. 10am Sung Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt.



We are meeting on the Second Saturday from 10am to 12noon  
Please come and join us everyone welcome  
Let's help to make our Churchyard the best in Essex  
We have been awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> position for the last two years. Let's make it a 1<sup>st</sup> this year.  
Come and enjoy some great Community spirit as well as a cup of tea  
Dates are as follows:  
Saturday 8th April  
Saturday 10th June  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July



### SANDON COMMUNITY CHOIR

We try to meet on the first Monday of the month when possible. The fee is £5 per person payable on the night. The pianist conductor is Jill Parkin a musician and teacher, who gets every one laughing and singing - including the majority of members who have never sung in a choir before. Sandon Community Choir meets between 7.30pm and 9pm in St. Andrews Room in Sandon Church

With no auditions, anyone of any age is welcome to come together to sing with us in a relaxed, informal way. If you simply love to sing then join us to switch off from the stresses of life and have some fun. We sing a variety

of different songs selected from the genres of classical, world and popular music. The dates of our practices are:  
Monday 8th May, Monday 5th June, Monday 3rd July

Hope to see you soon!

## Other dates for your diary

10 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish council meeting	19:15 Howe Green Reformed Church
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Sandon Village Hall AGM	19:30 The Hall
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Danbury Annual Parish Meeting	20:00 Sports and Social Centre
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish Council Annual Assembly	19:30 Sandon School
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Parish council meeting & AGM	19:15 St Andrews Church Meeting room
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Parish council meeting	19:15 Howe Green Reformed Church

## New website for the Sandon Parish Council

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new, mobile friendly website for Sandon Parish Council. The site is for everyone who lives and works here and for anyone who would like to find out more about our Parish. The website can be found under [www.sandonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.sandonparishcouncil.co.uk)

### *Details of what is available on this website*

The names and contact details of our Parish Councillors are listed on the Council, Members Page and you can also find links to our minutes of the meeting under Council, Minutes and Meetings. We will also publish the agenda for upcoming meetings.

Over the next few months we will be developing new areas for the website so if there is something you would like to see appear on the site then please e-mail: [parishclerk@sandon.info](mailto:parishclerk@sandon.info)

## Important contact details

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Broomfield Hospital	01245	443673	
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845	4040506	
Neighbourhood Watch	01245	471589	
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St Andrew's Church - Priest in Charge	Revd Terry Brown	01245	698988
Church Wardens	Mr D. Farrar	01245	471484
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Women's Institute	Mrs D. Gray	01245	223609
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