

# SANDON TOPICS



*Summer 2017  
Newsletter  
from  
Sandon Parish  
Council*



## The 2017 Annual Assembly



On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April Sandon Parish Council held their Annual Assembly at Sandon School. Once again we were amazed at the number of local residents who turned up to this event – more than 125!

We had speakers from Hammonds Farm, Bretts and Chelmsford Community Transport giving us valuable local information along with informative visual displays. Cllr Cedric Calmeyer gave us an update on the current status of proposals for a new Community Centre; work on these plans is ongoing at present.



The Sandon Cup is awarded annually to people the Parish Council feels deserve recognition for their contribution to Parish life. This year it was awarded to George Turner. George was born in Gibcracks and started working there as a boy until his parents died. He then moved to the village and worked for a scaffolding company in Mayes Lane. He has been cutting the grass and keeping St Andrew's churchyard tidy for forty-six years and still does it. For the last fifteen years this has been voluntary, using his own equipment.

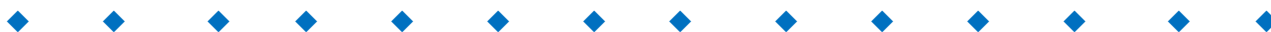
I think you will agree he certainly deserved the award and we have never seen anyone so delighted to receive the Cup. I wonder who will win it next year?

After a well deserved cup of tea and 'goodies' served by the W.I. (many thanks, ladies, for your wonderful help once again!) and an opportunity to discuss items with the many

representatives who attended including the CCC and ECC, we re-took our seats to discuss the Chelmsford City Council Local Plan. We specifically discussed items 3a, b and c which affect Sandon Parish the most. Sandon Parish Council then put the Parish views to the City Council for consideration.

I think the biggest concern the Parish and local residents had was the extra traffic 400 new homes would bring to the area and the lack of infrastructure. Maldon Road and Molrams Lane are already extremely busy and with the new Nursing Home and Chapel on Molrams Lane it was felt that without improved infrastructure the area would become grid locked. We will continue to keep these matters at the top of our ongoing agenda.

Dee Hyatt (Chair)



## Neighbourhood Plan – Update

Sandon, like many other parts of Essex, is very attractive for developers proposing new housing. It would perhaps be better to put forward the views of residents regarding preferred sites and styles, rather than just to leave it to others to decide for us. We would not be trying to stop development but rather to encourage the best options for newcomers and those of us living in Sandon already. A Neighbourhood Plan might help us to communicate our ideas with local government in terms they readily understand.

Judy Cecil is considering getting a group together to look into a Neighbourhood Plan for Sandon. If anyone is interested in joining her please email: [judy@cecil.family.clara.net](mailto:judy@cecil.family.clara.net)



## Message from the Chair

Summer is here and what a dry one it is too, but I have to say the Parish is looking lovely with roses blooming and trees and shrubs growing madly. Time to get out the secateurs again and dead head I think, but what a joy with all the scent and the buzz of the insects. A big thank you to the kind residents I see out and about picking up litter, it is really much appreciated and helps keep our lovely villages neat and tidy.

We still need some kind soul to adopt the flower beds down Gingerbread Hill on Southend Road! Is there a kind local house owner who is willing to spend a little time weeding etc?

The Southern void of the Quarry is filling up fast, and the permission for the filling of the Northern void is all but complete, as is the Recycling area. No work will commence on the Northern void until the Southern void is complete. If you haven't had a walk over there, it is worth having a look. Public footpath is a bit narrow and uneven, so take care. The Southern void will return to agriculture once filled.

The 'Open Gardens' event went very well, giving Farleigh Hospice some much needed funds, and thank you to all those hard working organisers and residents who slaved away to ensure their gardens looked stunning for the event. Having the church open and the pub providing a hog roast was an added bonus. Shame I was away at the time, but hope to be here next time.

Wishing everyone a happy Summer

Dee Hyatt  
Chairman

## Volunteer to be a Parish Councillor



There are currently TWO vacancies for the Sandon and Howe Green Parish Council. This position is open to anyone who lives or works in the parish and who is concerned about their local environment. We know that everyone has their own opinions on what should, or should not, be happening. Rather than talk, or email, among yourselves, how about joining us on the council where you can make a real difference?

Note that we meet just once a month, so you will not be over committing yourself. Why don't you come along to our next meeting to see what is discussed, and get a better idea of what you could contribute? We are all friendly, and will welcome anyone who cares about the wellbeing of the parish.

There are many benefits to volunteering. These include; making a difference, meeting different people, getting involved in the community, learning new skills, taking on new challenges, and, most of all, having fun!

Please contact the Parish Clerk, or any of the councillors, for more information. Their contact details are at the back of the Topics.

We look forward to seeing you!



## Howe Green United Reform Church

Many thanks to all those who joined in our Church Crawl in June, everyone seemed to have a good time visiting the four churches – enjoying lunch – and each other's company. Plus we also raised over £200 for Christian Aid. Wonderful!

Another popular get-together will be happening on 21 December when we have our Carols by Candlelight. We plan to have our usual Christmas music, local readers for the 9 lessons and of course mince pies etc. Afterwards. So keep the date clear and we look forward to seeing you.

Pam Knott



## Help us Keep our Parish Clean!

Due mainly to the increased traffic through the Parish, we have noticed that the amount of litter on the roads has increased as well.

If you have a few hours spare each week and would like to assist in the removal of this litter along your street or a street nearby, then please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council staff and other volunteers regularly litter pick throughout the Parish, but your assistance in controlling the problem is needed and appreciated.

You will be provided with a high viz vest and litter tongs. Please help in keeping the Parish clean and tidy.

Ted Munt, Clerk

**01245 477 111 Monday or Wednesday a.m. or email: [parishclerk@sandon.info](mailto:parishclerk@sandon.info)**

## Sandon Village Hall Committee of Management (SVHCM)

The Hall is a registered charity and has 46 years left on the lease from the church authorities. The Hall is run by a management committee (all volunteers) in strict accordance with terms of the lease and is totally self-financing with a subsidy from the Parish Council which helps the local groups who use the hall.

The groups that use the hall regularly are: Discovery Scouts, Sandon Keep Fit, Slimming World, Sandon WI, Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, Chelmsford French Circle, Sandon Spiritual and a new group coming is Sandon Essex Dog Training / Equiems Canine. All the above groups welcome new comers, it's here for you.

The committee are always fund raising in one way or another, new for us are our Craft / Pamper events. We have three for this year, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 21<sup>st</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> December, all on a Saturday Morning 10.00 am – 3.00 pm with free entry. The August event has massage treatment available and a Medium doing private readings. We hope these are as successful as our first in June and will become a regular event in the Hall next year.

You know all the work that has been completed on the hall in the last few years and you also know how much it costs. Our next big bill is the replacing of the soffits and facias, this with the exterior painting will finish the look of the building nicely

The committee send our thanks to all our volunteers for their dedicated hard work, to contractors for their commitment and to Sandon residents for their fundraising efforts. Everyone has always been most supportive towards the hall.

**Now take a look at what the hall has to offer:**

**Visit our website – see how clean, bright and inviting it is. The volunteers have worked so hard to preserve, [www.sandonvillagehall.webs.com](http://www.sandonvillagehall.webs.com) and if you would like to book contact Ray on 01245 472386**



### Sandon Sports Club

Sandon Sports Club is made up of three sections. The Sandon Royals Mens Football team, Sandon Cricket Team and Baddow Spartak Youth Football Club.

Regretfully our Cricket Team folded after 60 plus years the Cricket Club due to lack of playing members. At its peak running two Saturday sides and a Sunday team, the Club played at the highest level in the mid-Essex league and saw many players go onto bigger Clubs and youngsters develop into established players. We would love to get another team back into the Club and are always looking for teams who would consider coming to play so please do contact us if anyone you know is interested!

Created in 1973 as Baddow Royals, the previous home ground was Cromptons, now the site of Tesco's in Princes Road. The Royals amalgamated with Sandon Sports Club in 1993. The 1st and 2nd teams played in Essex intermediate league winning league many times. They were also winners of Essex Intermediate Cup twice, Burnham Charity Cup twice, Tom Farr Trophy 3 times. Our 3rd team won their division 3 times and the League Cup twice. Over the years, many Spartak boys have and continue to make their way to the first team. We now have one team in Division 1 of Mid-Essex League winning promotion this season.

Spartak moved over to Sandon in 1979 and is made up of 18 teams with ages ranging from mini kickers and development right through to our mens team. We currently have around 200 members signed up with the majority of the players living locally to the Club and this season we are very proud to be working with the FA to get girls football introduced to the Club. We now have around 25 girls regularly coming along to the sessions.

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

## Car Park opposite the URC Chapel in Howe Green

In the interest of safety, a traffic mirror has recently been installed to assist motorists exiting the small car park situated at the junction of East Hanningfield Road and Southend Road, allowing much improved visibility.

This car park is small and used by a number of people both visitors and residents of Howe Green and Sandon Parish Council asks people to be considerate when using this facility. It is intended for short term parking and NOT for prolonged use. We also ask that should anybody wish to park for a longish period that they leave visible contact details on the dashboard.

Please note that Parking is from 8.00 am. to 8.00 pm. Monday to Sunday at your own risk, and we are looking for some kind Company to put down a better surface on the car park for which we may be able to obtain a small donation. Please contact us if you know of someone.

Sandon Parish Council



## Girlguiding



*Girls at Guides won't be your average friends. They'll be the girls who want to go on adventures with you, who encourage you to try new things and who celebrate when you've pushed yourself to achieve something special.*

*As you progress through Guides you'll have a chance to lead small groups and support younger girls to have fun and make friends. You could even get involved in our Youth Leadership programme.*



1st Sandon Guides meets on Wednesday evenings and can offer places to girls aged 10-14.  
1st Sandon Brownies is looking for volunteers to form a new leadership team.

To apply please visit the website below or email the District Commissioner via:

[gbddistrict@gmail.com](mailto:gbddistrict@gmail.com)

Website: [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

Thank you

**Katie Bird**

District Commissioner  
Great Baddow & Danbury District



## Important contact details

### TED MUNT – CLERK

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<b>MARTIN CROSS</b> Magrathea, East Hanningfield Road, Howe Green CM2 7TQ Tel: 01245 478910   <a href="mailto:martincross@gmail.com">martincross@gmail.com</a>	<b>VICE CHAIR</b> Finance Sandon Village Hall Committee of Management Rep Parish Transport Committee
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Police	01245	491491 Ask for S Woodham Ferrers
Broomfield Hospital	01245	443673
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845	4040506
Neighbourhood Watch	01245	471589

### LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

St Andrew's Church - Rector	Revd Terry Brown	01245	698988
Church Wardens	Mr M. Puffett	01245	222066
	Mrs J. Cecil	01245	224747
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PCC Treasurer	Mr N. Bobeldijk	01245	471756
Bell Ringers	Mr N Tovey	01245	472692
Women's Institute	Mrs D. Gray	01245	223609
Howe Green URC	Rev Mark Meatcher	01245	601662
Howe Green URC Elder	Mrs P Knott	01245	471691
Village Hall Management Committee	Ms J. Fisher	01245	475976
Brownies	Mrs S Little	01621	840525
Guides	Ms J Ronaldson	07939	047987
Beavers	Mrs J Bernades	01245	476830
Cubs	Mr Steve Eatley	07957	802898
Scouts	Miss A. Agombar	07549	206055
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Chelmsford Rambling Club	Ms M Say	01245	381262
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Are your details correctly listed? If not, please contact the Parish Council Clerk on 01245 477111

