



# SANDON TOPICS



## *Winter 2017 Newsletter from Sandon Parish Council*



### **Message from the Chair**

Hello everyone. Trust you are all looking forward to Christmas and the New Year. There is always a bit of a buzz at this time of the year with everyone rushing around looking for that unusual present for their family and friends. This *Topics* has a bit of an arty theme, hope you enjoy the local articles.

Sandon Parish Council have had meetings with some local groups recently.

We met with a few residents of Hall Lane who are being blighted by one person. They have lorries delivering skips of rubbish to an illegal site day and evening, they have tractors trundling around even at night with lights on moving this rubbish and soil to cover it up. This is all happening next to the brook which could be disastrous to the ecology if toxins/contaminates enter the water, especially when it rains. We have just heard that the City Council will now be acting and Environment are looking to help, so keeping all fingers and toes crossed that they can finally do something to help the blighted residents of Sandon. We still need Highways to do their duty and clear the blocked drains by Plumping Bridge; we will continue to pursue this.

We met with Howe Green Action Group who were formed to stop some travellers moving in locally, and had a very useful meeting and discussion. Thankfully they report all is quiet at present. They did come up with some essential works needed on the roads/verges in their area which we are addressing.

We also had a successful meeting with a group of residents who are interested in helping out with work on a Neighbourhood Plan for Sandon; we are pleased to report this seems to be commencing well. Please read the article in this edition and offer your assistance where possible. We need your help.

I can report that the amount of rubbish on our roads seems to be much less recently, and thanks to those who have taken the time and trouble to pick it up when they see it. Also thank you to those who worked very hard to replace the rotting wood on the gates and giving them all a coat of paint at the entrances to Howe Green. We look much smarter – brilliant!

Happy Christmas and New Year  
Dee

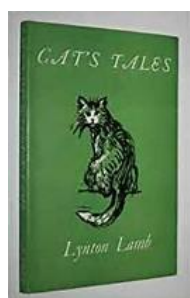


## Lynton Lamb: Recognition of a local artist who achieved international fame

Many residents of Sandon will be aware of, and have admired, the painting of Saint Andrew on the north wall of Sandon Church. It was painted, and donated by Lynton Lamb, an internationally recognised artist, creator of numerous iconic books and posters, designer of stamps for the Royal Mail, author of books on art and a writer of detective fiction.

Lynton, or more correctly Lamb as he liked to be known, moved into Sandon in 1940 with his wife Biddy and two boys. During the war he designed camouflage on military equipment. During his life he held many prestigious appointments in the art world: he became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 1953 and was made a Royal Designer for Industry in 1974. Amongst a number of notable achievements Lamb developed a fine book design technique that brought him the tasks of designing the commemorative binding for the lectern Bible for St Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh, in 1948, and the Bible used at the coronation of Elizabeth II in 1953.

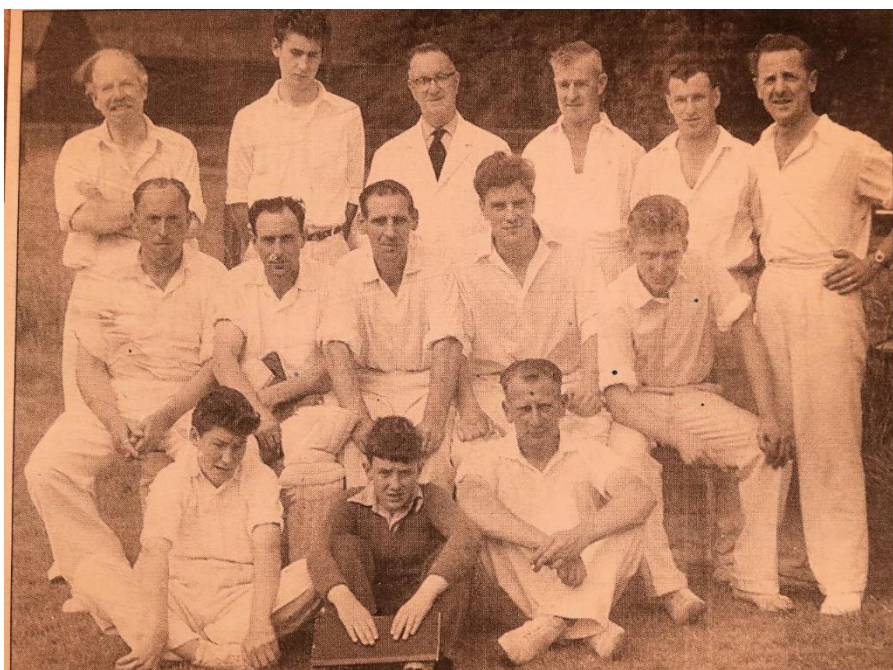
He lived in Rose Cottage, alas no longer standing, its enforced demolition due to the construction of the A12 Chelmsford Bypass in the late 1970s/1980s. The cottage would have stood in Woodhill Road where the flyover crosses the A12, and indeed The Lintons [note slightly wrong spelling] was named to reflect the closeness of the road to where would have stood his cottage, years previously.



After the War Lamb spent the remaining thirty or so years of his life until his death in September 1977 living happily in Sandon and was very much affected in his painting and book illustration by what he saw around him. He wrote his own novel, *Cats Tales*, dedicated to his son Andrew. It is totally based on his life and recollections of what he and his son saw in their garden and walks round Sandon. In addition, his book *County Town – Backs and Fronts in Kennelsford* is based on Chelmsford and the surrounding Essex countryside.

His main illustrations were those for other authors including such iconic titles as *The Railway Children* and *Lark Rise to Candelford*. In addition he completed numerous posters and special menus for the cruising ships of the Orient Shipping Line in the 1950s.

During his career, Lamb produced many paintings of Sandon and Chelmsford, a number of which are held by the Essex Museum in Moulsham Street. These are on display from time to time.



**SANDON TEAM:** This photograph of the Sandon Cricket Club team from the 1958 season was sent in by John Hinsley of Boreham.

The photo was taken prior to Sandon's match at Woodham Mortimer and the side was (back row): Linton Lamb, Alan Francis, Mr S. Eadey (umpire), Sid Hinsley, John Hinsley and Reg Barton. (middle row): George Brazier, Les Gibbons, Fred Coote, Tony Mott and Ted Willett. (front row): Jerry Hinsley, Paul Gibbons (scorer) and Albert Willett.

Lamb was very much involved in community life in Sandon, as Secretary of the Cricket Club and Churchwarden and Secretary at St Andrews Church. He and his wife are buried in the churchyard.

Residents, both present and past have generously provided information and local knowledge on Lamb for which I am very grateful. Thank you all very much. For those I have missed please do feel free to contact me – I would really appreciate any local information and recollections so that this really is a community project.

Richard Simmonds

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## Parish Clerk's piece

I realise that this might be a month too early, but how about this as a suggestion for a new year's resolution?

"Life's too short to stay inside and vegetate, I'll try and get out more and meet new people"

A great way of achieving this is to join the parish council. We need two more volunteers, so it could be a husband and wife! It is not onerous, we only meet one evening each month, but it is a great way to find out what is going on in the parish as well as getting involved with your local community. On a personal level, I have been a councillor for seven years now. There are many other examples of long serving councillors, so it can't all be bad!

Why don't you come to our next meeting, or go onto our website, to see what is discussed?

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!

*Ted Munt, Clerk*

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



## Local Craft Workshop: 'The Make It Room'

Lynne Sharpe has lived at St. Anne's in Howe Green for over 30 years. Previously working as Textile Artist in Residence at Hylands House for five years, Lynne has been running The Make It Room from her studio at home for the last six years.

The Make It Room is a sewing and craft workshop/course business, providing six week courses in beginners' sewing and dressmaking as well as many single classes including dressmaking, pattern reading, knitting, crochet, patchwork, bag making, needle felting, wet felting, lampshade making and more. Dates are listed on her website [www.themakeitroom.co.uk](http://www.themakeitroom.co.uk) although more dates are available on request. There are plenty of images to browse on The Make It Room's Facebook and Instagram pages. All levels of skill are catered for.

Lynne also teaches at other venues, Hyde Hall, the Knit and Stitch Show at Olympia and Alexandra Palace, previously at Kirstie Allsopp's Handmade Fair at Hampton Court Palace, and most recently at the Great British Sewing Bee Show at Excel London.

[www.themakeitroom.co.uk](http://www.themakeitroom.co.uk)

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## Howe Green United Reform Church



Just a reminder and an invitation to you all to join us at Howe Green for our annual CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE by candlelight.

This year it is on THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER at 7.30 p.m.

We have the usual readings, carols and Christmas music followed by tea/coffee, mince pies etc. Of course there's the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours. So do put it in your diaries and we look forward to welcoming you to this popular Christmas event at Howe Green.

Pam Knott



# Sandon Parish's Neighbourhood Plan

## Protect the character of our villages

### A Neighbourhood Plan:

- Is community-led
- guides the future development and growth of an area
- may help in choosing where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built
- may identify and protect important green spaces

It will be subject to examination and a referendum and then form part of the Local Development Plan. This legal status gives Neighbourhood Plans far more weight than other local planning documents such as village design statements.

### Our Neighbourhood Plan (NP) :

- will be part of the Chelmsford Local Plan.

Chelmsford City Council is preparing a new 'Local Plan' covering development in the area until 2036. That plan:

- will help us to develop a shared vision for Sandon
- will have influence in decision-making locally, concerning housing, schools, transport, traffic and many other issues of importance which we want Chelmsford Council to take into account.
- as part of Chelmsford's overall plan, it can help to steer planning locally. Proposed development will be tested against the Chelmsford local plan and by definition against our NP too. It can only be helpful.

### Your opinion:

- really matters to us. Join in an event and/or take part in a questionnaire and consultation, all of which will help to produce the NP.
- will ensure that the NP is informed and relevant for Sandon residents
- could help us plan events or help in the production of the NP itself.

### If we ignore this opportunity and don't go ahead with a neighbourhood plan:

- we run the risk that, even with the best intentions the planning authorities may approve proposals which we do not want
- they may ignore/turn down those which we do want
- It is not enough just to oppose individual proposals – we need to be part of the policy development and have our say in the planning stage.

### Your opinion again

- Your opinion matters
- We cannot produce a plan without you
- We need to engage with as many people as possible in Sandon to get the real views of the residents and of the community
- We encourage businesses to be involved as well as sports clubs and other community groups.

## GET INVOLVED

Contact Steering Group secretary: Judy Cecil 01245 224747 or [cecil.family@clara.net](mailto:cecil.family@clara.net)

## Edd Mitcham - local artist....

From a young age Edd had a keen interest in sketching and drawing and his sketchbook is always at hand. Having been an ardent east coast yachtsman for many years marine art became Edd's main subject but he also enjoys landscape painting. During his working life as a tower crane operator the London skyline often featured in his pictures.

Edd has lived in Howe Green for seven years and has been inspired by these local scenes:



1. Sandon Village



2. Alexander Mews



3. Waiting For The Bus, East Hanningfield Road



4. The Ford, Sporhams Lane



Does anyone know who drew this and the approximate date? Let us know @ Sandon Topics!



## Join an Email Forum

**Forum, a definition:** A medium for the exchange of views.

Join an email forum and connect with your parish for:

- Official parish and city notices, road closures etc.
- Neighbourhood Watch police advice plus local crime reports and warnings
- Local news and upcoming events
- Appealing for help with your lost cat or selling that grandfather clock
- Finding a baby-sitter or trustworthy tradesman, etc. etc

We have two forums in the parish: the Sandon forum for all parish residents and the HGCA forum for Howe Green residents only. They are private forums, so only residents can participate. The forums are free of charge and easy to join. (Unsubscribing is likewise easy.)

- To join the Sandon forum, simply send an email to [sandon-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:sandon-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).
- To join the Howe Green forum, send an email to [hgca-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:hgca-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

*Note: where an item of general interest is posted on one forum, it will be copied to the other also, so that no residents miss out.*

There is not a lot of traffic on the forums, to clog up your inbox, so join today! Contacts:

Sandon forum: Clr. Martin Cross, telephone 478910 email [martinkcross@gmail.com](mailto:martinkcross@gmail.com)

HGCA forum: David Pearson, telephone 471589 or email [info@hgca.org.uk](mailto:info@hgca.org.uk)

When the Neighbourhood Planning Group get going and they need to inform residents of what is happening, the email forums are very good medium for making contact.

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO JOIN AND JOIN IN WITH THE COMMUNITY!**



## Action on Gablefields Pond



The vegetation around the pond at Gablefields is getting a little overgrown now. We have raised this issue with Chelmsford City Council and they have arranged a practical conservation session with their parks volunteers on 1st December. They would welcome any support from local people and are encouraging you all to come along and help. Note that they can provide protective clothing and equipment (although would prefer that you bring your own).

Can you let me know, via my contact details below, whether you wish to be involved? I can then collate your names and send them on to the co-ordinator.

Thank you

Ted Munt (Parish Clerk) Tel no 01245 477111  
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# COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices.

Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds. In cases where education is blatantly ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences is collated (even across county borders), enforcement and prosecution follow.

Volunteers receive appropriate training, and are supported by neighbourhood policing team (NPT) staff. The scheme aims to cater for the problem of real or perceived speed related offending, and through partnership with the community it is to be used in circumstances that are necessary, justifiable and proportionate in order to:

- Reduce death and injury on the roads
- Improve the quality of life for local communities
- Reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- Increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

Speedwatch activity is not about interfering with neighbours' behaviour; it is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the community.

**If you are interested in doing this in Sandon please let me know on [dee.hyatt@virgin.net](mailto:dee.hyatt@virgin.net)**

## News from St. Andrews Church

### Special December Christmas Services and Events

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **4:00 pm Christmas Market by the Friends of Sandon Church**

This evening will include a visit from Father Christmas, lighting of the Christmas Tree, carol singing and various craft stalls in church

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **4:00 pm Christingle Service**

Come and experience this service as we light the candles of the Christingle.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

#### **6:30 pm Candle Lit Nine Lessons & Carols**

Come again and hear the story of the first Christmas and see the church in all its glory. Arrive early to obtain a seat. Our Choir will be joined by singers from Sandon School. The Deputy Mayor & Mayoress of Chelmsford will be in attendance

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **7:00 pm Beer and Carols @ The Crown**

Everyone invited to come and sing favourite carols and sample free mince pies.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

#### **4:00 pm Crib Service**

A service for all ages to gather round the manger and see the Christmas story unfold. Children please come dressed as one of the characters of the Christmas Story. Sheep, Camels and donkeys also needed, as well as Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Kings and Inn Keepers.

#### **11:30 pm Midnight Communion Service**

Come and welcome the new born Christ child. Arrive early to obtain a seat at this popular service.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

#### **10:00 am Christmas Day Service & Communion**

Please bring an opened present to show us at the service

## Important contact details

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<b>USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS</b>			
Chelmsford City Council	01245	606606	
Police	01245	491491	Ask for S Woodham Ferrers
Broomfield Hospital	01245	443673	
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845	4040506	
Neighbourhood Watch	01245	471589	
<b>LOCAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
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	01702 342120
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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