

SANDON TOPICS

Summer/Autumn 2018 Newsletter from Sandon Parish Council



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Annual Assembly in April 2018

Over 50 members of the Parish and surrounding community attended our Annual Assembly in April, and the Sandon Cup was presented to Pam Knott for her numerous good works in the community and her many years running the United Reform Church. She also supports many needy groups in the area. Well done Pam.

We had several presentations again this year. Hammonds Farm gave us an update on where their proposals stand at this time and looking to the future. We had representatives from the NHS to



explain the forthcoming changes in our region, and a very interesting talk on the newly refurbished Chelmsford Museum. The Museum in Oaklands Park has been revamped using £2 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund and is certainly well worth a visit.

Cllr Cedric Calmeyer spoke about the proposed Community Centre and the plans were displayed at the meeting. Following the circulation of these plans to groups in Sandon, new plans have now been drawn up to include the suggestions given, and are available at the Parish Office to view on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Further comments welcome.

The Sandon Neighbourhood Development Plan is beginning to take shape and Mrs Judy Cecil, secretary to the Group, gave an excellent presentation with a video and slides. Graphs showed the responses to the various questions on the Questionnaire that had been circulated to every house in the Parish, with some surprising results. She reiterated that without an NDP in place, the community was more exposed to unwanted developments.



After very good tea and biscuits, once again kindly served by the ladies from the WI, we had questions from the floor. These included needing a well-lit footpath up Brick Kiln Road to the Park and Ride, better cycle paths in the Parish and a request to reinstate the old footpath from Mayes Lane to Brick Kiln Road. Some of these items may be dealt with by the CCC in their Local Plan when it is published. Flooding issues were also highlighted, and residents were encouraged to log onto the Highways website to complain about these issues.

Pictured here are your representatives on Sandon Parish Council, and if you would like to join us to make a difference, please get in touch

with our Clerk, Ted on parishclerk@sandon.info.

Thanks once again to Sandon School for allowing us to use their wonderful hall for our annual meeting. We wished Mr Jo Wincott, the retiring Headteacher, all the best in his new career and welcomed Mr Andrew Weaver in his new position as Headteacher.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30 p.m. Please put it in your diary.

Cllr Dee Hyatt



Sandon Village Fete

On Saturday July 14th, Sandon Church held their annual fete. The sun shone and a great number of village residents, with their families and friends, came to enjoy a really lovely afternoon.

There was something for all; coconut shy with china to smash (really looked like fun!), bric-a-brac, raffle, tea and cakes, BBQ and a host of other stalls.

Sandon Parish Council displayed the second proposal for the design of the new village hall community centre. They gave the public an opportunity to see the proposal and asked them for their comments.



The public had the opportunity to venture up into the church tower and admire the view. They were also given a demonstration on the working of the church bells on the way.

Then there was the scarecrow competition. SPC were asked if we would like to enter, hence the birth of the Rev. Crow (see above picture). The entries were very good and I expect difficult to judge, but we were pleased to come first with a very good second by the Tiny Tots group (see left).

Cllr Rosemary Hoare

All Parish Council information is available on our website including minutes of meetings at www.sandonparishcouncil.co.uk. The Council meets at 7.15 pm on the 2nd Monday of each Month at St Andrews Church meeting room and on alternate months at Howe Green Chapel. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

WE EXTEND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS

Sandon Neighbourhood Development Plan

The plan is making progress. After the questionnaire last March, delivered to 650 homes and which attracted 163 replies we reported the results at the Sandon Parish annual assembly. Thank you to all who responded.

The full report is available on the website: www.ndp4sandon.co.uk - Please have a look.

Many residents do not want changes to the village and many want to keep housing developments small, (fewer than 30 houses). There was good support for a village shop, a better bus service, preservation of green spaces and more footpaths, especially connecting the village to the Park and Ride. Comments focussed on problems with traffic, especially on the A414, and the lack of infrastructure such as doctor's surgeries and schools.

A short film was made to show residents the variety and treasures of Sandon and to explain the benefits of a neighbourhood development plan - it too is available via the website as above. Since then we have developed a 'Vision' for Sandon for the next 18 years. This was displayed at the Sandon Church Fete on 14th July and another nine residents showed an interest in becoming involved and several offered comments.



The Vision for Sandon Parish

- ⤴ A village offering the appeal of rural life
- ⤴ A welcome to all
- ⤴ A peaceful and tranquil environment
- ⤴ Easy access to town and country
- ⤴ Appropriate roads for traffic levels
- ⤴ Sustainable development considering the natural environment
- ⤴ Distinctive country village heritage defined by green spaces
- ⤴ Ideal environment for outdoor exercise, well-being and youth activities
- ⤴ Integrated and pleasing new homes respecting the rural surroundings
- ⤴ Cycle paths, footpaths and public transport to minimise pressure on roads
- ⤴ Medical and educational infrastructure appropriate to the size of population.

We gave out information at the annual 'Tea on the Green' in the village, about the proposed housing and business park development in Sandon, (Part of the Local Plan). We also gave advice about commenting on the provision of infrastructure. The information is repeated here. You still have time to comment, by September 2018.

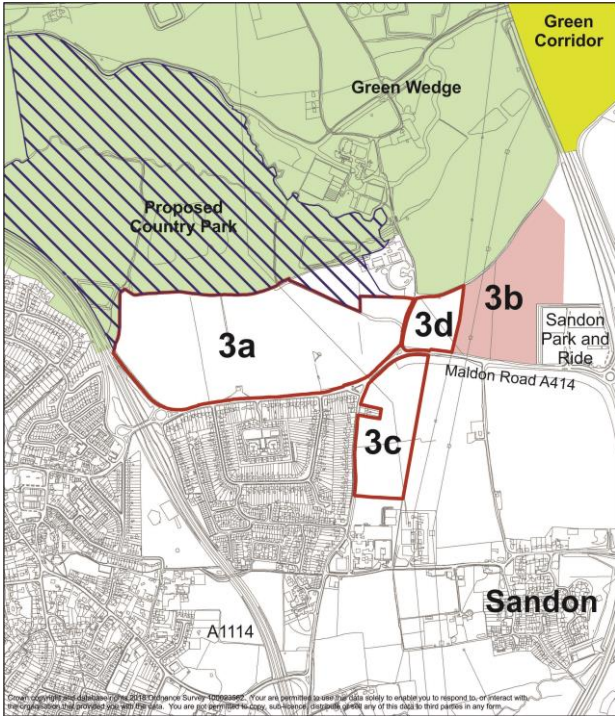
Have your say!

The Chelmsford Local Plan proposes 150 new houses in Sandon in the next few years, as well as a business park next to the Park and Ride.

See the map below (area 3a shows 250 new houses in Great Baddow)

Areas 3b, 3d show the business park and 50 houses

Area 3c sits behind Sandon School and will accommodate 100 houses.



You can make a difference to securing the infrastructure needed to manage the impact of the development. At present there are no GPs, no dentists and no schools planned.

Do **you** think provision should be made with a development of the size planned?

Are **you** concerned about traffic on the A414?

It is pointless to complain after the building work is complete!!

If you want to make your voice heard – go to website:

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/new-local-plan

and add your comments to the:

Draft Planning Obligations SPD Consultation.

All the NDP group meeting minutes are on the website and residents are welcome to attend meetings – we usually meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5pm in the Parish Office, next meeting 4th September 2018. Check our website for the date of the following meeting.

We have put together draft objectives for the Sandon plan and will now move towards producing policy. When this stage is complete we will apply for some funding to employ a consultant who will check the plan and policy for accuracy before we move on to formal procedures for acceptance.

Judy Cecil

Flood issues in Sandon



Our work on flood issues in Sandon continues. Our findings so far confirm that the infrastructure (i.e. drainage systems, guttering, takeaways, etc) is all in place and,

when properly maintained, works very well. The problem is that there is very little maintenance done. There is no routine maintenance programme and this is why blockages develop and flash floods follow after heavy rain. However, to make a start, we are taking the crossroads at Woodhill Road with Halls/Mayes Lane and developing a planned preventive maintenance initiative. This will be developed on the LHP (Local Highways

Plan) format and submitted to Essex County Council highways department for implementation – and, hopefully, action. Of course, not all flooding problems we have seen are the responsibility of the ECC highways department. Many of them are the responsibility of residents themselves. Nevertheless, even here we can help. Residents should contact us with their flood problem – we may be able to help. Although results may sometimes seem slow, we are making progress. Residents will be pleased to see the drainage repairs at the lower end of Halls Lane. This has now eliminated the persistent flood nuisance that has existed in this area for years.

Cllr Ron Bullus

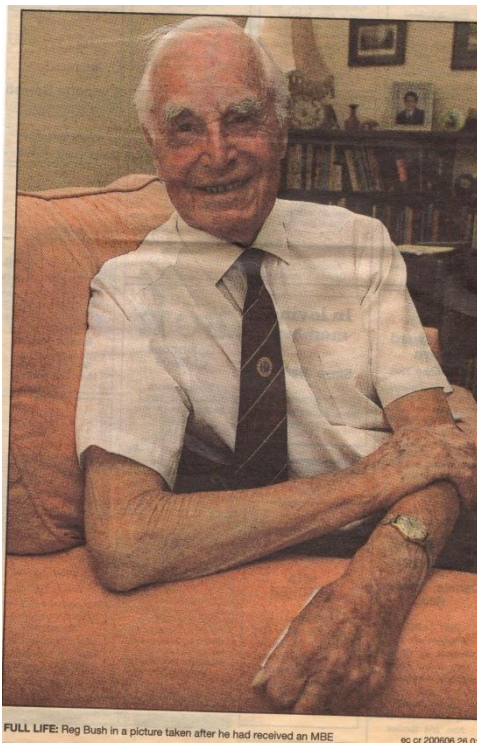
SANDON PEOPLE

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER REG BUSH MBE

Reg Bush was born at Forge House, Sandon, on February 13, 1911.

He was the third of four brothers and son to village wheelwright and smith, Harry William Bush and Lizzie Shorten of Great Baddow.

He attended the Sandon Village School and Great Baddow Church School before joining the staff of the County Council at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford in 1926. Just 10 years later he was made responsible for the preparation of the Electors' Lists and the Jurors Book for Essex and for the conduct of parliamentary elections in the eight County Constituencies.



FULL LIFE: Reg Bush in a picture taken after he had received an MBE ec or 200606 28 01

In 1941, Reg joined the Royal Navy and served in the Mediterranean as a Lieutenant Commander. In 1943, he personally conducted the negotiation around the surrender of the Italian Fleet in Taranto, on behalf of Admiral Cunningham. He is remembered for going ashore to begin the discussions whilst carrying the ship's dog under his arm.

At the end of the war he returned to election work, supervising the general election and every other election up until his retirement in 1974.

However, even then he was recalled to the Home Office thanks to his expertise, which was needed to help plan a possible forthcoming referendum on Europe.

He was an active member and former President of the Danbury and District British Legion, a member of the Village Cricket Team and sang tenor in the choir of St. Andrews Church, as well as serving on the Parochial Church Council for an unequalled 79 years.

In 1950 he married Margaret (Peggy) Mott of Silver End, in Sandon Church and they took up residence in Graces Cross, Brick Kiln Road, where they spent the next 33 years. They had two children, Anthony (John) and Diana, and 4 grandchildren.

A well-loved villager, remembered for his full life and significant contributions to the County as well as the author of Sandon- a Village History. (The Parish Council are attempting to re-publish this book)

Both Peggy and Reg died in 2009 and are interred in St Andrews Churchyard.

Cllr Cedric Calmeyer

Remembrance Sunday – 10:00 11th November St Andrews Church

This service will mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. The service begins at 10:00 in the church followed by a two minute silence 11:00 at the War Memorial. Poppies will then be cascaded from the church tower. Please bring a spare poppy. The bells will be rung muffled after the silence, and then later rung in celebration.

Feature: The Crown Pub, Sandon



As many local residents will know there has been a change of landlord at the Crown Pub. The previous landlord Andrew left in July and we would like to thank Andrew for his time at the Crown and wish him well in his future endeavours.

The new landlords on a temporary basis are John and Fiona Scott whom many will already know as they were previously at the Crown a few years ago. We would like to extend a warm welcome to them both and wish them well for their time in the village.

The pub will be open Tuesday to Saturday from 12 to 11pm and on Sundays from 12 to 8.30pm. Traditional pub food will be served every day from 12 to 2.30pm and from 6 to 8.30pm with a Roast on Sunday lunch times. The pub website will be updated soon with the new menu.

Cllr James Colbeck

Walking Group



The local walking group went on a wet walk to The Crown at Sandon, where we received a warm welcome and enjoyed a splendid lunch before our short return walk.

Sometimes we keep to local footpaths but often venture further afield and explore new places. Our walks vary but are not too arduous and we try to include a coffee shop or a pub visit each week.

New friends are most welcome, so if you'd like to join us, we meet on Tuesdays at 10.00 am in the car park opposite the chapel in East Hanningfield Road.

Gill Mitcham

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Ron Robbin Coker. Once again, the Parish Council wish to thank Ron for his great help in compiling this edition of the Topics.