

# SANDON TOPICS

*Summer 2019 Newsletter from Sandon Parish Council*



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## **OUTDOOR CINEMA EVENT, THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST 2019** **“THE GREATEST SHOWMAN”**



The Parish Council are pleased to announce that there will be a FREE screening of “The Greatest Showman” at an outdoor cinema event on the sports ground off Woodhill Road, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. This event will be open to all parishioners, though the film chosen is going to appeal more to families with children. It will be a social event, held with the support of the Village Hall and The Sports Club. We are hoping that it will be a sociable, fun filled evening, and a chance to engage with your fellow parishioners.

Gates will open at 19:00 with the expectation that the film will start at 20:30. The film lasts for 1 ¾ hours so we will aim to finish at around 22:15-22:30. Disabled badge holders may park in the normal sports ground car park, others must park at the Sandon School. As parking is limited, we would encourage people to come by foot. Note that any cars must leave by 23:00 AT THE LATEST. Also note that you will need to bring something to sit on, either fold up chairs, or a rug/ground sheet. We hope that it will still be warm, but bring a blanket or warm clothing just in case.

Note that entrance will be free. However, it is a silent cinema event so you will have to hire a pair of headphones. There will be no speakers, so the headphones are a must! These can be hired on the evening for a refundable deposit of £10 each. **THIS MUST BE PAID IN CASH** as we have no facility to accept card payments. Note that the numbers of headphones are limited, so please come early to ensure you can participate.

The church will be providing a BBQ so you can purchase food and drink on the evening. Please note that for safety reason, **GLASS BOTTLES OR CONTAINERS** are not permitted on the field.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL FOR WHAT SHOULD BE AN ENJOYABLE EVENING!**

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As you will see from our first article, we are welcoming all of Sandon Parishioners to a free film night. We look forward to seeing many of you at this event in August. We hope the weather will be good, but come what may, we will be there.

With our Clerks considerable effort we have now achieved the Local Council Foundation Award, which is really good news. This allows us to use the logo of achievement. Many thanks Ted for all your hard work. To meet this award we have demonstrated that we have our documentation in place for operating lawfully, including policies for training. This is a great achievement for the Council which is held by only 30 other Councils in Essex.

We held our Annual Assembly in May at Sandon School with almost fifty people turning up. Perhaps not quite as good a turn out as in previous years but there haven't been as many big issues to speak of. Jane Willis, Chair of the Sandon Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee, gave us an overview of where we are with the Plan. Rev Terry Brown reminded us of how old the Church was and how important it is to the residents of Sandon. He encouraged us to all join the Friends group. See article later on for more information. Cllr Martin Cross explained the function of the two email forums which was very helpful.

We had PC Paul Arthey of the Essex Police Dog Unit give us a presentation on what the Dog Unit gets up to and their new ways of tackling criminals. This was all very interesting! He brought two dogs along with him, an Alsatian and a Spaniel cross. He explained the very large Alsatian's job in tackling firearm and knife carrying crimes, etc. I would not like to meet him on a dark night! The rescued Spaniel cross was a sniffer dog which is used for everything from money to drugs. His nose hardly left the floor when he walked around and met the audience. PC Paul Arthey thanked the residents of Sandon for their understanding in having a working dog unit in the Parish. Such an inspiring presentation!

The Sandon Cup was presented this year to Ron Bullus for his selfless dedication to parish matters since he joined the Council back in 2005. Ron has now retired from the Council and we wish him well for the future.



Photo of Sandon Cup Presentation with all the Councillors

**All Parish Council information is available on our website including minutes of meetings at [www.sandonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.sandonparishcouncil.co.uk). The Council meets at 7.15 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

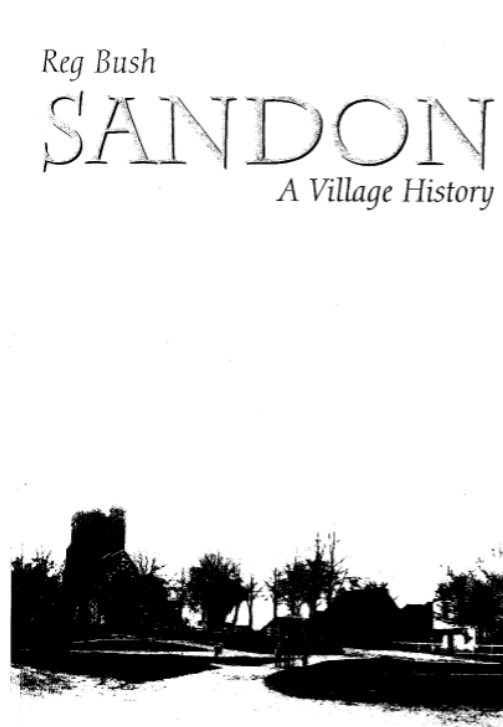
## **“SANDON, A VILLAGE HISTORY” BY REG BUSH**

The Parish Council have been given permission to re-print “SANDON, A Village History” by Reg Bush. This is a fascinating read which covers the history of the village from its earliest known origins up to the end of the twentieth century.

Copies are available for sale from the Parish Council. They cost £10 each and can be ordered from the Clerk. He can be contacted in person either at the Parish Office, by phone 01245 477111, or by email [parishclerk@sandon.info](mailto:parishclerk@sandon.info)

All profits from this wonderful and interesting book will go to “The Friends of St. Andrews”.

Order a copy NOW and remind yourself about the history of the Parish as well as supporting the upkeep of the church



The author was born at Sandon in February 1911 and educated at Great Baddow. In 1926 he joined the staff of the County Council at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, and ten years later 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.

When elections were suspended at the outbreak of war in 1939 the Home Office offered him the appointment of Clerk to the Government Referees on Evacuation. After two years in that office he joined the Royal Navy and while serving in the Mediterranean as a Lieutenant-Commander in May 1945 he was urgently summoned home to supervise, in Essex, the forthcoming general election.

Retiring in 1974, he was recalled in the following year to work with the Home Office in planning the Referendum, and then to organise and conduct the Referendum and the count for the whole of Essex.

Elected to Sandon Parochial Church Council on the 5th March 1929, he has now completed seventy years as a member.

In 1950 he married Margaret (Peggy) Mott and they took up residence at Graces Cross, where they spent the next thirty-three years. They have two children, Anthony (John) and Diana, and four grandchildren.

## **COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND & MICRO GRANT SCHEME**

In case any parishioners were unaware, the Essex Association of Local Councils launched a Micro Grant scheme in April 2019. Funding has been secured for two years and applicants can apply for up to £500 per project.

Any local organisation, group or individual, may apply for funding towards a project, provided it has a measurable benefit to the local community. The assessors are looking for themes such as: reducing social isolation, connecting communities, improving mental health or learning disabilities, and reducing obesity through activity and diet.

Examples of successful applications for the £500 awards include the following:

- The re-opening of the Purleigh Community Shop.
- Sports equipment for children with learning disabilities at Heybridge Swifts Football Club.
- A coffee bar project for disadvantaged and socially isolated young people at the Braintree Youth Project.

For full details and an application form, please visit the EALC website at [www.ealc.gov.uk](http://www.ealc.gov.uk) . If you have any queries, then contact Louise Gambardella on 01371 879722 or by email at [louise.gambardella@ealc.gov.uk](mailto:louise.gambardella@ealc.gov.uk).

## **FARLEIGH OPEN GARDENS EVENT 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2019**



A selection of old cars.

What another lovely event in aid of Farleigh Hospice! A big “thank you” to the organisers and especially to the host gardeners for signing up to this special day. Some of the hosts have opened up their garden spaces for a good few years now. It was obvious how much care and preparation has gone into getting everything ready for this year’s event.

If you weren't able to make it, you missed some beautiful gardens and an opportunity for an enthusiastic introduction to beekeeping from our local Sandon honey producer, Mike Warboys. He is making honey right on your doorstep - definitely helping to keep the carbon footprint to a minimum! We have yet to see if it does help to alleviate the symptoms of hay fever, one of many apparent benefits, but are giving it a go.

I, for one, really enjoyed seeing what plants people choose and how they use them in their gardens. If you were thinking that it was all healthy, and an enticement to get active, then think again as there were some superb homemade cakes on offer. All proceeds were going to Farleigh Hospice.

I hope that this event has succeeded in raising a good amount of money for Farleigh and that, along the way, you enjoyed meeting and greeting members of the local community who you might not otherwise have had the chance to say "hello" to.

Once again, many thanks to the organisers, those who opened up their gardens and you for supporting the event.

## **ADULT MENTAL HEALTH – FIRST AID TRAINING IN SANDON**

We all have mental health. Better mental health is good for everyone and recognising this is good for society. MHFA England believes in a society where everyone can thrive and where there is no adverse stigma surrounding mental health. They want mental health to be openly discussed and supported. They have a vision to improve the mental health of the nation.

Essex County Council is funding a training course to raise awareness of mental health issues in the community. They are working with MHFA England to offer a free half-day course in mental health awareness.

The training is designed to create an unshakable belief that we can all talk freely about mental health and seek support when we need it. Their aim to achieve this is through their mission to train one in ten people in mental health awareness and skills.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a mental health skill and awareness programme. This will equip people with the skills they need to support their own, and others’ wellbeing. Issues covered will include: to notice the signs of mental ill health, to encourage them to break down barriers, and to listen in a non-judgemental way.

This course will not make you an expert in mental health but will give you the skills, knowledge, and confidence, to signpost those who may need help, and to address local needs.

If you want to receive training please email the Parish Clerk at [parishclerk@sandon.info](mailto:parishclerk@sandon.info) with an expression of interest and he will let you have a list of available dates and venues. It will be a free, half day session. We have to have a minimum of eight people to make the course worthwhile.

## **SANDON QUARRY**



The Northern void

The Quarry is run by Bretts and lies next to the A12, with the houses on Mayes Lane running along the other side. There are two voids (Southern and Northern) where gravel and sand has been extracted. The Southern void is currently being filled with inert waste, mainly from the many building sites around Chelmsford. This currently receives up to 100 lorries a day. The Northern void is at present full of water that they keep to a reasonable level by pumping it into Sandon Brook. The entrance is from the A1114 near Great Baddow.

The site will change dramatically in the future when a good proportion of the inert waste will be recycled. Permissions to carry this out are being sought at present. This will include the replacing of the bailey bridge over the Sandon Brook that runs through the site, and an access to the area near Mayes Lane which will house the recycling facility. The aim is to send the crushed bricks and stones back to the building industry and to make cement. There will be a small recycling plant in the Southern void to begin with, and then once the recycling facility is ready, the waste will be dealt with from there. Sandon Parish Council, CCC, ECC, and local residents, meet with Bretts on a regular basis to hear the latest position at the Quarry. The last Liaison Meeting was on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June and we heard that 50,000 tons of waste had been deposited so far this year in the Southern void with a possible two to two and a half years left before it is finished and put down to agriculture. They will then start on the Northern void. Consultants are looking at this at present to decide on the logistics of removing the water. This is a difficult procedure as the A12 is very close to this very large void!

A lot of discussion took place on the poor state of The Sandon Hall Bridleway that runs next to the URC Chapel in Howe Green and down to Sandon Hall Farm. It is a concrete road that is cracking badly, making it a very poor surface for the residents to drive on and unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists, etc. Take great care if you walk or cycle down there, as we do not want any accidents! The local residents who attended the meeting put a very good case to Bretts to encourage their Estates Division to look at it seriously, and to sort out a suitable repair. A questionnaire had been sent to residents for their opinion and most replied that it needed urgent attention. Although they may consider a contribution, it is Bretts' responsibility. These discussions have been ongoing for quite some time and it was pointed out that Bretts need to put something back into the community, and this urgent repair would certainly help. We wait with bated breath!

The other item we brought to the meeting was the dirt generated by the lorries on the road and the pavement of the A1114. Bretts do now have a road sweeper and clean the road as and when necessary, but the pavement does not get such good attention, and we asked that they give this a good clean too.

Cllr Dee Hyatt

## **FRIENDS OF SANDON CHURCH**



Do you value the church? It has been in Sandon for almost a thousand years, and it would be great if it were to be there for another thousand! Most people assume that the building and its ground are someone else's responsibility, but this is not the case with a church. Churches "belong" to the community they serve, and the community has a responsibility to help preserve them. Whether you are religious or not, we all have to look after our heritage and environment to be able to pass it on to future generations.

The Revd. Terry Brown is asking for parishioners to join the Friends of Sandon Church. This is a registered charity that was set up in October 2014. The Friends will be raising money by encouraging membership and running special fund raising events. The aims of the charity are to:

- Preserve the church for future generations to enjoy
- To maintain and improve the building for use by the whole community
- To support the conservation of the country churchyard as a haven of peace

Future projects include:

Repairs to the exterior stonework

Redecoration of the inside of the church

Improvement of the heating and lighting in the church

How can you help?

You can give a donation by sending a cheque to Friends of Sandon Church and gift aid your donation

Become a Friend of Sandon Church by completing a membership form

By joining the Friends Committee

By supporting the fund raising events

By helping with working parties in the churchyard

By remembering the Friends in your will.

Becoming a Friend will cost £200 for joint life, or £130 for single life. Alternatively, it cost £20 for joint annual, or £10 for single annual.

Please contact the Rector on 01245 698988 or via email, [tgabrown@hotmail.com](mailto:tgabrown@hotmail.com).

## SPORTS CLUB OPEN DAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2019



It's been a busy few weeks for us at the Sports Club.

Our football is all done for the season now and to wrap everything up we held our Annual Presentation Event on the 22nd June. We were once again very lucky with the weather and this meant we had a great turn out, with many of our players and their parents staying for the afternoon and into the evening. All of the money raised on the day will be invested back into the club.

We are also very excited to announce that we are now running Soccability sessions at the Club in conjunction with the F.A. These sessions are aimed at children from 8-16 years old, whose disabilities mean they cannot take part in mainstream football. We have held four sessions and have a group of around twelve children currently coming along. The feedback from both the parents and the players has been absolutely amazing! If anyone would like more information about the sessions, please do get in touch with me, Vicki Kohler, on 07957 300027. We hope you all enjoy your summer!

## SANDON FORUM & HOWE GREEN EMAIL FORUM

Some of you may not be aware, but there are two separate forum's set up for Sandon and Howe Green residents. The article below tells you more, and encourages you all to join either of them.

### **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 - from police and residents
- 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 that, 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, tel 478910 or email [martincross@gmail.com](mailto:martincross@gmail.com).

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

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO JOIN AND BECOME PART OF THE COMMUNITY!**

## **IMPORTANT CONTACT DETAILS**

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Broomfield Hospital	01245	443673	
Citizens Advice Bureau	01245	205605	
Neighbourhood Watch	01245	471589	
<b>LOCAL ORGANISATIONS</b>			
St Andrew's Church - Priest in Charge	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 R. Cecil	01245	224747
Women's Institute	Mrs D. Gray	01245	223609
Howe Green URC		01702	342120
Howe Green URC Elder	Mrs P Knott	01245	471691
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