

SANDON TOPICS

Summer 2020 Newsletter from Sandon Parish Council



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

March saw us under threat from the Corona virus. We were all under house arrest to protect us and the NHS, but I think it is fair to say the general public on the whole took it all in good part, and a big THANK YOU to everyone. Especially the NHS, and all the public services that helped us, delivered, collected, and kept the country going in these worrying times.

Some residents in Howe Green decided it would be fun to put teddies in windows and front gardens so that the children could go teddy spotting on their daily walks. I think it is fair to say we all had fun looking for them everywhere in our part of the village.



Then in April a suggestion came in that we all put thank you notes on our bins to thank the men who collected our rubbish, even in these difficult times, and also to thank the posties. Residents and children in the whole Parish took up the challenge and some wonderful notes were drawn and coloured, plus gifts of sweets, cakes and drinks etc, were left out.



Well done to all, especially the unsung heroes for doing things to help without letting anyone know; collecting shopping, providing meals, picking up medicines, and just being there for their neighbours and friends. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We must not forget that for some, this has been a heart wrenchingly sad time too. Our hearts go out to you all.

SANDON ALLOTMENTS

Some of you may not be aware that the Parish has a small allotment site at the very bottom of Hall Lane. There are currently nine plots which are not enough to satisfy the needs of the residents. Fortunately, the Parish Council has been able to purchase the area of land east of the existing allotments, and abutting the A12, for a nominal sum. The intention of the purchase was to extend the area to create three to five additional allotments. It is hoped that the additional plots will eliminate the current waiting list.

We will shortly embark on a drive to secure grant funding for the project. However, to access the land, the Parish Council, will have to improve the roadway along the southern boundary of the existing allotments. This project is planned to take place during September/October 2020 once the growing season is over. The Council will call a consultation meeting during July or August with all interested parties to discuss the project and timings in more detail.

THE VILLAGE GREEN AT THE JUNCTION OF EAST HANNINGFIELD AND BUTTS GREEN ROADS

The area at the junction of East Hanningfield and Butts Green Roads has, for many years, evoked comments from the parishioners. The area was densely overgrown with brambles, nettles, ivy and various noxious weeds. It also comprises the confluence of three drainage ditches which were inaccessible and as such could not be cleared, resulting in periodic flooding of the area and nearby properties. A fire hydrant was also exposed and made accessible.

The Parish Council took advantage of the prevailing situation to employ contractors, at a very competitive rate, to clear the area, whilst abiding by lockdown guidance, of everything except established and young trees. A survey was conducted to make sure any nesting birds or wildlife would not be disturbed. None were found. The soil was turned over to a depth of 150mm and then seeded with Amenity grass seed and rotovated to a depth of 50mm. Dependant on a good downpour, the seeds should germinate shortly.

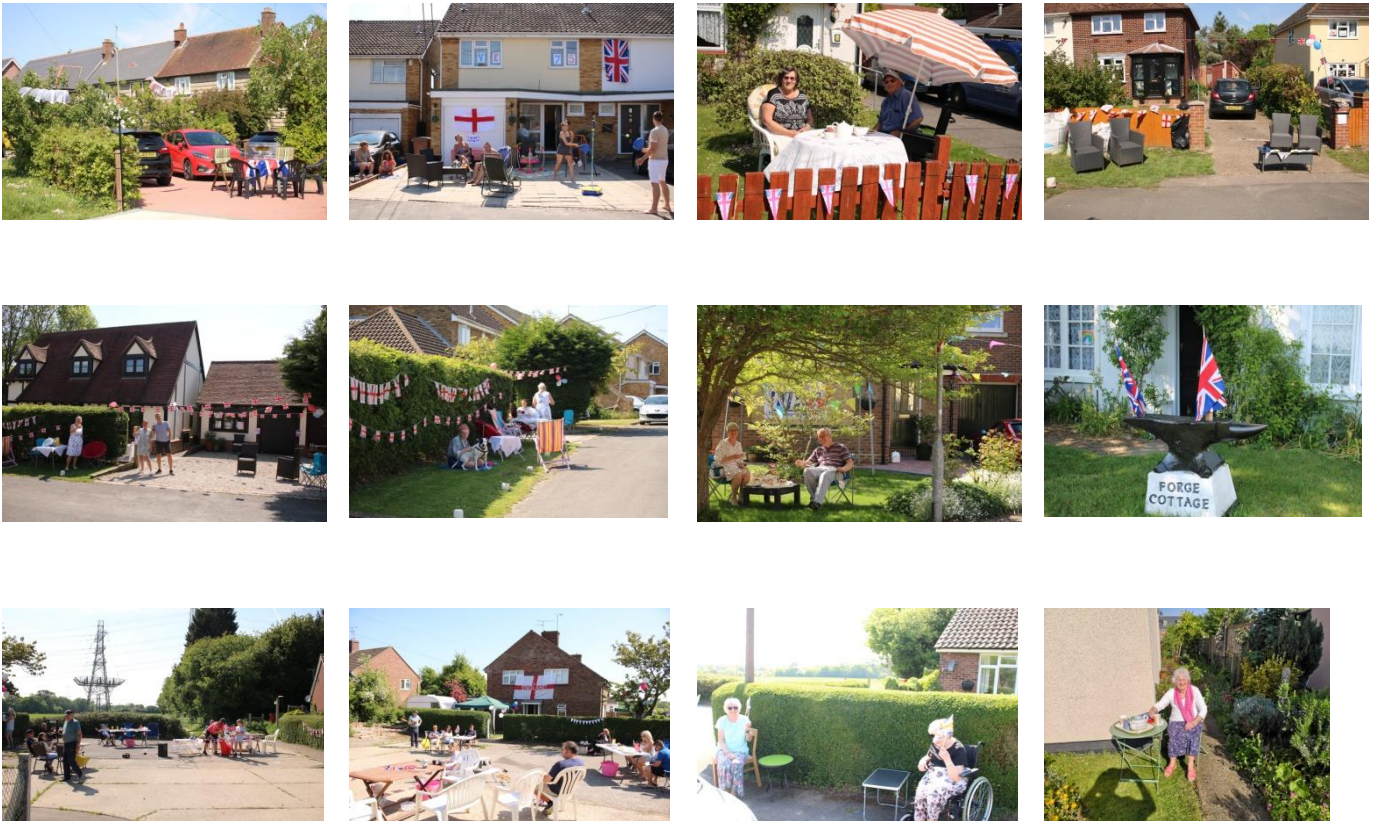


The photos clearly show the tangled vegetation before work started, and its current condition, complete with clean and clear ditches. Visibility at the junction has been dramatically improved and the general appearance enhanced. Due to the urgency of starting the work during the recent spell of good weather, the Parish Council did not adequately brief or communicate with the neighbouring residents as to its plans. For this oversight we sincerely apologise as to any offence or disruption we may have occasioned. We will, to the best of our abilities, consult and communicate with all interested parties on all future projects.

We have received numerous positive comments on the current condition of the village green for which we are thankful and appreciative. We have been asked whether a bench could be sited here. Is this of interest? Is there a local resident who would wish to purchase one, together with a plaque and a dedication?

V.E.DAY 8th MAY 2020

In spite of the lockdown, the parishioners were determined to enjoy themselves and mark the 75th anniversary of V.E. day (socially distancing of course!). We have a selection of photos taken on the day.



UPDATE ON THE EAST HANNINGFIELD ROAD CARE HOME

The site has been leased from the owners on behalf of Essex County Council to provide support for the Council's response to the current Covid-19 pandemic. The site provides a 'reablement' service, available to users from across Essex, as a step-down from acute and community hospitals (and in some cases, referrals from the community). The service exists to help adults recover from stays in hospital and to move back to their usual place of residence, which thereby increases the flow of discharges from hospitals. The service provides a short stay service, with appropriate isolation zones, for adults who are Covid-19 positive, negative and awaiting results. Some adults are ready to return to their home setting, but are awaiting the placement of a follow-up care package, whilst other adults require an element of reablement before returning to their home setting.

The services on site are being provided by Essex Cares Limited, a company wholly owned by Essex County Council, and the initial plan is to have the facility open for 13 weeks (from 8th May). Options for extension are available, in line with Council plans for the site and current coronavirus response legislation.

AND LASTLY (BUT NOT LEAST!)

The Parish Council salutes and values all those people, delivery drivers, civil servants, DWP staff, Council employees, NHS staff, teachers, carers, supermarket and shop staff, and all others who have risked their lives on a daily basis to protect and sustain us during these trying times

IMPORTANT CONTACT DETAILS

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Are your details correctly listed? If not, please contact the Parish Council Clerk on 01245 477111			

All Parish Council information is available on our website including minutes of meetings at www.sandonparishcouncil.co.uk. The Council is currently holding virtual meetings at 7.15 pm on the 2nd Monday of each Month until further notice. Members of the public are welcome to participate.

WE EXTEND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS