SANDON TOPICS

Summer 2022 Newsletter from Sandon Parish Council





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Chairman's Message – Platinum Jubilee edition



Wow! How do you describe the amazing celebrations? The pomp and the glory shown in London with parades, concerts, amazing light shows, and fly pasts. All to celebrate an amazing achievement of seventy wonderful years on the throne of our Queen. It was truly awe inspiring. I think we should all be proud that the United Kingdom can put on such a wonderful spectacle. Long May She Reign over us.



The Parish of Sandon, St Andrew's Church and a small committee of Rotary, WI and interested residents, put together a pretty good show too. Well done to all those that took part, even in a small way. You should be proud of your achievements too, bringing the best out in everyone. More on the events will follow in the Topics.

We hope the children who took part in the celebrations liked their Jubilee coins and will treasure them.

PIK-IT-UP

On Thursday 2^{nd} June we asked residents to help with a litter pick in Sandon to clean up for the Jubilee Celebrations. Love Your Chelmsford lent us the litter pickers, high-viz jackets and gloves that were left at the Village Green in Sandon, Butts Green and Howe Green. Thank you to all those who did turn out and clear litter in their localities - very much appreciated. Also, thank you to the Danbury and Villages Rotary Club who also came out and had a team of five who worked on Brick Kiln Road, and more at the Church car park and surrounding area.



Children's Party in St Andrew's Churchyard



On Thursday morning, 2nd June 2022 around sixty very happy children came to the party run by St Andrew's, free of charge. The Non Stop Kids Entertainer did an amazing job of making the children laugh and shout out, with magic tricks, balloons, high energy party games, prizes and sweets. The WI did a sterling job in providing refreshments for the happy mob.

A wonderful time was had by all, including the parents!

The Howe Green Community Association Jubilee Garden Party

It was suggested that the HGCA provide a Jubilee Garden Party for the residents of Howe Green, free of charge on Thursday 2nd June. Gilly Longhurst kindly offered her garden and a group of very jolly residents with their own chairs descended on her beautiful garden at noon ready to party.

Several gazebos were erected, music laid on, welcome drinks and food provided by Beau Fromage with lovely cakes for afters. I don't think anyone could say they left hungry! There was a raffle with lots of kindly donated prizes. The sun shone and a wonderful time was had by all. The HGCA is needing a new Committee to continue its brilliant work. David Pearson, and his wife Barbara, have headed up a small, dedicated team for quite a number of years. Unfortunately, they are moving and therefore a new leader and Committee is now needed. There is some interest, but more volunteers would be welcome. Please contact David on dsp2026@gmail.com for more information



Church bells

St Andrew's Church, Sandon, has now re-installed their wonderful bells in the tower. The bell service was held in a packed Church including the Mayor of Chelmsford. Well done to ALL of those involved, especially to the Tower Captain, Mike Worboys and the volunteers who made this project work so smoothly. Easter Sunday Service attendees heard the newly refurbished bells ring out in all their glory again. They rang out several times during the Jubilee Celebrations to mark the time the Queen entered St. Paul's Cathedral on 3rd June, then on the Sunday to mark the Celebration

Tea on the Green followed by Songs of Praise with the Salvation Army



The Church brought their annual Tea on the Green forward to celebrate seventy glorious years of Queen Elizabeth II's reign led by the Rev. Terry Brown. The Salvation Army provided the wonderful music to accompany the hymns, which was very rousing and enthusiastic. The Deputy Mayoress, Sue Dobson, and her consort/husband Keith also attended.

There were several readings which consisted of the words that the Queen had spoken over the years from her twenty first birthday on 21st April 1947. We were given a very entertaining talk by Nicholas Henshall, the Dean of Chelmsford, who related tales of the two occasions he had met and escorted the Queen. Neither of which had gone quite to plan, but the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh thought the proceedings amusing. This helped with the embarrassment. He said the Queen was very good at putting the general public at ease when meeting her. Tea and cakes were provided free to the very large audience

and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all, with the weather being a little cloudy but absolutely fine.

St Andrew's Church Fete, Saturday 4th June



The weather in the morning was not good and we were quite worried about the poor stall holders out in the Church yard for the Fete, BUT we needn't have worried! It was cloudy but warm when crowds of local, and not so local, people descended on St Andrews.

Proceedings kicked off well with a very jubilant Morris Dancing group, which really got the crowds going outside the Crown Pub on the roadway. Children were dancing along with them happily. The costumes were amazing.

There were lots of interesting stalls selling plants, cakes, books, smellies, etc., and many different raffle/tombola stalls to



tempt the public to join in. You were catered for lunch by the BBQ and some lovely cheese/charcuterie boxes and ice cream from the van to follow. You could also enter your canine friend into the Dog Show with many fun categories like the waggiest tail and even win a cup with some wholesome homemade dog treats in.

<u>Sunday 5th June – Church Service at St Andrews</u>



This was the fourth day of celebrations in the Parish.

The Church Service was celebrating Pentecost, Communion and the reign of Queen Elizabeth. It also celebrated the renewing of the vows for the local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, led by Jean the Group Scout Leader for the 1st Sandon Scout Group.

It was lovely to see the young lads and lasses carrying their flags and taking in the solemnity of the service. Also, inside the church there were some glorious flower displays from Sandon School students, marking the Queen's reign.

The newly refurbished bells rang out for all to hear, and sounded wonderful. Well done to all those who helped in raising the funds to pay for the repair of all the bells and getting them in and out of the belfry, which was no mean feat. The picture to the left shows the bells inside the church prior to being installed.

I think Rev Terry Brown, with the help of Sandon Parish Council and the HGCA, catered for all levels of the Parish community. We had a party for the children, a garden party which hosted many older residents from Alexander Mews and the community, the Fete which catered for all age groups (as did the Tea on the Green) as well as the Church service. I really think there was something for everyone.

Well done to all the organisers and those that helped in setting up and running the events!

And while we are on the thank yous, we would like to wish our ex Councillor, Bob Shepherd MBE, all the best in his retirement. He had been our Chelmsford City Councillor from 2004 until he stepped down in May. We wish his replacement, Councillor Steph Scott, all the best in her new role. Her contact details are on the next page.

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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. We alternate between St Andrew Church Hall and the Howe Green Reformed Church. Members of the public are welcome to attend.