

Sandhurst Parish Council - Chair's newsletter December

Hello everyone,

Christmas tree

I hope you all agree that we have a fine specimen of a tree this year and hopefully you will enjoy Carols on the Green on Friday 20th December. I'd like to thank Cllr Adam Kerry for sourcing the tree and for gathering his band of merry helpers, Bob, Andy, Danny, George, William and James, to erect the tree and adorn it with lights.

New year, new you?

Have you ever considered becoming a parish councillor? We currently have a vacancy. If you are interested in volunteering some time to help make our village a great place to live, please contact our Clerk, at sandparishclerk@outlook.com or give her a call on 01580 850273.

Allotment vacancy

In the same vain and a great way to exercise and be outside. We have two vacant plots at our village allotments. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Clerk.

Speed Watch Update

The team carried out four sessions during the month, with 91 offenders recorded out of 959 passing vehicles. So another month with almost 10% of all passing vehicles (during the sessions) exceeding the limit!

Kent police joined forces with members of the village Speedwatch team on Thursday 5th December to deliver a speed awareness session to the Year 6 children from the primary school, as part of their Geography field work. They walked around the village to look at all aspects of road safety. This plan soon snowballed and all the children were treated to a fun filled and very interesting school assembly, followed by an exciting tour of a police car and the speed camera van!

First aid - CPR training

Are you interested in learning some lifesaving skills? The British Heart Foundation has put together a training package that can be delivered in community settings. The free sessions will be delivered by my wife Julie and I. We are both cabin crew with British Airways and undertake similar training annually. If you are interested in attending, would like additional information or indeed if you are already qualified and would like to help, please email me.

Other news

We are saddened to hear the news of the passing of Godfrey Bland. He was extremely supportive of the Parish Council and as a long time resident of Sandhurst, a Borough Councillor and Mayor of Tunbridge Wells, he always had the best interests of Sandhurst at heart. He will be sorely missed.

Parish Council meeting

The first monthly PC meeting of 2025 is on Tuesday 14th, 7pm in the Old School Hall. The agenda will be published the week before and will be available on the Parish Council website

and on the notice boards. The meetings are open to the public, so please come along. The PC website is <https://sandhurstparish.co.uk>

As always, thanks for reading and if you have any comments on anything in this newsletter or indeed if you have any ideas you would like the council to consider please do email me. I would also like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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