

Sandhurst Parish Council Chair's Newsletter June 2024

Hello everyone,

I would like to start off this month by expressing my gratitude to the Sandhurst Celebrates team who organised a rather poignant event at Church Field to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. A special thanks goes to Adam Kerry for organising and lighting the beacon and for the wonderful singing by Lyn Hayes. Further details of the evening are in a separate article in this magazine.

If you are interested in helping the team please contact Julie Griggs on 01580 850100. I hear on the grapevine of another event being planned for next summer!

On the back of last month's newsletter, I met up with 3 residents to look at speeding issues along Bodiam Road. We are fully supportive of these concerns and as a Parish Council (PC) we have highlighted these issues to KCC, who are ultimately responsible for traffic and road safety. We will continue to raise speeding issues with KCC.

The Speedwatch team were out again this month, operating not only in Queen Street but also towards the eastern end of the village as there were reports of speeding motorists in the 40 mph limit in that area. The percentage of vehicles exceeding the speed limit was slightly down on last month but still a sizeable number. The team plan to carry out more sessions in their other allocated areas of the village, including Bodiam Road.

The Sandhurst draft Neighbourhood Plan is launching at the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th June, 7pm in the Old School Hall. It will be available to view on the parish website www.sandhurstparish.co.uk and there will be limited copies available to borrow. All residents are then able to make comments before a final version is produced, voted upon and adopted by TWBC. A massive thank you goes to Katherine O'Neil and the team for getting it this far.

The PC has now voted to approve the purchase of new playground equipment for the Old Orchard play area. We are extremely pleased to report that one of our councillors, Katherine O'Neil, applied for and was awarded a grant to put towards the new playground equipment. The area will need to be closed off during the work so we'll keep you posted when it is due to start.

Previous surveys and meetings have thrown up the idea of installing some outdoor adult gym equipment in the village. So we are currently looking for a suitable location on the recreation ground, taking into account the cricket outfield boundary line. If a suitable location can be found then Katherine and another councillor, Julie Griggs, will hopefully work their magic to secure some additional grant funding towards this project.

As always, if you wish to hire the Old School Hall then please contact the clerk at sandparishclerk@outlook.com or 01580 850273 and the Parish Office is open on Thursday mornings 10am-12pm.

If you have any comments about anything in this newsletter or indeed any other issues affecting the village please feel free to email me.

Thanks for reading, until next month.
Best wishes, Mark,
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