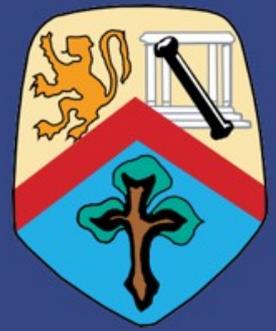


Sandhurst Pride

The newsletter of Sandhurst Town Council



April 2020

Annual Civic Service 2020

This year the Civic Service for Sandhurst was held in St George's Church, Owlsmoor and College Town on Sunday 8th March and our thanks go to Reverend Catherine Vaughan for her hospitality. It was an honour and a privilege to do the address for my Civic Service, based on the theme of 'Compassion'.

Afterwards a presentation of Community Awards was made in the Community Hall. It was my pleasure to present awards to local people recognising their hard work and service in the community.



Those presented with Community Awards by Cllr Ms Gaby Kennedy, Mayor of Sandhurst were (L to R) Maisie Walker, Naina Sunwar, Om Thapa, Margaret Schapp, Liz King, Ann-Marie Kennedy and Simon Pilkington.



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Respect, Responsibility and Rights



The congregation inside St George's Church.



Dignitaries and Award winners. L-R front row - Rosie Stent, Mrs Isabel Mattick, Mayor of Bracknell Town Council, Mr Naina Sunwar, Mr Om Thapa, Cllr Ms Gaby Kennedy, Mayor of Sandhurst Town Council, Mrs Margaret Schapp, Mrs Liz King, Maisie Walker, Cllr Mrs Pauline McKenzie, Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest, Cllr Mrs Sheila Davenport, Deputy Mayor of Sandhurst Town Council, Mr Keith Davenport. Back row - Ann-Marie Kennedy, Mr James Sunderland MP, Mr Simon Pilkington, Cllr Roy McKenzie, Consort to the Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest and Mr Ron Temple, Consort to the Mayor of Sandhurst Town Council.

From the Mayor's Diary

As Mayor of Sandhurst I am privileged to be invited to many events, some of which leave you with a lasting impression. I had the opportunity to meet some amazing people who dedicate a lot of their time and effort to supporting charitable organisations and who do outstanding work with the sole aim of helping others in numerous ways.

From the very young to the elderly in the community, there is always a group or an organisation with their volunteer team of helpers that provide the required support. I have great admiration for these wonderful people.

In December I was invited to a children's Christmas party organised by Home Start. There were craft activities, party games, dancing and of course the fun would not be complete without the appearance of Father Christmas. It was a pleasure to see the delight in the children's faces as they enjoyed all the activities. A morning well spent full of fun.



South Hill Park Arts Centre invited me to attend their 2019 Pantomime, 'Aladdin'. Not only was this a fun and most enjoyable event but the performance was outstanding.

(Some of the cast of Aladdin with Cllr Mrs Pauline McKenzie, Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest (Left) and Cllr Ms Gaby Kennedy, Mayor of Sandhurst Town Council. (Right).

Another Pantomime I attended was Snow White on Ice at the John Nike Centre. It was also a most enjoyable evening with an excellent performance by the young actors.

The Sandhurst Day Centre, who do an excellent job looking after the older residents, invited me to attend their Members' Christmas Lunch which was enjoyed by all.

Back in October I was fortunate to have been invited to the Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire Awards Ceremony at Bradfield College. Medals and Certificates for Meritorious Service are awarded to recognise individuals who demonstrate the volunteer ethos and to build and nurture the enduring relationships that are so important to the County and local community. The Lord-Lieutenant's Certificates rank second to the Queen's Honours Lists.

It really is an honour and privilege to represent Sandhurst Town.

Keep Sandhurst Tidy

Litter is the nightmare of our environment and no matter what we do or how many bins we place around town, there are still certain individuals who ignore the common sense approach and just drop or throw litter out of their car windows as they pass by.

Sean Laurie, a Sandhurst resident, has been spending a lot of his time picking litter in our roads helping to keep Sandhurst tidy. He has been doing a particularly fantastic job on Marshall and Rackstraw roads which appear to be more affected by litter thrown out of cars. His efforts are commendable and are greatly appreciate. Bracknell Forest Borough Council is supporting Sean by providing him with the necessary equipment, as part of the “**TAKE PRIDE**” initiative organised by the Borough Council, in association with the “**Keep Britain Tidy**” campaign.

All of us at the Sandhurst Town Council are very grateful and recognise Sean’s dedication and hard work. For that, we would like to pass on our sincere thanks for his commitment to keep our roads tidy.

Cllr Ms Gaby Kennedy
Chairman of the Environment Committee

Support During the Coronavirus Crisis

Bracknell Forest

Do you need support?

 If you are in need of help or support, reach out to your community. You are not alone!

1. Call on your family, friends, neighbours or those you trust

 Our communities are showing solidarity and community spirit during this difficult time. Most of us will have family, friends or trusted neighbours who can help. Just reach out!

2. Call on your local charity

 If you are already in contact with a local charity, call them.

3. Call on your community and voluntary sector

 Bracknell Forest Council is working with local charities and other partners to provide a community response for those who don't have support and need advice or practical help. Healthwatch Bracknell Forest, working with involve Community Services, are coordinating this. This is not an alternative to the NHS or social services.

Between 8am and 10pm call **01344 266 911** or email community@healthwatchbracknellforest.co.uk

COVID-19 health advice visit www.111.nhs.uk or call **111**

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Want to help your community during the COVID-19 situation?

 Your communities are strong and resilient. There are simple things you can do to help them continue to thrive!

1. Check-in on vulnerable family, friends and neighbours

 Just helping them with their shopping and checking they have everything they need can make a huge difference. Know someone self-isolating? Call or text them to check that they're ok.

2. Volunteer with the community response scheme

 To volunteer, visit:
www.healthwatchbracknellforest.co.uk
or call 01344 266911

A partnership between Bracknell Forest Council,
Healthwatch Bracknell Forest and involve Community Services

Club & Social News

Sandhurst Museum Trust

The most frequently asked question we receive is "I didn't know Sandhurst had a museum, where is it? The common conception is of a building allowing free public access. We would love to have such a facility but in common with most towns this has to remain a pipe dream.

So who are we and what do we do?

We were originally instituted by the Town Council almost 30 years ago and are still supported by them. We have a committee of 8 including 2 Councillors, which meets monthly. The museum is an archive of Sandhurst history formed from donations and loans from Sandhurst residents. The archive contains many thousands of individual photographs of buildings past and present, places, people, clubs, events, maps dating from the 1600's to the present, documents and reports of developments and events, newspaper cuttings and scrapbooks, published books and magazines and many personal memories of past and present Sandhurst residents.

The committee meets regularly to receive and catalogue newly donated items, preserving a record of Sandhurst's history for future generations. We also assist schools with projects, give talks on request and mount displays and exhibitions.

There are 2 display cabinets in the Kitty Dancy Room at the Council Offices which are changed periodically and are available for public viewing by arrangement. The current topic is 800 years of Christian worship in Sandhurst 1220-2020. A larger event takes place in September each year as part of English Heritage week.



The Museum Trust's current display in the Kitty Dancy Room

By Order of H.M Government

Sandhurst Town Council has closed all of its play areas, skate ramp, tennis courts and basketball court for a minimum of 21 days. This includes the Memorial Park play areas as well as Owlsmoor Park.

In addition the Council Offices will remain closed during this period and the car park will be closed with effect from 24th March. This is to help in the prevention of spreading the Covid-19 virus.



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This situation will be reviewed in line with any further instructions from the Government.

During this period you will still be able to make contact with Sandhurst Town Council by emailing stc@sandhurst.gov.uk or phoning 01252 879060.

Your enquiries will be answered in due course.

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