Recognising young respect

“For all British servicemen and women both past and present this is the most important day of the year, when I was a Cub Scout I still remember carrying the flag on remembrance day. It is so nice to see so many young people taking part because you are the future of remembering and it means so much to us.”

Lt Col Roger Morton RE
RMA Sandhurst

They shall not grow old
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning.
We will remember them.

We did remember them.
Police Point Plea!

I was somewhat surprised to read in the last edition of The Sandhurst Residents Association Magazine the piece from our local police officers about Crowthorne Police Station being in need of volunteers. Granted it was written by a volunteer at Crowthorne, but nary a mention of The Sandhurst Police Point which was the first of its kind in the country. In July 2000 when the Police Point was opened this was a totally new concept and one which was enthusiastically entered into by the Sandhurst Town Council, Bracknell Forest Borough Council and Thames Valley Police. I am told that there were over 90 volunteers who put themselves forward and of those 42 were able to attend the first meeting and 39 confirmed their willingness to undergo training to operate the Police Point. This was a flagship site and signalled “community engagement” at its best, a concept which has become more recognised as the years have passed. I joined in October 2000 and have served as a volunteer ever since as have Pam & Phil Walkden, Ken Jones and Brian Richardson. Indeed I was pleased to nominate them for a Civic Award during my time as Mayor of Sandhurst.

Now we only have 8 volunteers which include long serving members Phillipa Perera, John Coupland and Karen Cotterell, we would be glad of some others now the block has been taken off recruitment by Thames Valley Police. If there are any members of your readership who would like to join us and help us to keep the Police Point open to assist residents of Sandhurst please come forward and give your names to Sgt Thorne on 01344 751708 graham.thorne@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk we would be really grateful for your commitment.

Councillor Carole Cupper — Sandhurst Police Point

Sandhurst and District Gardening Club

Sandhurst Gardening Club came into being in 1963. Since then the club has grown to over 300 members and it has meetings at the Community Hall on the third Wednesday of almost every month commencing at 7:30pm. Topics are not always to do with gardening specifically, but may have a loose connection.

Attendance regularly is over 80 on a club night when we have a speaker. We are a very friendly club and our subscriptions are very modest being £6.00 for a couple and £4.00 for a single person per annum. For that you get a membership card listing the events of the whole year, a monthly newsletter, a chance to book on any of our four coach outings to gardens of interest and finally to exhibit in all our shows. They are the Daffodil Show in March, late Spring Show in April, Summer Show in June and the Autumn Show in September.

We have a purpose built Trading Hut situated on the Memorial Park behind the Coffee Spot which is open on Sunday mornings most of the year and Wednesday afternoon in the Spring and Summer selling compost, fertiliser etc.

Our next meetings are:
December 14th (2nd Wednesday) Christmas Party
January 18th 2012 (Wednesday) – Ashwood Specialities with Howard Drury
February 15th (Wednesday) – AGM – Lavender Fields of Alton with Howard Drury

If you would like to join or would like more information please contact our Chairman – Sheila Davenport on 01252 874361 or our Honorary Secretary, Chris Dresler on 01252 322227.

Sandhurst young people care

Sandhurst School students have raised nearly £30,000 for SURF a charity focused on helping survivors of the Rwandan genocide. In February 2012 they will return to Rwanda to build two new houses to provide shelter for up to 10 homeless children. They need to raise £15,000.00 so if you can help these inspirational young people please contact Assistant Head Teacher Sam Hunt at Sandhurst School on 01344 775678.
The Social and Community Value of Football

Football today permeates all levels of society around the world. In England it is estimated that 39% of the population “follow” football in some way. Statistics indicate there are over 7 million adult participants with an additional 5 million in schools, 500,000 volunteers, and 37,500 clubs including 9,000 youth clubs and over 2000 competitions. Amid the Premier League, FIFA and other scandals it is easy to forget the force for good that football, along with other sports, provides particularly at the “grassroots” level. People agree that the availability of good quality sporting opportunity and facilities can mitigate against social unrest and antisocial behaviour.

Sandhurst is extremely fortunate with the wealth of clubs, activities and variety of facilities available in the area. In particular Sandhurst Town F.C. or “The Fizzers” can trace its origins back to the early 1900’s. Formed in 1910 as a village team it has seen many changes since then and last year celebrated its centenary. The club has steadily grown to be the senior football club in the Sandhurst and Bracknell Forest area. Today, the club has four teams and over 80 registered players in the 16 + years age group,

The first eleven playing in the Premier Division of the Combined Counties League, last season, having won the League Cup for the first time in the clubs history.

The reserve team playing in the Combined Counties League, Reserve Division.

Two U18 youth teams one playing in the Southern Youth League and a second youth team, newly formed this year, to meet the demands of young players coming from junior clubs in the area, playing in the Allied Counties Youth League.

The club can rightly claim to be a source for civic pride in Sandhurst. The club enjoys what is regarded as one of the best playing surfaces and player clubhouse facilities in the area. The picturesque location of the clubs enclosed ground at “Bottom Meadow” is second to none, nestling in and complimenting the award winning Sandhurst Memorial Park.

The club actively supports the Sandhurst Respect, Responsibility and Rights community initiative which dovetails well with the Football Association Respect campaign. The club is also in the 3rd year of working with the Thames Valley Probation Service supporting their Community Payback Scheme for offenders to provide valuable support and assistance to the club in maintaining its clubhouse and facilities.

Over 90% of its players and management team are from the Sandhurst, Bracknell Forest and the local area. It is self-funded and run as a not-for-profit social enterprise, not an easy task in these challenging economic times. With a strong, highly qualified and motivated team of unpaid volunteers the Fizzers is one of the few clubs in the area to boast a number of UEFA B licensed football coaches, complimented by a number of Football Association qualified level 1 and 2 coaches. In addition it’s growing involvement in developing broader links and co-operation with other sports clubs and stakeholders in the Sandhurst area forms an integral of the club’s development plans. The club is always looking for new ideas, sponsors and volunteers to assist with the exciting developments at the club on the football, non-football or management side.

If you would like to get involved or just come down and watch a game please visit our website www.sandhursttownfc.com, Email – thechairmanstfc@hotmail.co.uk or call 07999-571111 for more information.
CALLING ALL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS
We believe that there are over 100 Voluntary Organisations operating in Sandhurst. We want to ensure our database is up-to-date in terms of contacts and current scope of your organisation. If you represent a Voluntary Organisation (Club/Society/Association) that provides a service or holds events in Sandhurst then we want to hear from you. Please check to see whether you are on our list. Please contact 01252 879060 stc@sandhurst.gov.uk or post details to Sandhurst Town Council

Community Payback helps local people.
In April our PCSO Lauren Byrne approached Diane Mayhew, Manager of the Sandhurst Day Centre with an offer.
The offer was to provide resources to undertake internal and external enhancements to this well used and popular facility for older residents located adjacent to the Sandhurst Town Council offices.
This would be under the banner of “Community Payback” where the individual is given a number of hours of community engagement proportionate to an offense determined by the Magistrate.
As many of the young people involved are employed, the proposal was of Sunday working – ideal for the Day Centre which is fully occupied by our older residents during the week.
Under the supervision of a qualified Team Leader, 10 young people spent two Sundays in June painting all the internal walls along with the external doors and windows. The only requirement was the supply of paints and painting materials which were supplied (with grateful thanks) by Homebase with a 20% discount.
The success of this operation was endorsed by the residents who were able to see the transformation when they came for lunch the day after completion of the makeover.
Likewise our Sandhurst Football Club also received the Community Payback treatment with the Coffee Spot on our ‘wish list’ for redecoration’

What’s on at the park?

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What is Community Payback?
Community Payback is the successor to the Community Service Programme.
Community Payback projects range from litter removal to environmental projects through to repairing and redecorating community centres or removing graffiti.
Offenders usually work as part of a team, monitored by a supervisor. For more information about Community Payback go to: www.communitypayback.com/

Civic award nominations sought
The Civic Service will take place on 19th February 2012. The theme for the service is “Celebrating young people in Sandhurst”. If you know a young person who you feel is worthy of receiving a civic award please let the Council know, likewise someone who works with young people can also be nominated. For details contact: Lesley Dartmouth 01252 879060

Sandhurst Freedom March
June 23rd 2012

Respect, Responsibility and Rights

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