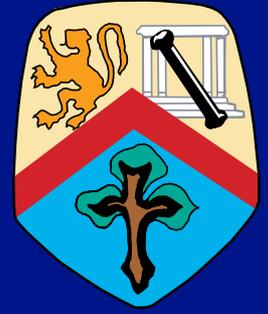


Sandhurst Pride

The newsletter of Sandhurst Town Council



December 2013

Remembrance Service on Sunday 10 November 2013

Under a cloudless sky, a large crowd from Sandhurst (and beyond) attended the Remembrance Service which is held every year in our Memorial Park.

Each year we record an increased public participation – our estimate for Sunday was that 1600+ attended. Most noticeable was the large number of children accompanied by their parents. Our expectation is that these children will understand the purpose of Remembrance Sunday – particularly as we approach the centenary of the start of World War 1.

As always we benefited from the musical contribution of the Corps of Drums along with the Sandhurst Silver Band.

A total of 39 wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph representing such diverse groups as the Scouts, Guides, Schools, Nepalese Community and the SRA. Three schools laid wreaths for the first time: They were Eagle House School, Sandhurst School and St Michaels School.



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Respect, Responsibility and Rights

Help in the community

In addition to the Foodbank at the Kerith Centre Bracknell, a satellite unit opened recently at Crowthorne. Although the greatest demand is in/ around Bracknell, Foodbank management recognised that some families would have difficulty accessing the Keith Centre using public transport. For this reason, Vineyard (adjacent to Euronics) accepts donations of food from residents as well as the local supermarkets.

Sandhurst's own Council likewise wanted to make a contribution as we approach the festive season. At our Town Council meeting on Thursday 07 November councillors came with tinned food etc. which the Mayor handed over to Vineyard.

Further donations will be gratefully received (their opening hours are 12.00 – 14.00 on Monday and Thursday) There is parking available in front of their newly refurbished facility.

Sandhurst Day Centre

Last month contractors were bought in to resurface the car park which had deteriorated over the years. This was due to multiple daily vehicle movements with our minibus + that of Keep Mobile. Our choice of specialist was based on the satisfaction expressed by Thibet Road residents with the resurfacing undertaken on their behalf. Further enhancements involved the application of white lines for car parking, a disabled bay and cross hatching at the entrance. A finishing touch was the installation of a five bar gate to prevent unauthorised parking, particularly in the evening when the Day Centre is open for social engagement.

Snaprails receives a makeover



Ivor Slade, Chairman of the Snaprails Residents Association has engaged with the Landscape Department of Bracknell Forest Council in securing enhancements to this well used park. Following discussions between this Residents Association and Bracknell Forest Council, new bridges have been installed along with paths which are now disabled accessible. This is stage 1 – further work will follow on removing excess vegetation along with work to the stream, cascade walls etc.

If you have not recently visited Snaprails, please do so. You will see the impact that an energetic Residents Association can achieve when working in conjunction with the Local Authority.

The photograph taken at the opening of stage 1 of these works captures the Bracknell Mayor, Jan Angell along with Borough councillors John Porter and Michael Brossard (Ivor Slade was on holiday when the photograph was taken).

Silver award for Broadway House



On 22 October the Mayor was invited to attend an award ceremony at Broadway House. This sheltered accommodation block is owned by Bracknell Forest Homes and is currently home to 34 residents. Each year residents throughout the United Kingdom are asked to nominate their home based on levels of satisfaction, quality of care etc. Management from Bracknell Forest Homes along with several residents went to the National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham to attend this prize giving event. Congratulations to BFH on scooping the silver award based on residents input. The photograph taken at Broadway House comprises residents, staff, BFH and the Mayor of Sandhurst.

Fireworks go with a bang



Saturday 2 October was chosen for the free fireworks event held within the Memorial Park. Although strong winds and rain were threats to the successful outcome, we were fortunate that the inclement weather subsided just in time.

Without question this was the best attended fireworks event in recent years where the 3000 + visitors were not disappointed.

Feedback after the event was universally supportive. This was accompanied by residents comments on Facebook such as:

- Can't wait for the fireworks to begin
- What a great community we have
- I had a fab time at the fireworks tonight
- It was a fab display and thanks to everyone of those involved

Here today, gone tomorrow

It will not have escaped residents notice that for several months the land adjacent to Inchcape Toyota had been garnished with 'Police aware do not cross' plastic tape.

Although there were wild theories on Facebook at the significance of this tape, the reason was more innocent. Horses grazing in the field behind the High Street had, on occasion, escaped from the field, venturing onto the A321. This had safety implications for motorists along with the horses. On each occasion of the Great Escape, the Police were required to coral the horses back into the field (horse owner unknown)

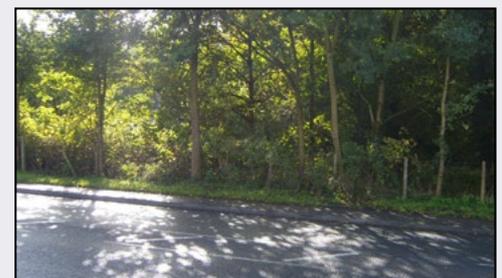
To provide greater security, councillors Dale and Gill Birch obtained restraining wire from Sandhurst Town Council. This they then placed in the large gap. The before and after photographs show the successful outcome of this work.

New Scotland Hill school



On 9 October the Mayor of Sandhurst was invited to this school to cut the ribbon at the new library. This facility came about through the tireless work of the Parent Teachers Association who raised the funds for the materials whilst the labour came about through the skills of the various parents.

The Mayor in his speech extolled the virtues of a well stocked library in widening the knowledge of pupils. Although social mediums such as Google etc. play a part, there is no substitute for the written word.



Be a responsible Dog Owner (BARDO)

Dog owners will, I believe, share my view that it is incumbent on us to clear up after our dog has used the toilet when out and about on walkies.

Although the majority of dog walkers are armed with a plastic bag or receptacle for the dog excrement, it seems acceptable for a minority to toss the bag into the adjacent bushes or hedge.

Why? Throughout Sandhurst we have refuse bins that are regularly emptied. These are serviced either by Bracknell Forest Council or our Clean team (namely Heather and Wendy). In addition the green bin at home is a suitable receptacle for disposal of dog waste. Please use our strategically placed bins or take the waste home for disposal.

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. Recycling – the do's and don'ts process

At our recent Residents liaison meeting, we discussed what can/cannot be placed on the blue recycling bin.

Residents receive on a regular basis a hanging tag which details collection dates during public holidays. In addition residents are asked NOT to place the following in their blue bin:

- Plastic food containers
- Yoghurt pots
- Margarine tubs
- Plastic bottle tops

These should be placed instead

in the green bin. This is because the above items contaminate the recyclable materials, reducing the disposal value to the Borough. It is also important to dispose of Tetrapak containers via the recycling container at Waitrose, Sandhurst (squashed please to maximise container capacity). The reason is that these cartons (orange/ apple juice, milk cartons etc.) incorporate a waxed lining which is not biodegradable. We know that our residents support these initiatives and hope that they will continue to demonstrate their commitment to recycling.

SRA ANNUAL PARTY

All households in Sandhurst receive every quarter the Sandhurst Residents magazine. To keep down distribution costs, Val Crosby-Clarke as Distribution Manager has a team of loyal volunteers who place the magazine through every letterbox. By way of thanks for their sterling work, the SRA put on an annual party, held at our Day Centre. Our Mayor (as one of the Central Sandhurst distributors) was pleased to attend this auspicious event on 04 October.

Photograph of Mayor Michael Brossard with Jennie Ogden (on left) and Val Crosby-Clarke.



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What's on at the park in 2014?

23 March Civic Service at Baptist Church, Yorktown Road.

After the Church service, guests will be invited to walk to the Main Hall of the Council Offices. At that time the Mayor will present certificates to those nominated by our community for their sterling work in making Sandhurst an even better community.

Please go to our web site to download a nomination form (or call into the offices for a hard copy). Forms must be returned by 17 January 2014.

For details of over 30 events on the Sandhurst Memorial Park each year go to www.sandhurstpride.co.uk