Sandhurst Remembers

Remembrance Sunday 2023

Cllr Ray Mossom and Cllr Margaret Mossom
Mayor and Mayoress of Sandhurst.
On Sunday 12th November 2023, the Sandhurst Town Remembrance service was held at 10.45am in Sandhurst Memorial Park, Yorktown Road.

The service began with prayers and a hymn. There was then a two-minute silence observed at 11.00am, followed by the laying of wreaths. All ages represented at the wreath laying from a 4yr old pupil from Owlsmoor Primary School to a 90yr old SAS veteran. The Sandhurst Silver Band, Churches Together Choir, and the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums provided musical support. The service highlighted the importance of remembering and honouring those who have served and sacrificed for their country. It also reflected on the importance of peace and reconciliation.

The service was a poignant and moving event, and it was a fitting way to remember those who have given their lives for our country. As Mayor of Sandhurst it was a great honour to lay the wreath on behalf of Sandhurst Town Council and wonderful to see the residents of Sandhurst Town come together to remember the fallen.

Thanks to the staff of Sandhurst Town Council, the churches of Sandhurst and the RMA for contributing to another wonderful Remembrance Service.

Cllr Ray Mossom, The Mayor of Sandhurst
Solar Panels for Sandhurst Town Council

Within the Environment Committee there is a Climate Change Working Group. It involves members from all parties and considers aspects of climate change and what we can do at Sandhurst Town Council.

We have already had energy audits completed on both our buildings and have installed LED lighting.

After a full discussion in the Environment Committee, it was decided that Sandhurst Town Council would install solar panels with battery storage to reduce costs further.

The Climate Change Group considered 8 quotes, with due diligence and checks these were reduced to 3. These companies were invited to attend the halls with members of committee and further details considered.

The Climate Change Group forwarded the three quotes to the Environment Committee for consideration.

The system offers a return on investment of the main hall after 8 years. After which the system continues to offset electricity costs.

Cllr Hazel Hill
Climate Change Working Group
On a bright and dry day in October, I had the pleasure of welcoming our residents to our biannual litter pick at the Meadows Car Park. Once again, the community came together for this event and there was lots of chat and laughter all round. After a session of photograph taking, I had a pile of phones by my feet from the Nepalese community wanting me to take photographs, we were ready for the off.

Armed with litter pickers, everyone set off to clean up the roads around Sandhurst where passing motorists have decided to throw their rubbish out of the windows of their cars. At the end of the session, we had loads of bags of all sorts of litter and everyone could be proud of their efforts.

Thank you everyone who took part. Next session will be in March 2024.

Cllr Sheila Davenport
Chairman Environment Committee
New Bench for York Way

A SEAT ON THE COUNCIL

Although wood is a sustainable product, those with wooden fences and gates know that despite maintenance, deterioration takes place over time.

Such was the case with the wooden bench placed at the junction of York Way with the Crowthorne road which had suffered the ravages of time.

Within our annual Environment budget money is set aside to replace equipment such as benches, notice boards, signposts etc.

As with a recently installed bench on Yorktown Road, the new bench is manufactured in plastic using recycled materials such as bottle tops etc.

The bench has been installed and is now in situ to be enjoyed by our residents.

In the spring of next year crocus and daffodils will be in flower round this bench as councillors accompanied by our ground staff planted bulbs last month.

Cllr Michael Brossard
Town Councillor for Central Sandhurst

York Way’s new edition
Fireworks – A Big Thank you to our Acts

Every other Wednesday
Hailing from Wokingham, Every Other Wednesday are a remarkable group of dads, united by a shared passion for recreating the soundtrack to your lives. With a repertoire of classic tunes from the golden oldies of the 1950s to the biggest hits of the 21st century who kicked things off at the Fireworks event, followed by:

The Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums is a registered charity that exists on member subscriptions, donations, and grants. We are 18 years old this year and have helped develop many young people from Sandhurst and surrounding areas. We are based in the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

Rock Choir is the pioneering contemporary choir of the UK and remains unique with over 33,000 members participating in approx. 400 local communities. It offers all ages an alternative experience to the traditional classical or community choir introducing members to feel-good pop, rock, and contemporary chart songs.

YDC’s dance school motto is - dance to empower. It is at the core of everything we do. We provide a safe space for adults to come together to express their individuality. The class is for all ages from 16+ and all abilities. YDC is proud to offer a class for all people no matter their dance background, so whether you’re new to hip hop, an ex-dancer, or a current pro, we accommodate routines to suit everyone.

and closing the show our very own

Hudson’s Choice
It’s never a difficult choice, with Hudson’s Choice, a 4-piece rock band from right here in Sandhurst, who recompose current pop/rock tunes to create their own unique dirty rock signature.
Fireworks

Thank you to all who came to the fireworks display despite the bad weather. Fortunately, the rain held off for the actual fireworks. Also, a big thank you to STC staff and those councillors who volunteered to help on the night and to the food vendors, bars and entertainers who all helped to make it an enjoyable event.

Cllr Mrs Jean Bettison
Chairman Leisure Committee

Bulb Planting in Sandhurst

Cllrs Mrs Bettison, Mrs Davenport and M Brossard were joined by STC ground staff to plant bulbs at the entrance to St Mary’s Close, Wellington Terrace and by the new bench on York Way. We look forward to the daffodils and crocuses when they come up in the spring.

A special thank you to the ground staff who provided the manpower for the digging!

Cllr Mrs Jean Bettison
Chairman Leisure Committee
Sandhurst Gardening Club celebrates its 60th Birthday.

This summer, Sandhurst Gardening Club celebrated its 60th birthday. Over 80 members came together on a lovely afternoon in July and were greeted by the Sandhurst Community band. What a lovely way to arrive – sunshine, music and a glass of something alcoholic! The room had been transformed with bunting and balloons and streamers draped from side to side, giving the hall a real celebratory feel. We were all officially welcomed to the celebrations by our local MP James Sunderland and then tea was served. A wonderful cream tea with all the trimmings you’d expect of a top hotel. The band followed indoors and played a selection of horticultural themed tunes – ‘the floral dance’ being commented on by more than one member! After tea, Chris Dresler – one of the founding members of the club stood to make a short speech about the club, summing up beautifully what it meant to her and indeed all the members and what an important part it plays within the Sandhurst community. Chris was also made a life member of the club, both as a regular speaker and also as a judge at the various shows held through the year, then made a speech. He also made the all-important toast to the club, looking forward to continued growth and development. Without doubt this was a lovely celebration of 60 years of Sandhurst Gardening Club past and hopefully another 60 years (at least) to come. 

Julie Sheppard

Forthcoming Events 2023/24

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Sandhurst Town Council Offices will be closed: Midday Friday 22nd December until Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024

Please note the Main Car Park at the Memorial Park will be closed:

- 12.00pm on Sunday 24th December until Wednesday 27th December.
- 10.00pm on Sunday 31st December until Tuesday 2nd January.