



Sandgate Parish News

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Introducing Sandgate Park



Early this year, Sandgate Parish Council ran a poll on the local choice for name for the park on Military Road, generally known as Military Road Recreation Ground.

Many names were put forward, but in an online vote "Sandgate Park" was preferred by the majority of voters - and that's now its new name!

Sandgate Parish Council took control of the management and maintenance of the park from Shepway Council in 2012.

Since then over £150,000 has been spent on the park. This has been invested in refurbishing the tennis

court, multi-use games area, boules pitch, adding picnic benches, new play equipment and more.

Funding has come from the Parish Council itself, District Councillor grants and a generous contribution from the De Haan Charitable Trust.

Plans are in place to add a small car park, reshape and re-fence the dog run and reinstate the toilet block.

The Council are also seeking funding to improve the artificial surface of the five a side football pitch, making it more usable all year round.

Get Faster News

Sandgate Parish Council has an email newsletter to keep residents in touch with events, news and information that we can usefully pass on - from road works to scam warnings!

Over 500 people across Sandgate now receive our email updates. They are the easy way to keep in touch with local news, and it couldn't be simpler to sign-up.

- **Get Involved** - email your name and postal address to clerk@sandgatepc.org.uk and we'll add you to our mailing list.

In 2016 Sandgate Library became the 1st in Kent to be run by a Parish Council on behalf of Kent Council.

By taking direct control of the management of the library, we have been able to extend opening hours, introduce new events and are now extending the book range under the beady eye of Parish Clerk Gaye Thomas - a chartered librarian in her own right!

Recent figures show quarterly borrowing up 18% and group membership up 20% after the first year of Sandgate's management.

Learn more about Sandgate Library Overleaf

Dates for your Diary

Christmas Light Turn-on

Saga Pavilion

Saturday 25th November, 6pm

All the family welcome to our Christmas light turn-on ceremony.

Carols, entertainment, free gift for children. Special visitor invited.

Entry free: mulled wine and mince pies available.

Sandgate Farmers Market



1st & 3rd Saturday of every month.

10.00-12.30 Chichester Hall,
Sandgate High Street.

**REAL FOOD
REAL CLOSE**

Locally produced bread, fruit & veg, meat, eggs, cheese, savouries, preserves, chutneys and gifts (stall holders vary between markets).

Christmas Art & Craft Fair

Chichester Hall, 70 Sandgate High St
Sunday 3rd December

A wide range of handcrafted items including: Original artworks, photographic prints, handcrafted jewellery, soft toys, artisan glass, decoupage, handmade cards, crochet and more. Free entry - come and browse! Cafe serving teas, coffees, cakes and lunch choices.

Sandgate Society Open Day

Old Fire Station, 51 Sandgate High St
Every Saturday from 10am

Drop in to learn more about the Society and our archives.



SPC Annual Return

Sandgate Parish Council have a total budget of around £80,000 a year.

This is spent in a variety of ways, from maintaining and improving Sandgate Park to running the library, funding street Christmas decorations, hanging baskets, events and grants.

Sandgate Parish Council's accounts for the year 2016-17 have been completed, open to public inspection, and audited by the external auditor PKF Littlejohn.

You can see the the audited accounts and auditors comments at www.sandgatepc.org.uk and at the Sandgate Parish Council office.

Seafront Shocker

Sandgate Parish Council has bought and sited a defibrillator on "The Boat House" on Granville Parade sea front.



- *Parish clerks Gaye Thomas and Peter Savage with the defibrillator.*

A defibrillator is a device that gives an electric shock to the heart to someone who is in cardiac arrest.

The equipment is there to save lives. It should only be used in emergencies.

The cabinet is unlocked with a code that will be given during a 999 call.

The defibrillator has easy to follow instructions provided in operation.

- **Get involved** - would you like lifesaving training including using the defibrillator? Email clerk@sandgatepc.org.uk

Sandgate Parish Council and Library is located at James Morris Court, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate CT20 3RR.

Phone 01303 248563

Email clerk@sandgatepc.org.uk

Parish Council office opening hours
9am - 1pm Monday to Friday.



Flowers and Lights

The display of flowers in planters and on lamp posts throughout the village and the Golden Valley shopping centre are now a Sandgate tradition.

New for 2017, a number of local businesses and organisations sponsored the planting of planters throughout the village: many thanks to **Sandgate Trading, Acula Creations, the Sandgate Society & Harmer and Sons**, and also the many businesses that decorate their shopfronts during the summer.

Many people noticed this year that displays were mounted then removed from streetlights in Sandgate High Street. Kent Highways had licenced the baskets, but then tested the columns and revoked the licence, requiring the baskets to be removed. With grateful thanks to Harmer and Sons who undertook the work, they were then re-sited to other direction posts and the large display on the Esplanade that has been so well received.

Christmas light garlands on High Street street lights, the Village Green tree, Golden Valley tree and other decorations, will all be in place for the "turning on" ceremony on 25th November.

Kent Highways have assured us that the streetlights can support the Christmas garlands...

Library opening hours are:

- Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday - 9.30am to 1pm.
- Thursday - 9.30am to 4.30pm.
- Wednesday & Sunday - Closed.

Sandgate Library

Uniquely in Kent, Sandgate Library is run by Sandgate Parish Council on behalf of Kent County Council, providing a locally managed service with extended opening hours and facilities.

The Library is free to join - please just turn up with a proof of address. It's then free to borrow books, with CDs, DVDs for a small charge. We offer free wifi and a free tea / coffee for visitors.

There is also FREE Public Computer Use and a Computer Buddy to help you get started using IT.

Library Events

Sandgate Library has a wide range of **free** events every month.

- **Get involved** - come along or start your OWN event - contact clerk@sandgatepc.org.uk to discuss your idea!
- Knit and Natter: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 10.00 - 12.00
- Reading Group: 2nd Monday of the month 11.00 - 12.15
- Creative Writing: 2nd Thursday of the month 10.00 - 12.00
- Talk Time: Thursdays 2.00 - 3.00
- Pre-school Read and Rhyme: every Monday 10.00 - 11.00 and every Friday 10.00 - 11.00
- Children's Craft Club: every two months during school holidays



Sandgate Library will be closed on 25th and 26th December and re-open on 28th, closing again on 1st January.

The Sandgate Parish Council Office will be closed as usual for the Christmas week, reopening on 2nd January 2018.