

The Sandgate Society



Newsletter

Spring 2018

A Message from our Chair

Welcome to all our readers. This first newsletter aims to keep you all informed about the Sandgate Society's achievements, projects, hopes and aspirations during 2018. The recent AGM provided some of the detail but here you will get snippets of news from across the work of the committee, all undertaken on your behalf.

The society can boast record attendance at events, record fund raising and unique innovation as we embrace 21st century technology and address the aspirations of you, our members.

As you read on, please give some thought to how you might like to get more involved in the society's work. There are many opportunities ranging from cooking for events, distributing leaflets or joining our rotas for support at events and our tea and coffee mornings.

I look forward to meeting you as the year progresses and would welcome any suggestions you might have as to how we might better serve the membership.

Warmest wishes



Marjorie Findlay-Stone

Membership – Toni Miles

The society currently has a very healthy membership of 375. Subscriptions cover the rent and maintenance of our headquarters at the Old Fire Station. Funds are also boosted by our strong corporate membership, which enables money raised by the events to be used for future projects.

Membership is only £15 for individuals and £25 joint/family. A membership application form including gift aid is on our website or visit our HQ at the Old Fire Station on Saturday mornings.

Projects – Andrew Lawley

This last year the society sponsored a number of projects to enhance the appearance of the village including renovating the roped planter near the Ship pub and sponsoring several other planters.

Funds were also used for a major refurbishment of the Old Fire Station, which is now completed giving us a much more friendly and useable area to meet on a Saturday morning: as a result our footfall has greatly increased over the last six months.

Last year we raised further funds by creating a new category of corporate membership and producing the Sandgate business directory which was a great success. This year we have a further seven corporate members. The village business directory was distributed to over one thousand homes in and around the village and is available in several shops and cafes on the high street. We are about to reprint a second edition, which will be circulated in April. Corporate membership is £35 per annum, which gives your business advertising and membership of the society.



Communications – Guy Valentine-Neale

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www.sandgatesociety.com

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Events – Maggie Brinsden, Sal Kenward, Vicki Fisher, Anne de Henau, Hazel Barrett

The society has its usual full and popular programme of events and talks for this year – book early to get your places!

EVENTS PROGRAMME

2018



Wed 7 th March 7 for 7.30pm	AGM - 'the future as we know it'	Chichester Memorial Hall
Sat 21 st April 7 for 7.30pm	Ceilidh with the Abbey Capers Band	Chichester Memorial Hall
Wed 16 th May 10.30am	Coach Trip - Smallhythe Place + wine tasting	Tenterden
Wed 13 th June 7 for 7.30pm	Greenwall Lecture - 'English Heritage sites in Kent'	Chichester Memorial Hall
Sat 21 st July 7 for 7.30pm	Big Fat Quiz & Fish & Chip Supper - 'the 60s & 70s'	Chichester Memorial Hall
Sun 12 th August 1pm	Summer Party	Saga Pavilion
Sun 26 th August 11am-4pm	Sea Festival - Vantage Tea Room & Tombola	Old Reading Room - Old Fire Station
Sun 16 th Sept 2pm	Walking Treasure Hunt	Meet - Old Fire Station
Wed 26 th Sept 7 for 7.30pm	Talk - 'A Choppy Passage in the Royal Navy'	Chichester Memorial Hall
Sat 20 th Oct 7 for 7.30pm	Murder Mystery Evening	Chichester Memorial Hall
Tues 6 th Nov 7 for 7.30pm	Sandgate Society Archives (WW1 100 years anniversary)	Old Fire Station
Sat 1 st Dec 7pm	Great Christmas Party	Chichester Memorial Hall

For more information visit

www.sandgatesociety.com/events
or ring the events team on 01303 244477

Archives

The society has a fabulous collection of local documents, pictures and artifacts archived at the Old Fire Station – members and visitors alike are welcome to explore the collection with archive team members available to do more detailed research on request (and a small donation!).

To improve access to the collection and protect against catastrophic loss the archive is being digitised starting with the photo collection. This is a huge and costly undertaking and is being done in conjunction with a specialised company and will mean in time that the collection can be searched and viewed via the society's website.



The Archive team: Frank Pyke, Jill Partridge, Annie Banford & Bob Preedy

Planning & Conservation – Rosie Sanders, Roger Joyce, Melita Godden, Guy Valentine-Neale

A revised Sandgate Design Statement and a new process for listing buildings of local interest has been endorsed by Sandgate parish council and is now with the district council for consultation and approval.

Our village has a unique and rich built heritage: the design statement and the local list aim to protect this heritage and promote only development that enhances the character and appearance of the village.

promoting our community, protecting our heritage