

Friends of Chellow Dene

Friends of Chellow Dene is a voluntary group made up of local people. We all have a commitment to improving and enhancing our local 'beauty spot' for the people who use it and for future generations. We have a keen interest in the protection of wildlife and plant life and of ensuring that the area is kept free from litter or debris.

We have already developed a 'Wish List' of things we would like to do and we are currently trying to identify funding to help us progress with this.

We are keen to involve as many people as possible in this venture and we need other like-minded people to join our group. If you are interested please come along to one of our meetings, which are held on the **second Thursday of each month at 7pm** in the Weymouth Centre, Weymouth Avenue, off Saffron Drive, Allerton.



9th Bradford North Scout Group

The 9th Bradford North Scout Group is based in Sandy Lane at the Methodist Church. We meet at church most weeks. However, in the summer months we tend to alternate between Sandy Lane and Blackhills Scout Campsite, just along the road down Lee Lane or in Chellow Dean.

We have all 3 sections of the Scouts in the Group:

- Beavers
- Cubs
- Scouts

Beavers are girls & boys aged from 6 to 8 years old. They meet on Tuesday evenings, 6pm to 7pm.

- Contact - **Emma Day**
07818 828 082

Cubs are girls & boys aged between 8 to 10½ years old. They also meet on Tuesday evenings, 7pm to 8:15pm.

- Sadly one of our cub leaders, John "Oscar" Hodgson passed away in October. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.
- So we are in desperate need for help in running the Cubs and Scout sections.
- We are currently being supported by parent helpers who are doing a great job.
- Please contact **Phil Lowde, 07973 339 007**, if you can or you know someone who is able to help.

Scouts are girls & boys aged between 10½ to 14 years old. They meet on Wednesday evenings. 7pm to 8:30pm

- We are holding joint meetings with the 2nd Bradford North for a few months to share leaders and benefit from

- more Scouts to do activities with.
- Therefore sessions are split between the 2nd North's HQ down at Allerton Methodist Church and Sandy Lane, with a number of nights out in the woods!!
- Contact - **Liz Whitaker 07875 413 270**

Since our last newsletter, we have been very busy:

- Weekend camp for Cubs at Blackhills.
- Scouts had a camping competition in October.
- Beavers have been playing at "Robin Hood", learning the finer skills of Archery.
- The Cubs had a great attempt at winning the city Clewer Trophy competition. Alas, they just missed out.
- The Beavers have completed their Friendship award.
- Scouts have been pioneering and have started their IT badge.
- A number of Beavers joined a party from across the District for a special sleepover at the National Media Museum in October.
- Scouts went over to Fan Wood to complete caving and boulder wall climbing.

The winter and spring term will see all 3 sections continue on their wide and varied programme.

One of our Scouts, Sophie, who is now an Explorer Scout, has been chosen to attend the World Jamboree in Sweden next year. We have a full programme of fund-raising activities in support of this once in a lifetime experience. Please support us in our money raising enterprises.

- Contact - **Liz Whitaker**
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Useful contact details for the Sandy Lane area:

Neighbourhood Policing Team:
Tel: 0845 6060606
Email: hanpt1@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Hospitals:

Bradford Royal Infirmary: 01274 542200
Airedale General Hospital: 01535 65220
NHS Direct: 0845 46 47

Train service information: 08457 48 49 50
Bus service information: 0113 245 7676
Bradford Council: 01274 431000
All general enquiries, including refuse collection (bulky refuse items also) and street lighting

Many Bradford Council services are available online at www.bradford.gov.uk

Diamond Cuts Hairdressers: 01274 484455
Gary Hoyland Plumbing: 07914 381276
Ritz Hairdressers: 01274 773544
Royal Dragon Chinese T/way: 01274 773061
Prune Park Bar & Brasserie: 01274 483516
Shirbar Exclusive: 01274 546638
Victoria Pub: 01274 823820
Woollett Service: 01274 547399
Website www.woollett-service.com

Sandy Lane Parish Council Newsletter

Issue 6 – December 2010

Welcome to issue 6 of Sandy Lane Parish Council newsletter

In the past few months since the last newsletter, the Parish Council have as ever been busy working to provide residents of Sandy Lane with better facilities and hopefully have provided a representative voice of the community in all their actions.

We have held community-enhancing projects, such as the daffodil bulb planting at the top of Stony Lane on 6th November (see photograph below) and have been busy planning for the Christmas 'Carols in the Park' event (further information below). In both these cases, the Parish Council have encouraged the community as a whole to join together for the benefit of all. Many thanks to all who attended the bulb planting, and great thanks also to Pat Rhodes for providing the picture. The Parish Council have also arranged for the Christmas tree that you will have no doubt seen in the park, and further Christmas angel decorations around the village.

Christmas event 2010: 'Carols in the Park' on Saturday 18th December, 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Following the huge success of last year's 'Carols in the Park', the Parish Council are currently organising a similar event this year, complete with the Christmas story, Christmas carols, fireworks, mulled wine, mince pies, gingerbread men and a torchlight procession. This event will be held on Saturday 18th December 2010, 4.30pm-5.30pm.

Torchlight Procession route

This year the Parish Council would like to begin the 'Carols in the Park' with a torchlight procession for children, meeting at the notice-board/post-box on Acacia Drive at 4.15pm, and walking round the back of the estate via Hornbeam Close and Magnolia Drive to eventually get to Greenwood Park for the beginning of the event at 4.30pm. The Parish Council will provide some lanterns for the procession, but please bring your own if you have one.

Also, please feel free to get into the Christmas spirit and come dressed up as festively as you can. You could choose to come as a Christmas fairy, or simply sport a Santa's hat - anything to make the event as magical a celebration as possible for the children of the village.

Thanks for support

Bradford Council pledged their support to the Parish Council by donating £555 towards the cost of the Christmas event – therefore many thanks to Bradford West Area Committee for this continued support of our work in the area.

The Parish Council would also like to wholeheartedly thank Sandy Lane Golf Society for their recent donation – their generous gift is much appreciated.

Parish Councillors

We are delighted to announce that we have a new member of the Parish Council, Roy Sucksmith, who was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the meeting in November. Roy replaces Tom Shaw, who resigned in the summer due to relocation.

The current members of Sandy Lane Parish Council listed below will stand for re-election in 2011.

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| Derek Carver, Chair | 01274 484488 |
| Beverley Porter, Vice chair | 01274 494462 |
| Cllr Valerie Binney | 01274 822732 |
| Bob Dennison | 01274 544862 |
| Stewart Salter | 01274 541583 |
| Roy Sucksmith | 01274 490835 |

Parish Council Clerk

Our Parish Council Clerk is Ms Eve Haskins, 40 Brantwood Crescent, Heaton, Bradford, BD9 6QD, Tel: 01274 408472, Email: evehaskins@googlemail.com. Please feel free to contact Eve with any suggestions or comments regarding the Parish Council.

Sandy Lane Parish Council website

Sandy Lane Parish Council are proud to announce their website, created as a community resource. This can be found at the following web address:

www.sandylaneparishcouncil.org.uk

We would like this website to be a useful tool for all in the Sandy Lane area, and would love to hear from more local organisations and businesses to place them on our website. Please contact the Parish Council Clerk if you wish to be included, or if you wish for anything of local interest to be included in the next newsletter.



Village Green Status awarded in area

The farming land to the area behind Deanwood Crescent, Dalecroft Rise up to Rudding Avenue and Meadowbank has been reclassified as Village Green and registered as VG 17 (Village Green). This means that it is no longer available for building under the Bradford Urban Development Plan (UDP). It is a process that has taken over two years and a Public Enquiry to achieve.

The land still belongs to the farmer so it is not that we have stolen the land under a judicial process, but just stopped any building upon it and protected the rights of the local community to use the land for lawful pastimes and enjoyment for ever. Many people have to be thanked for their letters of support needed to achieve this Village Green status, including Lisa Fearnside and her family (we hope she looks down and smiles on part of her legacy), Tom and Shona Shaw, who have

now left the village, the members of the two Sandy Lane churches, whose letters of supported added greatly to the campaign, the Dalecroft Neighbourhood Watch team and all the other individuals who gave their time to support our application, including the Councillors.

Mrs Warden and I who took up the challenge were many times advised that we would never win because a large developer was interested in the land and we would not be tough enough to handle such a large organisation. All we can say is that they maybe forgot how supportive and determined the people of Sandy Lane and Allerton are when we are right and we want to achieve something.

It's never over till the fat lady sings and I am singing!!

Congratulations to us all. Hope to see you all on Bradford's newest Village Green sometime soon.

Bev Porter, Vice-chair of Sandy Lane Parish Council

'Carols in the Park' collection

This year there will be a collection during our Christmas 'Carols in the Park'. Money donated will go to Woodward Court Amenity Fund.

What and where is Woodward Court?
It a residential home and a day care centre for the elderly mentally ill (EMI), located in BD15.

Will the residents just forget? What's the point?

The residents may well not be aware that it's Christmas. However Alzheimers or Dementia does not produce the pleading eyes of a small child or the whimper of a tiny puppy so it is not an obvious choice for donations at Christmas, hence those who forget get forgotten.

The money raised will go towards a Christmas Party and anything left over to garden furniture for the summer, or maybe a day out.

So please bring a little extra cash to the 'Carols in the Park' event to put in the collection buckets - it will be much appreciated and the staff will send feedback through the newsletter of how much has been raised and how it has been spent.

A very Merry Christmas to you all and your families.

Bev Porter, Vice-chair of Sandy Lane Parish Council

Sandy Lane Methodist Church

In the New Year services at the Methodist Church will begin at 9.30 am. For the rest of this year services up to and including that on Boxing Day, 26th December, will start at 10.30 am

Bethel Baptist Church

Below are some dates of Special Advent Services at Bethel:

Sunday 5 December: All Age Toy and Parade Service with the Guides and Brownies (toys donations welcomed in support of the Blenheim Project)
Saturday 25th December: 10:30am Christmas Day Service

Please note that there will be **no service** on Boxing Day, Sunday 26th December.



Sandy Lane Pre-School
(Registered charity PHR/1041143)

Offers education and care for children aged 2½-5 years by fully qualified permanent staff
Free places available to children over 3 years old
Morning sessions 9.00am-12.00am
Afternoon sessions 12.00pm-3.00pm
Full day care 9.00am-3.00pm available also

**For more information contact:
Donna Marshallays 01274 484400**



Sandy Lane Village Carol Service

This year the village carol service will take place in Sandy Lane Methodist Church, Birstow Street, at 4.00 pm on Sunday 12th December.

Singers from Sandy Lane Primary School will be taking part in the service and everyone is welcome to come and sing carols as Christmas approaches.

This is not to be confused with the Christmas 'Carols in the Park', taking place in Greenwood Park on Saturday 18th December, 4.30pm-5.30pm.

All welcome to both carol singing celebrations!

Harness renewable energy from daylight

One of the Parish Councillors, Bob Dennison, has recently had solar panels fitted to his house, and has been the recipient of many questions regarding this subject ever since! Therefore we thought it may be useful and interesting for people to learn more about this renewable energy.

On 1 April 2010 the government announced the "Feed in Tariff" incentive scheme available to householders, businesses and social housing, being based on Solar PV technology, for schemes of up to 4 kilowatt hours.

Solar panels are usually fitted onto the existing roof, although there are some which fit flush and replace existing tiles or slates. Some can even be fitted in a garden. Planning permission is not needed for most houses.

South facing panels produce the best results, although there is some leeway and it is preferable that the panels are not subject to shadow.



For domestic householders "Feed in Tariffs" are tax free.

The panels collect daylight, not just sunlight, which is fed into an inverter to convert the direct current into alternating current which then goes through a feed in meter before being fed into the National Grid.

When the system is producing electricity it is available for personal use free of charge, but not only that, for every kilowatt hour of electricity produced, whether you use it or not, the utility company pays 41.3p which is guaranteed for 25 years and is index linked. For installations after 1 April 2012 the tariff is reduced to 37.8p per kilowatt hour.

In addition to the 41.3p paid for every kilowatt hour of electricity produced an extra 3p per kilowatt hour is paid if electricity is exported back to the National Grid. Currently Utility companies cannot meter this and so pay export tariffs on 50% of electricity produced even if none is exported.

Panels are self cleaning if the roof slope is steep enough and maintenance free as there are no moving parts. It is estimated that after 25 years the panels will be still producing at 80% of their original capacity.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

DALECROFT RISE/LAMPARDS CLOSE

It is almost impossible to believe that another year is almost over. Dark nights and cold weather are here and everywhere we turn we are reminded that Christmas is not far off.

But it needn't be depressing or frightening if we decide at the outset that as a neighbourhood we will help and look out for each other. We can do this in quite a few different ways. We can, for example, be aware of those who live nearby who may not be able to cope with the snow when it comes and perhaps we can offer help with shopping or snow clearing. We can all be thoughtful about where we leave our cars so that moving traffic can get through without the risk of damage and so the large gritting trucks can get by. Don't forget that in previous years gritters have had to turn back because the road has been blocked by parked cars - and this is to everybody's disadvantage.

It helps the person delivering the post if we can keep our drives and steps clear of

ice and snow - so it may be a good time to buy salt before Morrisons sells out as they did last year.

Just keep an eye out to make sure your immediate neighbours are alright. This doesn't mean being nosy but make sure you have seen them out and about - you never know, they may have had an accident or other domestic emergency.

And of course the dark nights provide additional cover for those who may have an ill-intent towards your property. Please keep up to your security by locking all doors and leaving lights on.

However all is not doom and gloom. Looking forward to Spring some members of Neighbourhood Watch joined the Parish Council in planting more daffodil bulbs - this time on the triangle of land by the bus turn-round so, in addition to those planted last year, Sandy Lane will, next year, offer an even greater yellow smile to passers-by. Many thanks to all who helped and to the Council and Parish Council for organisation and the supply of bulbs, it is much appreciated.

Flowers are not the only thing that is appreciated in the Neighbourhood. There have been very positive comments about the two seats which have been provided in Stony Lane even though the one at the end of Dalecroft Rise is at such an angle that your sandwiches and flask slide rapidly downhill. And the delivery of this newsletter is appreciated by people who live alone. Thanks to the Parish Council.

It just remains to wish everyone season's greetings and to invite anyone who is interested to join us at Neighbourhood Watch.

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