

SANDY LANE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to issue 34 of Sandy Lane Parish Council newsletter

The Parish Council have continued to work hard for the community of Sandy Lane

Sandy Lane Summer Event 2017 – Sunday 27th August, 1pm-4pm

Since the last newsletter Sandy Lane Parish Council have been continuing to work hard for the community of Sandy Lane, including the organisation of the successful Sandy Lane Parish Council Summer Fair in Greenwood Park 2017, which was enjoyed by all on Sunday 27th August, 1pm-4pm – and what a success it was! Further information and photos are overleaf, but just to let you know in advance that another event will be planned for the same time next year, so keep the date in your diaries for the **summer event 2018, due to be held on Sunday 26th August 2018, 1pm-4pm.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS EVERYONE WELCOME

Parish Council meetings are generally held on the second Monday of each month, at Bethel Baptist Church, Sandy Lane, at 7.30pm. Public are welcome to attend the meetings, and there is a standing agenda item each month called 'Public forum', which allows members of the public to make comments or raise concerns, for a maximum of 15 minutes. Other agenda items deal with the urgent business of the Parish Council and as such public are not permitted to comment during the rest of the meeting.

The Parish Council would like to hear your views and ideas about their work and the village in general, so please come along – you will be warmly welcomed!

PARISH COUNCILLORS

We now have a full complement of parish councillors, and the following are the names and contact details of the six members of the Parish Council:

Beverley Porter, Chair	01274 973583
Janet Turpin, Vice Chair	01274 770424
Mike Craft	07768 152600
Simon Cropper	07889 039981
Alan Harris	01274 823707
Sughra Nazir	07737 633500

FREE BUSINESS ADVERTS

There is limited, but free, advertising space in each newsletter available to local business and organisations within the parish. Advertisers outside the area can, if space allows, advertise for a small fee.

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

Our Parish Council Clerk is Ms Eve Haskins, 174 Bradford Road, Shipley, BD18 3DE, Tel: 01274 408472, Email: haskinseve@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact Eve with any suggestions or comments regarding the Parish Council.

SANDY LANE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Parish Council website can be found at the following address: www.sandylaneparishcouncil.org.uk

This website is a useful tool for all in the Sandy Lane area, and the Parish Council 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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Parish Council also plan to hold a Remembrance Service at the village war memorial in Greenwood Park again this year, on Remembrance Day, Sunday 12th November 2017, at 12.30pm. All welcome.

FACEBOOK PAGE

The Parish Council now have a dedicated Facebook page, which contains information about all meetings and events. Please feel free to visit this page to 'like' us and 'share'!



QUESTIONNAIRE: SUMMER FUN DAY, SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 2017 IN GREENWOOD PARK

The Parish Council would be really grateful for feedback on the recent fun day in the park, to enable us to improve the event for next year. Please post completed questionnaires to the Parish Council Clerk, Eve Haskins, 174 Bradford Road, Shipley, BD18 3DE, or simply put through the post box at Bethel Baptist Church.

- Did you know about the plans for the fun day on Sunday 27th August 2017?
- If you attended, please could let us know what you liked and did not like about the event.
- If you did not attend, please could you tell us why not?
- Do you feel that the event was well publicised?
- In what ways could the event be improved (e.g. are there any stalls or other activities that you would like to have next year)?

The Parish Council hosted the recent successful summer fun day in Greenwood Park on Sunday 27th August, 1pm-4pm. We were very lucky that the weather was lovely – that makes it two years in a row!

An inflatable slide, merry go round, ride on bike track, football shooting, cricket nets, outdoor games, hook-a-duck and face painting and glitter tattoos were available free for children, and samosas and ice-creams were available to purchase.

The Parish Council had paid up front for the rides, face painting and teas and coffees, and asked for a donation to the British Heart Foundation charity instead of payment.

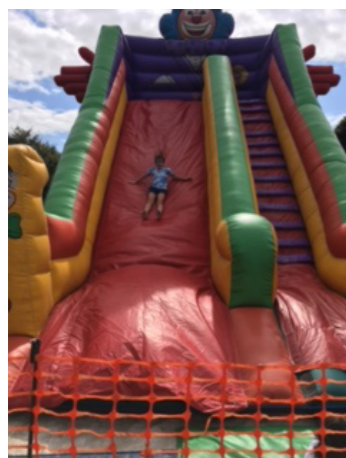
We would like to specifically thank the following people for their hard work and help in the organisation of the fun-day:

- Andy, Mark and all the team from Sandy Lane Cricket Club and Junior Football Club for providing the nets and games on the day and for the use of the Cricket Club building for teas and coffees.
- Bernard Bartle, for manning the hook-a-duck stall.
- Bethel Baptist Church for the loan of tables and chairs, and provision of outdoor games and biscuits.
- Bradford Council youth workers for all their hard work with the 'smoothie' bike.
- Bronte Tykes Cycling club for the provision of their bikes and supervision of the track at the event.
- PC Mereda Broadhead and her policing team for their attendance with the police van.
- Sue Green and her team at the British Heart Foundation.
- The Victoria Hotel for the provision of the BBQ food.
- Ward Cllrs Richard Dunbar and Sue Duffy for their attendance and continuing enthusiasm and commitment to Sandy Lane.
- All the parish councillors, the Clerk and Mr Phil Turpin for all their hard work in organising the events and setting up the gazebos on the day.
- All the stallholders – including Event Entertainment (the wonderful face-painters), J H Amusements (who provided the rides), Sandy Lane Pre-school ladies for agreeing to be our lovely First Aiders and, of course, Roger the ice-cream man!

Thank you also to everyone who attended on the day!

The Parish Council have received some lovely feedback from residents about this fun day but please feel free to contact us with any further thoughts or suggestions and please complete the questionnaire.

We would really appreciate it if residents could complete our short summer fun day evaluation questionnaire above, to let us know where we went right, where we went wrong, and what you would like to see at the event next year. These forms can be posted back to the Clerk at the address below or put through the post box at Bethel Baptist Church.



NEIGHBOURHOODWATCH

DALECROFT RISE/LAMPARDS CLOSE

I should think that nearly all of us will have heard the adage 'I have a garage full of low value junk which is kept safely under lock and key but I keep my car valued at several thousand pounds on the road or driveway'. I am one of those people. My shiny nearly new car lives on the drive while all my junk is locked up in the garage. I can't do much about it, that's the way things are, but I can be aware of the risk to my vehicle and take some very simple precautions. Crimes against vehicles and their contents is very much on the increase and now forms the larger part of crime against our property. West Yorkshire Police have issued the following very simple advice to help protect ourselves against vehicle crime:

- * Never leave any items of value in your car when leaving it unoccupied.
- * Do not leave items of value in the boot. Some parcel shelves may not fit flush and the smallest of gaps may provide an opportunity for an offender to see through.
- * Always remove sat-navs, dash cameras and mobile phones together with their holders. The tell-tale markings on the windscreen may indicate the possible presence of the device somewhere in the car.
- * Whenever possible do not leave work related items in your car such as files, laptop computers etc. Having these kinds of items stolen could have a serious impact on your livelihood.
- * Remove items of value from the glove box. You could also leave it open to show there is nothing of value in there. Valuable items often left in glove boxes include, amongst other things, insurance documents, registration documents and driving licences.

- * Never leave shopping on the back seat if the vehicle is unoccupied.
- * Ensure that windows, sun roofs and soft tops are closed and secure.
- * Lastly, always know where your car keys are and make sure they are not on view or in a predictable place such as a hall cupboard. At night the safest place for your keys is in the room where you sleep. There is now a high rate of burglary just to get car keys but if a burglar has to enter your bedroom to get the keys he may think twice about it.

Changing the subject now – there has been an increase in doorstep crime which involves callers talking or tricking their way into your house. This type of crime particularly involves the old and vulnerable members of the community. If you are in doubt about any caller you are not expecting or who cannot identify themselves, then close and lock your door.

Lastly, there is no further news as yet regarding the development of the houses between Dalecroft Rise and Chellow Dene. As soon as I know anything, I will let you know.

If you have any Neighbourhood Watch questions or queries my contact is jjrhodes@dsl.pipex.com – John Rhodes (Dalecroft and Lampards Close NW)

**- John Rhodes
(Dalecroft and Lampards Close NW)**

CHAIR'S NIGGLES

- Can you believe it?? A lady was seen helping herself to the flowers in front of the boundary stone by Acacia Drive - the description was that she looked like "Mrs Pepperpot" so if you see a suspicious lady looking like Mrs Pepperpot clutching our geraniums please try to get a picture - these flowers are planted by the local school children.
- The fly tipping on Prune Park Lane by the pub is an ongoing situation: if you catch this on your car video camera the police would be interested.
- On the Sandy Lane web-site there seems to be reports of sightings of suspicious cars being driven around Sandy Lane carrying shady characters. Can you believe some people are forgetting that they live in a community!
- The nights are closing in, so can I please ask you to talk to your elderly neighbours now, so that if they feel nervous or unsettled over the darker months they feel that they could contact you.

Thank you,

Bev Porter, Chair of Sandy Lane Parish Council

Bethel Baptist

Church at the Crossroads

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9th November: 7.00pm Quiz night with supper (no charge), just come and enjoy, you don't have to bring a team!!
- 12th November: 10.30am Remembrance Service. ALL welcome.
- 16th December: 4.00pm Carols in the Park (bring a torch!) with refreshments at the Church afterwards.
- 17th December: 4.00pm Village Carol Service followed by coffee and mince pies.

USUAL WEEKLY EVENTS

- Sunday: We meet every Sunday at 10.30am for worship.
- Tuesday: Ladies Club 2.00-3.30pm with speakers, and fun.
- Thursday: Fellowship at 2.30pm.
- Friday: Men's Network Games 7.30pm.
- Saturday: 10.00am-12.00pm noon Coffee morning with Food Bank Collections.

GOD LOVES SANDY LANE

We are continuing our prayer leaflet drops around the village. Please feel free to chat with us if you see us around your streets.

Thank you for all feedback, prayer requests etc, as we continue to ask for a blessing on our community.

We meet **every Sunday at 10.30am** to which you are invited. For details of our regular activities please see the Bethel website:

www.bethelbaptistchurch.co.uk

Local Ward Cllrs

Planning Matters:

As your local ward councillors we have always taken seriously the issues and concerns you have raised around potential planning developments and have represented your views at numerous planning panel meetings and other forums. This is something that will continue especially when our local infrastructure is put under increasing pressure by new development.

The Local Plan, a government imposed requirement on local councils, was adopted in July. This sets out how as a city Bradford will manage increasing demand for new housing development and employment sites over the next 15 years. The next major formal stage of consultation on sites (which will have been offered by land owners themselves) will not be before the middle of next year at the earliest when a preliminary draft plan will be produced with a list of preferred sites. When this list has been drawn up and published we will let you know how you can have your say. We will ensure we hold dedicated consultation sessions in the area so local residents are easily able to have their say.

We have always done everything we can to protect our greenbelt land and residents will be pleased to know that the council (by the end of the year) will publish a brownfield sites register. This will comprise of sites of at least 0.25ha that are considered to be suitable for residential development and are available and viable for residential use.

Other issues we are working on in the area:

Working with residents on highways solutions to the School Green congestion problems.

Working with a problem-solving group consisting of Councillors, Council Officers, Police and the Head teacher to look at Sandy Lane school traffic issues.

Working with Parks and Green Space Officers to review existing equipment and consider potential improvements to facilities.

Many thanks,

Ward Cllrs Richard Dunbar, Sue Duffy and Beverley Mullaney



9TH BRADFORD NORTH SCOUT GROUP

EXPLORERS

September sees the launch of "Explore Scouts" at Sandy Lane.

Monday evening at Sandy Lane.

Explorer Scouts are young people aged between 14 and 18.

Most of the Explorers have "moved-up" from Scouts and we are attracting new young people to join.

The programme is packed with a variety of activities. Second week, sees the first camp!

The plans include: scones making, point to point, formal young leader training sessions, expedition planning and the expedition, night over at Fan Woods, First Aid training and Christmas camp in early December.

Anyone wanting to join, please contact me (details below).

CUBS

Last term saw the Cubs doing a wide variety of activities and events, including: football evening, district rugby event, cooking in the style of "Ready, Steady, Cook", First Aid night and a really large water fight, plus a night at Laser Zone.

Summer camp in June at Blackhills was fantastic – the weather made it feel great and the activities were just non-stop.

SCOUTS

Summer camp at Great Tower Campsite was a little damp at times, but that did not dampen the enjoyment of the Scouts who went. Our Group were joined by other Scouts from 46th – St Saviours Fairweather Green, 37th - Howarth Road and 2nd – Allerton Methodists.

This term we have a packed programme as usual, including: Shelter building, Mechanics badge (we could do with a little help with this), musicians badge, route planning and an expedition, Jamboree on the Internet, making camping stools, cooking/baking and a Christmas camp!

FUND-RAISING

Back in June, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders spent the day at Tesco's in Queensbury bag-packing. Just over £400 was raised! We are planning a fund-raising night in November, more details later.

We are still needing help to run all the sections. Please contact me to find out more about this wonderful opportunity – phil.lowde@bearandlapor.co.uk or 07973 339 007.

SANDY LANE YOUTH CLUB



OPEN EVERY THURSDAY FROM 5:45 - 7:45PM

Bethel Baptist Church, corner of Cottingley Road and Haworth Road
For 13 - 19 yrs.
For more information contact Calais Lawrence 07582101067