



Digging In

The Sandgate Community Garden has had a very successful first year.

Supported by SAGA, the Sandgate Society and the Parish Council, the community garden has produced a wide range of fruit and vegetables under the guidance of **Leonie Wootton** and her many volunteers.

Winter planting is well under way and there are ambitious plans to expand the community garden next year.

If you would be interested in joining the volunteer gardening team contact Leonie on 07840 138308 or at leoniewootton2311@gmail.com.

You can find our more by searching for "Sandgate Community Garden" on Instagram and Facebook.

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!

Almost 600 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.

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

Deputy Parish Clerk Change

Sandgate Parish Council are sad to announce that Deputy Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance officer **Peter Savage** will be leaving the Council in December.

Peter has opted to "re-retire" and spend more time with his hobbies and family, and less time in the library with a spreadsheet.

We wish Peter well, and thank him for everything he has done for the Parish in three years working for us.

Replacing Peter is Sandgate resident **Simon Horton**. With many years business experience, Simon is looking forward to the different challenge of Parish Council Finance, contract management and clerking. Welcome Simon!

Although the Library is closed on a Wednesday, the Parish Council is staffed every morning Monday - Friday.

You can email on clerk@sandgatepc.org.uk or call 01303 248563, or just drop in any morning except Wednesday.

Parish Council office opening hours 9.30am - 1pm Monday to Friday (9.30am - 12.30pm Wednesday).

We have extended library opening hours to be open until 5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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 / Ancestry 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 & 4th Tuesday of the month 10.00 - 12.00
- **Scrabble Clubs:** every Tuesday 2.00 and Thursday 10.00
- **Reading Group:** 2nd Monday of the month 11.00 - 12.15
- **Talk Time:** Thursday 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



Library opening hours are:

- Monday, Friday & Saturday - 9.30am to 1pm.
- Tuesday and Thursday - 9.30am to 5pm.
- Wednesday & Sunday - Closed.



Sandgate Parish News

News and Information from Sandgate Parish Council

November 2019

More online at www.sandgatepc.org.uk and www.facebook.com/sandgatepc

Christmas is Coming!

Sandgate will shortly be coming alive this Christmas - where better to celebrate?

On Saturday 30 November there will be the annual Christmas event - all are welcome!

It starts at 6pm at the Saga Pavilion in Enbrook Park when Santa will be giving presents to children. Adults can enjoy a free glass of mulled wine or soft drinks and mince pie.

Then at 6.45pm the Saga lights will be officially switched on, as will the tree and lights in the village and the Golden Valley.

Jingle, Jingle, Jingle

Also on a Christmas theme, look out for Santa in the village! We're hoping that he will pay a short

pre-Christmas visit along the High Street.

Santa is very busy so we don't yet know when to expect a visit - but we have asked for him to ride his sleigh along the High Street from the Coastguard Cottages to St Paul's Church. Follow "Sunny Sandgate" on Facebook for up to date news of Santa's visit!

Christmas Display

Last year the Parish Council gave the first award for best Christmas decorated shop window.

We will be sending our mystery shopper out again to review the windows of the High Street and the Golden Valley. Watch this space and enjoy the stiff competition!



CCTV OR NOT CCTV?

The Parish Council is in discussions with various partners, including the Sandgate Society District Councillors and County Councillor to seek funding to install CCTV in three key locations:

- Sandgate High Street
- The Golden Valley shops
- Sandgate Park

CCTV is being investigated following a number of incidents of

vandalism in Sandgate Park, a number of attempted break-ins to businesses in Sandgate High Street and damage to cars in the High Street and surrounding areas.

Although statistically crime remains very low in Sandgate compared to other areas, we're keen to keep it that way.

Any scheme would be operated within strict guidelines to protect personal privacy. It would be "recording only" rather than live monitored, and would only be accessed in the event of reported crime or anti social behaviour.

The Council is optimistic that grants and funding can be identified to purchase and install all of the cameras and equipment at very low cost to the Council, but there would be an annual maintenance cost of up to £2,000.

The Council is keen to hear from residents and businesses their view on whether the introduction of CCTV schemes in those locations is supported.

Those views will then be taken into account before any final purchase decision is taken. Please send your views to clerk@sandgatepc.org.uk

Sandgate Event Calendar Jan - Apr 2020

This is our new event diary, featuring forthcoming events from venues across Sandgate.

We plan to publish it regularly from now on, in addition to promoting events on our website (www.sandgatepc.kentparishes.gov.uk), Facebook and elsewhere. If you tell us your Sandgate events in advance, we'll add for next time.

Please email details of May - August events for inclusion in the next edition to clerk@sandgatepc.org.uk

- Items in blue are at Sandgate Library - further details at sandgatepc.org.uk
- Items in red are at St Paul's Church, Sandgate Hill
- Items in green are at Chichester Hall - further details at www.chichesterhall.co.uk
- Items in burgundy are at the Reading Room in the Old Fire Station
- Items in purple are in the SAGA pavilion: please check details with kath@meiquan.co.uk

Items marked * - Time subject to confirmation

JANUARY 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Bank Holiday	2 10-11: Read and rhyme 11-1: Scrabble Club	3 10-11: Read and rhyme 7pm: Bridge club	4 10-12.30: Sandgate Farmers' market	5
6 10-11: Read and rhyme 10-11: Pilates 2-4.30: Table tennis	7 10-1: Table tennis 2-4: Scrabble Club Planning Committee* 6pm: Tai Chi 7 pm Environment Committee	8 9.30-12: Sandgate Art Group 1-5pm: Short mat bowls 7pm: Tai Chi	9 10-11: Read and rhyme 10-11: Pilates 11-1: Scrabble Club 2-3: Talk time	10 10-11: Read and rhyme 7pm: Bridge club	11	12
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Sandgate Parish Council is proud to hold the Seaside Award from Keep Britain Tidy for meeting the highest standards of cleanliness for Sandgate Beaches for the last seven years (2013-19).

