

Sandgate Groups and Clubs

ANCESTRY BUDDY: Kent Libraries offer a unique service to help you look into your ancestry. Sandgate Library now has an Ancestry Buddy who can guide you through the process of this interesting and popular subject. Drop in or call 01303 248563.

SANDGATE LIFE DRAWING: Every Wednesday 6.30 to 8.30pm. £7.50 per session. For more information contact Tony Foster on 07940 372079 or email novak@dsl.pipex.com

BOULES: If you would like join the Sandgate Boules Group or find out more please contact Cllr Leo Griggs. The regular Sunday morning meetings and Thursday evening meetings are now weather permitting - although the Petanque Terrain is of course open for all to use at any time. More information from Cllr Leo Griggs.

MP SURGERY: Local MP Damian Collins holds regular surgeries on 3rd Friday each month from 5 to 5.30pm in Sandgate Library. To book a place please call the agents office on 01303 253524

SANDGATE NEWSLETTER: Our parish clerk Amanda Oates will produce a regular news letter which she can email out to any residents who request it. If you would like to be included in the email broadcast please let the parish clerk have your email address (sandgateparish@tiscali.co.uk). If you do not have email the paper version of the newsletter will be available from Sandgate Library and many outlets in Sandgate. Latest newsletter available now.

CHILDRENS CRAFT CLUB: Held in Sandgate Library one morning during school hols - all ages welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteer parents needed so if you are able to help out chat to Hannah Cotton who runs the Craft Club. If you want to find out more contact the parish clerk at the library/council offices.

ST PAULS CHURCH: Regular services at St Pauls are: Sundays at 8am - A contemplative Communion service (BCP), Sundays at 10.30am - A choice of services each month: 1st Sunday - Sunday Praise - a varied style of brief, visual worship, 2nd Sunday - Healing Eucharist, 3rd Sunday - Morning Prayer, 4th Sunday - Eucharist. 1st Sundays at 6pm - Evening Prayer, Wednesday at 6.30pm - Prayer Circle, Tuesday & Thursday at 8.30am - Morning Prayer. For further details of any of these services, for Baptisms, Weddings or other Occasional Officers contact the Benefice Office 253831.

SANDGATE WRITERS: A friendly group of Sandgate people who meet monthly on 2nd Thursday of each month from 10 to 12pm at Sandgate Library (across the road from St Pauls Church). For details contact Joe Thomas on 01303 489736 or email: joe.tom277864@tiscali.co.uk.

SANDGATE MENS CLUB: On the ground floor of the Chichester Memorial Hall is the Mens Club. Founded in the 1800s the Club has leased the hall for decades and its wood lined bar and two table snooker room is a popular meeting place for old and new members alike. Why not pop in as a Guest and if you like the quiet environment which is perfect for reading the newspaper, chatting to friends or playing a game of snooker, perhaps you will like it so much that you will want to become a full member (both male and female members welcome)?

FARMERS MARKET: So much to look forward to and we hope that we can continue to entice you along to Chichester Hall in Sandgate High Street to buy your freshly baked bread, home made cakes, eggs, fruit and veg, honey, meats, cheese, olives and other goodies as well as taking the opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and home made cake whilst you catch up with friends and acquaintances. Farmers Markets, held in The Chichester Hall, are 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month from 10am to 12.30pm. At each Market you have multiple chances of winning the £10 raffle which can be spent at any of the Market stalls or at participating shops etc in Sandgate. For more information or to book a table please email: david@davidcowell.net

SANDGATE SOCIETY TALKS: Monthly talks are held at The Chichester Hall starting at 7.30pm. Entrance is free to Members and £2 to visitors who are welcome. More information at www.thesandgatesociety.com/ 2014 Programme of Talks: 14 May is Anecdotes from a Life in the Air, 1 June is WW1 Walk - Sandgate at War, 11 June is The Greenwall Lecture - Sandgate old and New, 9 July is WW1 Quiz Evening, 9 July is WW1 Walk Shornecliffe Barracks, 16 August is WW1 Walk Shornecliffe Military Cemetery and WW1 Trenches, 10 September is The Hazards of the Journey, 12 November is Gramps War WW1, 5 December is Christmas Party.

PURELYYOGA: with Samantha at Seabrook Church Hall - Classes Monday 6.30-8 pm yoga beginners and intermediate. Monday 8.15-9.15 pm core awareness (yoga and Pilates). Thursday 7.30-9 pm yoga mixed ability. Website www.purelyyogafolkestone.co.uk Phone 01303851399 Mob 07791291217

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SANDGATE HOTEL: Buy tickets at The Sandgate Hotel or online. 8-9 Wellington Terrace, The Esplanade, Sandgate, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3DY Tel: 01303 220444. Comedy Nights are last Thursday in every month 7-11pm. www.sandgatehotel.com, info@sandgatehotel.com

COUNCIL MEETINGS: Parish Council meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday in the month. Meetings are held in the Sandgate Parish Council Library and Offices, James Morris Court, Sandgate High Street. Further information from Amanda Oates Parish Clerk on 01303 248563 or check out the PC website for a list of dates and agendas at: www.sandgatepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/ The Parish Council office (Library) is open 9.30 - 13.00 Monday to Friday. There are a two exciting community events on the Rec this year: 29th June - Music in the Park and 27th July Fun Family Event - as well as regular Petanque meetings and other Community events on the Recreation Ground plus the annual Sea Festival which is held on the Sea Front so if you would like further news about these events do talk to our Parish Clerk Amanda Oates on 01303 248563 to find out how you can get the latest community news. Our Parish Clerk has compiled a list of public events happening in Sandgate throughout 2014 - so do get in touch and ask for a copy.

SHORT MAT BOWLS: On Wednesdays at 1.30 to 4.30pm at the Chichester Hall, Sandgate High Street (opp The Ship Inn). New members welcome - ring Fred on 01303 263090 for more information or why not just pop in - but remember to wear flat soled shoes.

SANDGATE LIBRARY: Please note opening times of Sandgate Library: Monday to Saturday (excluding Wednesday) 9.30am to 1pm. Check out Poets Corner where there is a selection of poems written by local people. We have a WW1 History Trolley on loan from Folkestone Library which includes sections on History on Wheels, Create your own Poem, etc. If the Library doesn't have the books that you want please do complete one of the forms and we can get them in stock for you. Our PCSO Lis Jepson also holds regular surgeries in the Library. Volunteers needed to help in the library - do you have some spare time to help out in the library for a few hours a week or month? The parish council is looking for people to assist the parish clerk with running the library. Training will be given and CRB checks done. Should you wish to know more about this or just wish to register your interest, please email sandgateparish@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01303 248563 (9am to 1pm weekdays only).

SANDGATE CENTRE FOR DANCE: Group meets in Chichester Hall for ballet coaching, dancercise, freestyle jazz, flamenco. Workshops in various dance styles for all ages starting now. Ballet classes for children from 4pm on Monday and Thursdays and Flamenco and Dancercise classes on Mondays and Thursdays at 6pm onwards. These classes are filling quickly so call Cheryl Rothwell Crossen for more information or to book your place on 07975 679 941. www.sandgatecentre4dance.com/

KNIT AND KNATTER: A Knit and Knatter group is held in Sandgate Library (across the road from St Pauls Church). The group meets to chat, swap ideas, get guidance and talk about a whole variety of things both knitting related and not twice each week. More information from the Parish Clerk on 01303 248563 or pop into the Sandgate Library to find out more.

CHICHESTER MEMORIAL HALL: Every event and activity held in the hall supports us in our efforts to bring the Chichester Hall back into the centre of the community and to make it look as good as it ever did. A big thank you to Geoff for doing quick repairs on our roof to keep it watertight. If you would like to hire the hall for a one-off or regular community or private function please contact our Caretaker on 07968 785692 competitive rates offered with discount structure for regular bookings. Contact details for Trustees and Caretaker are posted on the Hall notice board inside the Hall. The Chichester Hall website is at www.sandgate-kent.org.uk/chichesterhall/home.html

COMPUTER BUDDY: Would you like help in finding your way round the Internet or world wide web - would you like assistance with some computer basics? Well help is now at hand! At Sandgate Library on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 10am - 12noon. Our Computer Buddy will assist you with some of those problems you may be experiencing - free of charge. Please ring to book a session with Computer Buddy. For more information about these very popular sessions and to book a session with our Computer Buddy please call Amanda Oates, parish clerk, on 01303 248563 or pop into the Sandgate Library to book your session.

OLD FIRE STATION: If you would like to hire the lovely wood panelled Reading Room on the first floor of The Old Fire Station which is suitable for private or small community functions please contact Mrs Lesley Sugden on 01303 254823. More information about the Old Fire Station can be found at: www.sandgate-kent.org.uk/oldfirestation/index.html

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE POP-IN: The Sandgate Society extends a warm welcome to residents, passers by or shoppers on Saturday mornings 10am to 12.30pm throughout the year at The Old Fire Station - where you can enjoy a lively chat with local people whilst enjoying Tea or Coffee and Biscuits.

FHODS: For more information about performing at The Tower Theatre please contact Simon sales on 07772 100 798. Activities organised by FHODS - Open Auditions, Tower Theatre Open Days, Workshops etc. - all open to the public. Website at: www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk/