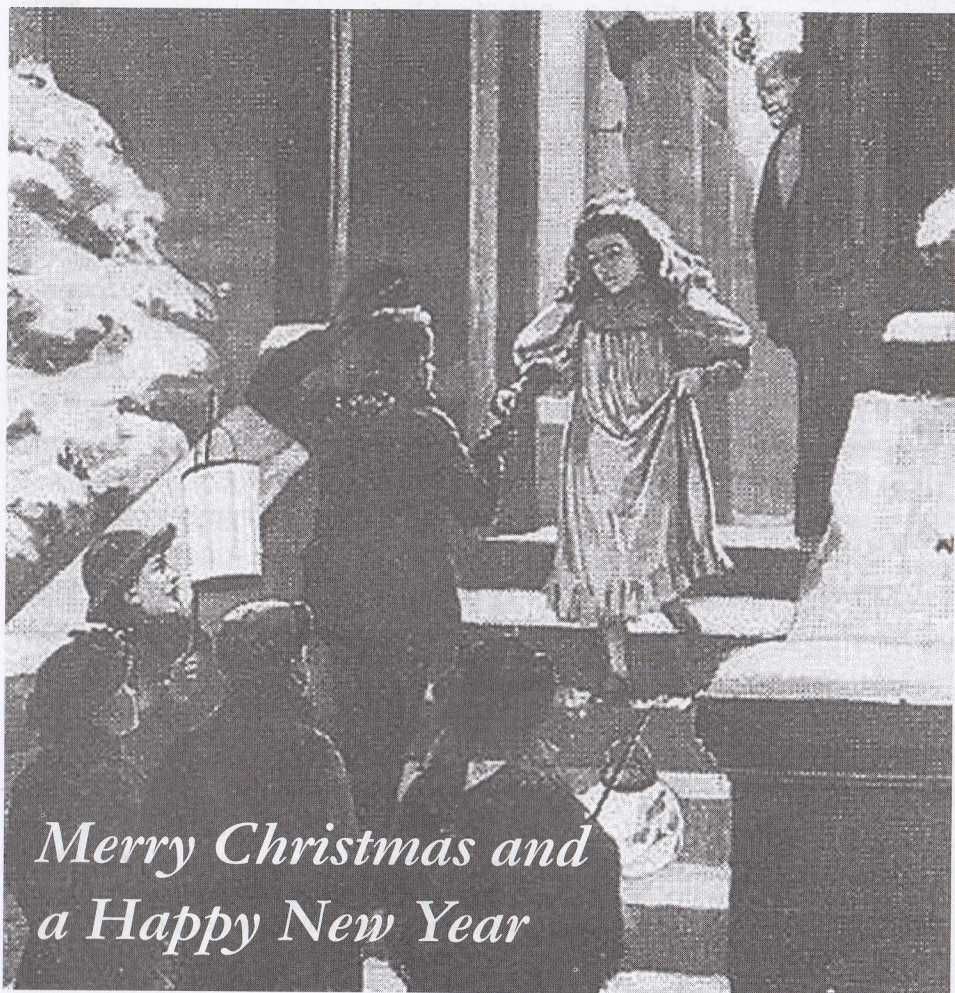


# SANDHURST Parish Magazine



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*Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year*

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**REGULAR SERVICES** See other notices for variations

**St Nicholas Church**

Time and Service	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday	Fifth Sunday
BCP Holy Communion 8.00am	✓	-	✓	-	✓
Parish Eucharist 11.15am	-	✓	-	✓	-
Matins 11.15am	-	-	-	-	✓
Morning Service 11.15am	✓	-	✓	-	-

**Mission Church**

Second Sunday at 10.00am Sunday@Ten (Children's Service)  
Evening Service third Sunday, 5.30pm 10.00am every Tuesday, weekday Holy Communion (BCP).

*Baptisms and Banns of Marriage should be arranged with the the Priest in Charge in good time.  
Please let the Priest in Charge or Churchwardens know of all cases of sickness  
as soon as possible.*

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Mary said 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord.  
Let it be to me according to your word' (Luke 1.38)

Dear Friends

*Advent and Christmas Greetings to you all!*

**M**any of our Christmas cards tell the Nativity story through the work of the great artists. One of the strongest images is that of Mary receiving her commission through the Angel Gabriel that she is to bear a child who is to be the Saviour of humankind. A particularly beautiful and moving depiction of this moment, the Annunciation, is by Fra Angelico, at the head of stairs leading to the dormitory cells in the Convent of San Marco, Florence.

It's one of those life-changing moments. In the story, Mary – still a young girl – reflects on God's presence in her life, and rejoices in the awesome promise conveyed by this strange visitor. Mary is prepared not only to listen to God, but also to act, and her echoing of Old Testament words of freedom, justice and momentous change (*My soul magnifies the Lord*) remind us that the coming of Christ into human history and into each one of our personal histories means that nothing can be the same as it was before.

But it all depends, as in the case with Mary, on whether we are prepared to listen and act. Ready to use the gifts and talents and resources we have in the love of God and in the service of others.

As Advent moves into Christmas, the Church begins a new cycle of readings in worship, with a focus on the Gospel of St Luke. Luke starts us off with Mary and her family, people who are prepared to say 'yes' to God and 'yes' to change. Not a comfortable thought at any time, but surely a necessary sign of light and hope in our personal and communal lives.

I hope that you will find space to journey with Luke in the coming weeks, and that you will have a truly peaceful and blessed Christmas

Yours in Christ  
*Charles Hill*

## PARISH AND PEOPLE

### St Nicholas Churchyard

Following my note in last month's magazine concerning the lime tree to the left of the gates we duly had the tree surveyed by Mrs Val Sutton of Kent Bat Group who passed her findings onto Natural England. We have now heard from Natural England who will not let us take the tree down to ground level. They are prepared to let us remove all the branches, but the main trunk must remain. There are also restrictions as to when the work can be undertaken and the earliest time is March, otherwise it has to be left until September.

It might be possible to remove the stump in due course if we have another bat survey done at an appropriate time of the year.

**Stuart Marshall**

### Christmas Cards

Christmas card sales have gone well - if you haven't purchased yours yet or find you are running short please contact either Bob Houlden 850278 or Anne Tylden-Wright 850281 who still have a few remaining. **ATW**

### Floodlighting St Nicholas

If you are interested, please contact Stuart

Marshall. When the church is floodlit, it can be seen for miles around. It is a wonderful way to commemorate a special date. The following people have been remembered over the past two months.

**October 13** In memory of Mark Shaw's 45th Birthday

**November 19** The 13th anniversary of the completion of St Nicholas Cottage, built by Mark Shaw.

**November 27** In memory of Kathleen Jeffery (née Fowler) (1929-2003) and Derek Jeffery (1930-2004) who lived on Church Road from the 1940s and spent their last years at Lock Pond.

### Flood Lighting the Church

St Nicholas will be flood light over the Christmas and new year period. If anyone would like to contribute towards the cost, ie £10 per night, in memory of a loved one please let the wardens know.

### New churchyard seat

A new seat has been sited in the churchyard over looking the beautiful views. It states: *In memory of John Blood who loved Sandhurst.*

## ST NICHOLAS DAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

### Special Service for Children & Families

There will be a special service at St Nicholas Church on Sunday December 6, to celebrate St Nicholas in the traditional way. All children welcome however small. The Service will be at 11.15. However those who wish to park in the church car park should be there by 11.00am. Children and accompanying adults should meet in the bottom car park soon after 11.00am so that they are ready to process behind St Nicholas, who will magically appear on his grey horse, and lead all the children up to the church at 11.10. At the end of the service St Nicholas will give out cookies and leave from the mounting block. A must for all children.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

**Sunday 20, 5.00pm**

**Carols Around the Village**

*Leaving opposite The New Swan at 5.00pm - Any donations given will be for the Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital - Please listen out for us or come and join us*

**Sunday 20 6.30pm St Nicholas**

*Carol Service*

**Monday 21 7.00pm**

*Carols on the Green*

**Sunday 20 10.30am**

**Baptist Church**

*Carol Service with Harry Vallance formerly of London City Mission*

**Thursday 24 3.00pm**

**St Nicholas**

*Crib Service*

**Thursday 24 11.30pm**

**St Nicholas**

*Midnight Mass -*

*First Communion of Christmas*

**Friday 25 8.30am**

**Mission Church**

*Holy Communion*

**Friday 25 10.00 am Baptist Church**

*Christmas Day Service*

**Friday 25 10.00am St Nicholas**

*Family Service for Christmas*

## UPDATE ON LIGHTING AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

At long last, the legal procedures involved in the original Faculty application and the further application for a variation in the Faculty have come to an end, and the PCC is now in a position to consider how to complete the lighting of the church, including any amendments to what has been installed recently.

The PCC met on November 2, and agreed that administration regarding the faculty is to be completed, this will then be signed off. This leads on to a second phase, and to that end the PCC agreed to commission, through the Diocesan Advisory Committee, an independent assessment as to effectiveness of the lighting in the nave, and if appropriate, a structural survey. The PCC also agreed that the working party would produce a report to consider all various options to improve and re-order the current lighting system at St Nicholas. This report, initially to be presented to the Fabric and Finance Committee, will cover all aspects of the current lighting system including the completion of the chancel lighting and a new lighting system for the bell tower area. The report is also to cover ideas and a new design for the efficiently lighting the nave and aisles in accordance with current legislation. Any alterations or new designs proposed must include maximum re-use of existing equipment where possible.

The PCC is very concerned to ensure that this process is both thorough and cost-effective, and moved speedily forward now that we are free to do so.

We can all play our part in this process, particularly through prayer, and I hope that in the coming weeks you will hold all involved in your prayers, so that we may discern God's will in this matter.

In order to provide a suitable opportunity for people to come together and join in prayer for our parish, and for the lights question in particular, I am arranging a 30 minutes Vigil of silent prayer in the church, on the afternoon of the Feast of St Nicholas, Sunday December 6 at 4.00pm. I do hope that you may be able to join us on that occasion, or be able to offer up special prayer wherever you are at that time on December 6.

Canon Charles Hill

## BISHOP TREVOR ANNOUNCED AS THE NEW BISHOP OF DOVER

A service for Bishop Trevor's installation and welcome will take place at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday February 6 at 3.00pm. From mid February to the end of April, Bishop Trevor is planning to visit every Deanery in the Diocese to meet the clergy and representatives of local communities.

You can watch videos/view photos from the press conference announcing Bishop Trevor Willmott as the new Bishop of Dover: [www.canterburydiocese.org/bishopofdover/index.htm](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/bishopofdover/index.htm)

The copy date for the January issue of the magazine is  
Thursday December 10

## AROUND THE SOCIETIES



### Sandhurst & Newenden WI

November's meeting was the annual meeting. Reports were read and approved! Shelagh Farrington had completed her term as President, in fact had done more than her three years, our thanks to Shelagh for all her hard work she has been a wonderful President. Congratulations to Jean Relf who was elected our new President. After the business was completed members enjoyed some social time before going home. This month is our Christmas party, members are requested to bring a plate of party food and come and join in the fun.

ATW

### Sandhurst Horticultural Society

The first Wednesday of every month at 8pm, members and guests meet in the Old School to hear presentations on many subjects throughout the year. November's presentation 'Weather Lore-Fact or Fiction'.

Ian Currie was amusing with non-stop weather rhymes; what a mine of information, often quoting the year, month and day, sometimes even the time of day when specific weather conditions hit our County.

We were made very aware of the importance of forecasting, many lives have been lost due to neglecting the weather forecast prior to setting out on expeditions, eg. mountain climbing.

Did you know a yellow sky to end the day means wind and rain are on their way? When the wind backs and the glass falls be on your guard for rain and squalls.

Members were reminded that a discount up to 40% is available from collective orders via our agreement with Thompson and Morgan. Remember to bring your individual orders to our December Meeting. This will be our AGM and presentation of our competition trophies, wine and nibbles will be available.

November competition winners were:- Class 1 and 2, Maureen Relf, Class 3, Bill Goodsell, Class 4, Terry Hannocks, Class 5, Jean Goodwin.

Please prepare for our annual plant sale May 15 2010 and help to raise some funds for charity and our society (50/50).

JRE

### Sandhurst Friendship Club

Once again the Friendship Club was very pleased to accept Peter Edgesmith's invitation to a musical afternoon at the Primary School. The children showed how they are learning new instruments and sang songs old and new. Our members sang 'Undereath the Arches helped by having the words up on the screen and Maureen Sadler recited a lengthy poem by heart telling the story of Noah and a leak in his Arc. Altogether a most wonderful afternoon enjoyed by everybody and rounded off with Tea and biscuits.

Next Meeting: Christmas Lunch at Rainbow Trout, Broad Oak Brede on Friday December 11 at 1.00pm

January 2010: Coach Trip to Ice Show, Brighton on Tuesday January 12. Coach will leave Old School at 12.00 noon.

Rosie Broadbent

### Sandhurst Book Club

*The Book Thief* was a poignant story of privation and oppression with death always close by,

illuminated by the sheer goodness of the beautifully drawn main characters. We all thought it was one of our best choices.

On December 8 we shall be with Shirley (850337) to discuss David Lodge's *Deaf Sentence*, which should be a lighter book.

On January 19 (a week later than usual) we shall be with Valerie (850336) and the book is *The Guemsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annes Barrows – an intriguing title.

On February 9 we shall be with Penny (950518) but have yet to decide on the book.

VL

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Sandhurst Nursery School

At the time of writing this news the old nursery building is about to be demolished and the new building started at last! Our fundraising is going well to equip the new building and we need all the support we can get from the village and school parents. Support from nursery parents and residents of the village this term has been excellent so thank you.

The nursery school in the social club is running well and our numbers have increased since we started in September. We still have places, in particular in the afternoons, so please call in any time to have a chat and find out more about our curriculum based activities for the children. Our website is updated regularly and contains lots of information about staff, activities, fundraising, policies etc. so please take a look [www.sandhurstnurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.sandhurstnurseryschool.co.uk)

Our end of term is Friday December 18 and we are currently organising Christmas events for the children.

Finally, thanks as always to the members of the Sandhurst Social Club for allowing us to use the venue until next July. You will be first on the list for invites to our new building open day party!

Happy Christmas to everyone and best wishes for an exciting 2010!

Angela Writer - Manager 879835 or 850578

### Sandhurst Primary School

Since our last news item, so much has been happening at school.

We concluded the end of our Centenary Year with a week of celebrations. On Monday October 19, Tunbridge Wells Museum Service took assembly and spent the day working with the classes with Edwardian artefacts and items from that period.

Wednesday was the day the whole school joined with the Parish Council to plant spring flowering bulbs on the Lower Green.

On Friday, the children and staff dressed up in Edwardian Costume and re-enacted the opening of the 1909 building as recorded in detail in the Kent Messenger Newspaper. Past staff and friends were invited to attend. Charles Hill blessed the school and the children sang 'God Save the King'.

The School open-day on Saturday was an opportunity for many ex-pupils and friends to come and see the changes to the fabric of the building, see our exhibition of old photos and catch up with stories of their happy times at school.

One hundred years later and a new building has at last been started. Sandhurst Nursery School new build project commenced on November 9. The new building will appear similar to our original 1909 building and is not only an exciting provision for the community but a



building that celebrates the architecture of 100 years ago.

### Sandhurst Twinning Association

On October 17 the Sandhurst & District Twinning Association held a Corgi Night at the Old School Hall. Our roving reporters from Sandhurst Primary School investigated this mysterious night. Chris Avery of the Twinning Association answered some of their pressing questions.

#### Sandhurst Primary School: What is a Corgi Race?

CA: The races consist of four Corgis made of wood over a distance of about 50 feet. Each Corgi has a 'jockey' who sits on the finishing line and winds them in on a string 'lead'. The jockeys have to face away from the Corgis so they don't see how well they are doing until the end of the race. (Jockeys do not actually ride the Corgis) It's hard to really know the form of the jockeys, but an inspection of their string winding skills is advisable. The winner is the Corgi that makes it across the line first. (It should be added that there are also three stern adjudicators who look to see that there is no funny pulling of the strings, and no peeking... they have been known to disqualify jockeys!) In the middle of the evening, a ploughman's supper was enjoyed by all, provided by the Twinning Association. Then back to the races.

#### SPS: Why does it happen?

CA: To raise funds for and promote the Twinning Association and to have a social event as well. (Though the crowd was not to completel capacity this time the enjoyment of the event was huge.)

#### SPS: What is the Twinning Association and can young people participate?

CA: The Twinning Association promotes the association with its 'twin' village in France, Heuringhem. This involves annual visits either to or from Heuringhem to meet the French people from their village and socialise and generally have a good time. Young people can certainly participate with their parents either in social/fund raising events like the Corgi racing or in the visits themselves.

*Thanks to Mr Chris Avery for his help, the Sandhurst and District Twinning Association for their great organisation, and to the roving reporters of the Sandhurst Primary School.*

### Train Times from Staplehurst

It is worth noting that the train times from Staplehurst to London will be altered from December 13. From that date there will be only two daytime trains an hour which will leave Staplehurst at 20 and 50 minutes past the hour. It looks as though the first off-peak train will be the 09.20.

### Yoga Classes

Please join me once more in the Sandhurst Village Old School for a six week term (one class per week) as we experience the many benefits of yoga. Classes will be based around the classic Ashtanga Yoga System, which synchronises yoga postures in a movement and breathing sequence. Students at all levels will be catered for and beginners to yoga are most welcome. If you are interested in Yoga but cannot commit to the 6 week course, please do come for a casual drop-in session. Hope to see you there. Prices: Six week course £36 or drop-in class £8

Megan Stevenson – 01580 850 361 or 0775 456 9608

### Art Classes

"Enjoy" Art Classes are organised to encourage confidence and develop creative talents for local people of all ages and abilities.

The emphasis is on FUN! The classes work round introducing basic drawing skills before moving onto a variety of painting techniques and simple printing. There is no pressure to create a "work of Art", but with encouragement and experimentation students will surprise themselves with the results !

Many art materials can be provided so students can learn about a variety of media before spending on some of their own.

I am offering Art classes for two hours on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings, depending on interest. The classes will be organised in half-termly blocks of 6/7 weeks. Payment in advance will benefit the students with a generous reduction of fees. I hope Sandhurst can develop a thriving art group!

All those interested, even if you haven't picked up a pencil or brush for years ! do contact Maggie McCormack 01580 850575

**Maggie McCormack**

### Travel Notes from Riga

On a recent trip to Riga, Latvia, I found an Anglican Church with a small congregation and a large choir who were visiting from Estonia. To my amazement, the service and hymns were in English. This church was commissioned by British traders living in Riga and was built in 1857 on a shipload of English soil especially imported from the UK. Consecrated in 1859, the church was only full when British warships visited Latvia. I thought this might be of interest to our readers.

Has anyone else had similar experiences of English congregations abroad?

**Gillian Davis**

### Sandhurst Footpath Association

Another year gone by and what a mixture of weather. We have had everything from very hot - very wet - and really awful. Apart from all that we have made headway with installing the new self-closing gates. Many thanks to our hard working volunteers, also my thanks to all of you who have supported the Sunday afternoon walks. It's much appreciated.

Nothing now remains but to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you all again.

**Pat Finch, Footpath Officer**

### Clock Tower Greeting Cards

I am pleased to report that £50 has been raised towards the maintenance of the floor at the Old School Hall. This comes from the 2009 sale of 'Clock Tower' greetings cards which were available, for the first time, with *Joyeux Noël*. This delightful depiction of one of our most famous icons was painted by the children's illustrator and floral painter, Satomi Ichikawa, whilst she was staying opposite the village green with Stella Nesfield in 2004. When it was first produced we managed to raise several hundred pounds towards the replacement of the wooden floor at the Old School Hall.

I thank everyone who supported this effort.

**Gillian Davis**

### Sandhurst Weather Report

The rainfall for October was 60.5mm (2.4 inches) compared with an average of 108.1mm

(4.3 inches). November is certainly producing some dramatic results, especially for the north-west, and it will be interesting to see what final figure is for Sandhurst.

The mean temperature for the month was 12.0°C (53.6°F) which is spot on average. Average temperatures were: minimum 9.5°C (49.1°F), maximum 15.0°C (58.2°F).

An old saying for December: *If the sun shine through the apple tree on Christmas Day, there will be an abundant crop in the following year.*

**Howard Phillips**

### Sandhurst Planning Applications

**TW/09/03194/FUL** Retrospective - Part change of use of and extension to existing stable for dog breeding purposes. Part OS Plot 7900, Risdan Lane.

**The Civic Amenity Refuse Lorry** will be in Sandhurst on Saturday mornings 5 and 19 at the following places and times: Lomas Lane 8.00-8.25, Ringle Green 8.30-9.00, Back Road 9.05-9.35, Tanyard 9.40-10.20, Sandhurst Close 10.25-11.00. **Advance notice** - there will be no collection on Saturday January 2.

### DIARY DATES

#### December

- 2 Horticultural Society AGM.
- 3 Musicale at St Nicholas Cottage. 3.00pm. Daniel Grimwood performing Russian music, including a Rachmaninov Sonata. Contact on Gillian Davis 850384.
- 6 St Nicholas Day Service for children and families. St Nicholas Church, 11.00 for 11.15am.
- 8 Book Group
- 9 Sandhurst and Newenden WI. Christmas Party.
- 11 Friendship Club. Christmas Lunch at the Rainbow Trout, Broad Oak Brede, 1.00pm.
- 12 Cranbrook Choral Society. Handel's Messiah, St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, 7.30pm. Tickets £12.

#### January

- 12 Friendship Club. Trip to Ice Show at Brighton. Coach will leave Old School at 12.00 noon.

- 19 Book Group

#### February

- 9 Book Group

#### May

- 15 Horticultural Society Plant Sale.

*The dates for Christmas Services and Events appear elsewhere in the magazine.*

## MUSIC IN THE WEALD

**Saturday December 12, 7.30pm. Cranbrook Choral Society. GF Handel - Messiah, St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook. Tickets £12 from choir members or in person from Grace Travel, Carriers Road, Cranbrook.**

**Saturday December 12, 7.30pm. Maidstone Choral Union. Music for Christmas with BAE Systems Brass Band and Brunswick House Primary School. Mote Hall, Maidstone. Tickets £6 to £11 from Leisure Centre Booking Office 0845 155 2277 or Choral Union ticket secretary 01622 726193.**

## VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

*Telephone numbers: The code is 01580 unless indicated otherwise*

**Sandhurst Primary School**  
**Head Teacher Peter Edgesmith 850288**  
 Sandhurst Primary School - the heart of primary education in Sandhurst. A community school for children aged 5-11 years.

**Parents & Friends of Sandhurst CP School**  
 A fundraising committee run by parents of Sandhurst Primary School, primarily to raise additional moneys for equipment for the school.

**Sandhurst Nursery School**  
**Jan Little 850969**  
 A well-established Nursery School, open Monday to Friday 8.45am to 3.45pm at the Primary School site. Children are accepted from 2-5 years.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sandhurst Brownies**  
**Jackie Powell 753202**  
 Girls aged 7-10 are very welcome. We meet during term time at the Primary School, Thursdays 5 - 6.30pm.

**Friendship Club**  
**Rosie Broadbent 850433**  
 This well established Club meets on the first Friday of the month in the Old School at 2.30pm for interesting talks and delicious teas. Occasional coach trips.

**Sandhurst Book Group**  
**Valerie Lamprey 850336**  
 The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month in one of the group members' homes at 8.00pm. We come to joint agreement about the 'next read' and then discuss the book at our next meeting. It is an unthreatening and enjoyable evening, the themes of the books often provoke a wider discussion, and we rarely come to blows!

**Adult Ballet Classes**  
**Gillian Davis 850384**  
 Started in 1984 and still going strong - all ages and stages welcome. Classes in Old School every Friday morning 9.30 to 10.30am.

**Sandhurst Football Club**  
**Sandra Kerry 850377**  
 The club has two teams competing in Division one and Division six of the East Sussex League. Matches are played at the recreation ground from October to April. Training takes place at the ground on Wednesday evenings commencing at 7.00pm.

**Red Cross Medical Loans**  
**Cranbrook Red Cross Centre 715671**  
 The Centre is open every Wednesday from 12.30 - 3pm for enquiries.

**Sandhurst Cricket Club**  
**Brian Feaver 752448**  
 The Club plays on the Recreation Ground from April to October.

**Seniors Exercise Class**  
**Julia Wakefield 850232**  
 Every Tuesday 9.30am to 10.30am in Old School Hall. Low input exercises and toning, designed to help you keep fit and improve joint mobility.

**Old School Bookings**  
**Lisa Erwood 851123**  
 Telephone to book Old School from 6-9pm and for details of hire. three sessions daily. Morning 8 to 1pm, Afternoon 1 to 6pm, Evening 6 to 11.30pm.

**Sandhurst & District Horticultural Society**  
**Valerie Lamprey 850336**  
 A lively Society, meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Old School at 8pm. There is a

varied range of speakers with monthly competitions and outings take place from time to time.

**Sandhurst & Newenden WI**  
**Cath Cutbush 850697**  
 Meet monthly on second Wednesday in the month at the Old School at 7.30pm. Speakers are varied to reflect many activities and crafts.

**Sandhurst Parish Council**  
**Clerk: Tina Jacques 850295**  
 A list of Parish Councillors is on the notice boards at Bodiam Road and Back Road. Anyone wishing to attend meetings is very welcome - details of agenda are on the notice boards.

**Sandhurst Tree Wardens**  
**Lesley Gillett 850649**  
 There are four tree wardens for the village. We try to keep a lookout for the trees and as much as possible protect them from harm. We do sometimes ask the village for their help to plant trees and hedges. Tree Wardens belong to the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers who organise courses and give us advice. We in turn will advise residents who seek advice on tree problems.

**Sandhurst Parish Footpath Association**  
**Pat Finch, Countryside Access Warden 850353**  
 The replacement and maintenance of our footpaths and stiles is carried out by volunteers from the village. The work is on-going throughout the year, which is rewarding, interesting and healthy. If you would like to volunteer and be part of this worthwhile cause, please contact Pat Finch. A village walk will take place on the second Sunday of each month starting from the Upper Green at 2.00pm.

*If you would like your organisation to be mentioned here or to change any details please contact Shirley Everett on 850337*

### Social Car Service

**Margaret Sargent 850311 or 07734 115388**  
 This service, which is supported by the WRVS, is available to anyone in the community in urgent need of transport primarily for medical, dental or other health reasons. A minimum of two days notice is requested, if possible, and a small charge is payable.

### Queen Street Quilters

**Jean Relf 850563**  
 A group of enthusiastic ladies learn and practise the crafts of patchwork, quilting and applique, meeting on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Mission Church. Levels of experience are varied and we are always happy to welcome new "stitchers".

### Mobile Library

**Visits sites weekly every Tuesday**  
 Sandhurst Cross, Sandhurst Close 12.30 - 12.45.  
 Tanyard 1.55 - 2.10. Old School, Back Road 2.15 - 2.40. Linkhill, Lomas Lane 2.50 - 3.05.

### Home Service Library

**Cranbrook Library 712463**  
 This is a free service for the housebound. Large print books, audio visual tapes, DVDs and book selections are available and a volunteer can call on you at home to give advice. If you would like to help with this service as a volunteer, please contact the library on the above number.

### Hawkhurst & Sandhurst Ward Borough Councillors

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