

Sandiacre Parish Council Newsletter

This newsletter was produced for Sandiacre Parish Council - October 2023

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this newsletter. It showcases all the excellent work being carried out in Sandiacre by dedicated and committed people who care about their community and carry out outstanding work to benefit others.

Sandiacre and Padmore Moorings. It provides Christmas lights and hanging baskets, organises litter picking on the parks and in the centre of the village and manages Sandiacre Cemetery, whilst also maintaining St Giles' Church closed churchyards and grounds.

Volunteers and people working for different clubs, organisations and charities, around the village undertake fantastic work for children and residents of all ages. On behalf of all Sandiacre Parish Councillors, I would like to thank local individuals and organisations for their invaluable contribution to village life over the past year.

It is not the intention of Sandiacre Parish Council to reduce services as they underpin community life and ensure facilities are maintained to a high standard. However, some areas of Sandiacre are the responsibility of the Borough Council and it is yet to be seen if services will decline.

Everyone's involvement in making Sandiacre a great place to live and work is very much appreciated and demonstrates a sense of pride and cohesion in our community!

Over the past 2 years the Parish Council has been developing a Neighbourhood Plan and organising public sessions, which gave people the opportunity to voice their views on how the village could be developed over the next 15 years. Outside grant funding of £18,000 gave us the services of a first

I am pleased to report that following the recent local elections, the majority of your Parish Councillors remained, in addition, we welcomed 5 new Councillors. We know they all have the very best interests of Sandiacre residents at heart. Sandiacre is the largest of the parish areas within Erewash with 14 Councillors representing approximately 9,500 residents.

With a change in control at Erewash Borough Council from May, it is regrettable that Sandiacre is facing a shortfall in grant funding from April 2024 of £24,000. Sadly, the Parish Council has been left with no choice but to increase the Precept charge from next year. Please be assured this is to retain essential services.

The Parish Council covers many functions for the community, including maintaining parks and open spaces, such as Springfield Park, Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground, the centre of



Cllr Wayne Major
Chairman

class planning consultant to assist with creating a Neighbourhood Plan. the park facilities for the benefit of all users.

The Plan will support setting policies at grass roots level for upcoming future development, planning numbers and property design, retaining open spaces and helping to reduce the impact of HGV through the village with improved highways.

The final version of the Plan will require inspection in the coming months, before going to Referendum to be signed off. My thanks to everyone who came to the public meetings and responded to the consultations. Over 4,000 leaflets were issued to every household and business in the parish, enabling everyone to have their say.

Springfield Park has benefitted from recent improvement work to the top entrance gate and with installation of new fencing to make access easier. I was able to provide grant funding from DCC to support the planting of 2 Hornbeam trees by the daffodil bench to commemorate the coronation. Plans are also in place to obtain outside grant funding for a new perimeter footpath, which would offer year-round use of

Sandiacre Parish Council offers grant funding to support a 4-week summer play scheme held at Cloudside Academy, which supports local families and their children. The scheme has been run for several years by Adam Metcalf (A M Sports Coaching) and feedback received proves it is so beneficial to local families with reduced child care cost and helping parents continue to work over the summer.

Improvement work has been undertaken over the past year to Sandiacre Parish Council Cemetery, the grounds of St Giles' closed churchyards and both parks. Numerous compliments have been received and Councillors extend their thanks and appreciation to Andrew Wallace, Steve Spencer and Fox Grounds Maintenance for working above and beyond to make the areas look cared for and well maintained.

I would like to express my thanks to Michelle Bloor our Clerk, Finance Officer and Cemetery Manager. Her ongoing support and guidance ensures the smooth running of the Parish Council and we value her experience of applying for outside funding.

In conclusion, I would like to express my utmost thanks to Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors for working as volunteers and giving up their time to serve their community. They work as a team for the benefit of others.

Sandiacre is a place we can all be proud of and I look forward to working alongside Councillors and residents over the coming year to make a positive difference to our community for the foreseeable future.



Cllr Steve Bilbie
Vice-Chairman

Cllr Wayne Major

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SANDIACRE LIBRARY

Sandiacre Library is open 9.30 – 5 pm Mondays and Thursdays; 9.30 – 6pm on Tuesdays; 9.30 – 1pm on Fridays and 9.30- 12.30 pm on Saturdays. You can contact us on 01629 533359 or send an e-mail to Sandiacre.library@derbyshire.gov.uk – or, please come and see us !

There is a lot on offer at Sandiacre Library besides a warm welcome and all manner of books. We are a community hub, offering information and a signposting service to lots of Health and Wellbeing opportunities, Local History and anything you care to ask about. We do like a challenge! We have lots of photographs of old Sandiacre; we have maps going back to 1880. We offer IT support, a quiet corner for study, scanning and photocopying services and a safe place for social groups as follows:

Monday afternoons (1.30 – 3pm) **Therapeutic Colouring**, with tea, coffee, biscuits and chat.

Tuesday afternoons (1.30 3.30pm) **Bridge Club**

Thursday afternoons (12 noon- 2pm) **The Locomotive Appreciation Club** (open to other topics of conversation, gentlemen who like to set the world to right with refreshments).

New members to all the above groups would be very warmly welcomed. If you like singing to small children, we would be very grateful for a new volunteer to keep our Rhyme Time going. It was on Friday morning, but we would be happy to have a group any morning.

We host the U3A Crime Book Group, a U3A book group who read general fiction, the Risley WI Book Group and we need new members for the Sandiacre Reading Group who used to meet on the first Friday morning of every month. If you are interested in running a different group, do come and talk to us.

Don't miss the opportunity to come and have your blood pressure checked by Live Life Better Derbyshire on Thursday 7th September from 10am to 1pm.

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Office, 19b Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre NG10 5FJ

Between Sandiacre Library and Sandiacre Memorial Institute

Usual office hours: Monday to Wednesday 9.30am to 2.30pm

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Parish Council meets at 7.00pm in The Memorial Institute, Doncaster Avenue,
Sandiacre NG10 5FJ

Tuesday, 6 June 2023

Tuesday, 4 July

August – Summer Recess NO MEETING HELD

Tuesday, 5 September

Tuesday, 3 October

Tuesday, 7 November

Tuesday, 5 December

Tuesday, 9 January 2024 SECOND TUESDAY

Tuesday, 6 February

Tuesday, 5 March 6.40pm ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday, 2 April

Tuesday, 7 May 6.40pm ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Questions may only be raised during the 10 minute Public Session.

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FRIENDS OF HAYWORTH ROAD PARK

It is this time of year that we remind you of our Special Green Space Hayworth Road Park.

Hayworth Road Park is looked after by Erewash Borough Council together with The Friends of Hayworth Road Park.

The Park over the years has gone through considerable redevelopment for people attending the Park by way of seating with benches and picnic tables and play equipment for the children as well as bulb planting, planting a hedge and trees together with creating wild flower areas.

The Park has a small group of Friends who take particular interest in the Park, unfortunately due to health, age and other reasons interest has decreased. If anyone would like to help us look after the Park by litter picking, keeping the vegetation under control, and making sure the Park is kept in a good standard. Please contact Katharine and David, they would like to hear from them.

We had a lovely Easter when on the Wednesday before Easter Day, around 80 children turned up in the morning for an Easter Egg Hunt, it would be great if we could have a

few more events, anyone interested in organising similar events, Katharine and David would like to hear from them.

2023 has been the year of The Neighbourhood Plan in which the Public can to be involved in the redevelopment of Sandiacre ensuring that such Green Spaces as Hayworth Road Park are kept well.

Hayworth Road Park is a Green Space, a calm location within a Residential area and such an important place for peoples mental and health issues for relaxation and play.

Looking out from the top of the hill seeing Sandiacre spread out in front is a sight to behold.

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HEALTHIER FUTURES

Healthier Futures

Would you like to feel more confident as a parent? Are you keen to get help to give your child a healthy start in life, help them to eat more fruit and vegetables and reduce mealtime stress?

If so, then our new Healthier Futures programme could be for you.

It's a free, healthy families programme that offers a range of support for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 12 years old. The programme includes online and face to face sessions, including HENRY sessions.

Who can take part?

You can take part in our Healthier Futures programme if you:

Are the parent or carer of a child aged 0 to 12 years

Have a Derbyshire postcode or are registered with a Derbyshire GP

Are the parent or carer of a child who is aged between 5 and 12 years and is over a healthy weight or is at risk of becoming an unhealthy weight, for example on or above the 85th BMI centile

How to take part:

Parents and carers can self-refer onto any of the programmes that we run. To self-refer onto our programme visit www.livelifebetterderbyshire.org.uk/healthierfutures

Alternatively, you can talk to a health or social care professional about being referred into our programme and they can refer on your behalf.

Find out more

Call: 0800 0856 2299 (option 2)

Visit: www.livelifebetterderbyshire.org.uk/healthierfutures

Email: llbd.family@derbyshire.gov.uk

AGE CONCERN

Strictly No Falling are hosting our 2nd No Falls event at the Whitworth Centre near Matlock. It was really successful last year and we managed to reach out to lots of people and link up with many agencies. We are hoping for it to be a yearly thing and possibly starting another one in a different locality in spring.

We also carry out training for our three different types of exercises/movements (Chair Based Exercise, Otago and Every Movement Matters, Always). Our next lot of courses are over September, October and November. We are all either tutors, assessors or IQAs, so all learning is uniform and most importantly, friendly and welcoming. Each course is held at Shirland Village Hall (near Alfreton), which means it is central for all of Derbyshire.



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HOME START EREWASH

Home-Start Erewash are a family support organisation that covers the whole of Erewash including Sandiacre.

We support parents in giving their children the best start. We recruit train and support volunteers who have personal insight into the challenges of parenting. These dedicated volunteers are carefully matched with families and provide weekly home visits for up to a year. By cultivating non-judgemental relationships and trusted friendships, our volunteers and families work together to address emotional and practical issues finding solutions to move forward.

Together we create a supportive, nurturing environment for children, making a profound impact on their physical and mental health as well as their overall happiness.

Each year we work with over 140 families who are referred to us via various agencies including health visitors, children's services, GP's and school, voluntary organisations and mental health services. We offer not only one to one support but also peer support groups, connection cafés and a parenting programme. We hold family activities in the community throughout the year and signpost families to other local organisations and groups.

A supported family had this to say about their Home-Start Erewash volunteer

"The volunteer I had was so kind to me. They really understood what I was going through and supported me and my children."

To keep providing invaluable support to local families we are always looking for new volunteers.

Volunteer for us and help make a difference to families. We run regular Preparation Courses throughout the year, it will completely prepare you to support a parent going through a difficult patch, get in touch to talk more and register your interest.

A recent volunteer had this to say....

"Thank you, I really enjoyed the course & the Coordinators were great - very knowledgeable and approachable - made me feel at ease and looked forward each week to the following week, I feel part of Home-Start already".

For further information please contact: Nikki Walkinshaw
Office@home-starterewash.co.uk or 0115 9304640



SANDIACRE COMMUNITY NETWORK



The Sandiacre Community Network includes local community groups, organisations, statutory partners and residents that have an interest in improving health and wellbeing for the Sandiacre community, as well as encouraging the local community voice within the network.

The network has developed a Community Wellness Action Plan based on priorities identified by members. We meet every 8 weeks to share and develop ideas for the Sandiacre community. The plan includes access to activities and opportunities for people of all ages in Sandiacre to improve their health and wellbeing.



Erewash Voluntary Action are commissioned by Derbyshire County Council Public Health to lead and coordinate the Sandiacre Community Network.

If anybody would like to become involved with the Sandiacre Community Network and requires further information, please contact Becky Daykin, Community Activator – Sawley & Sandiacre Networks at Erewash Voluntary Action. Becky would be more than happy to have a conversation with you.

Email becky@erewashcvcs.org.uk or telephone 0115 9466740.

Sandiacre Fun and Community Information Event

One example of the excellent partnership working within the network is the Sandiacre Fun and Community Information Event held on 3 June 2023 at Sandiacre Town Football Club and Sandiacre Scout Hut.

Network members worked together to provide this free event to help residents find out more about the fantastic Sandiacre groups and organisations. Many local groups offered activities for children and there was a brilliant performance by the Erewash Phoenix Choir which everybody enjoyed.

23 community groups and organisations held stalls at the event and over 230 people came on the day. The Sandiacre Community Network are now working on plans for another community event next year.

“We had a lovely time chatting with the various groups and listening to the Phoenix Choir” – (Sandiacre resident)



3RD SANDIACRE SCOUTS AND 1ST SANDIACRE GUIDES

3rd Sandiacre Scouts and 1st Sandiacre Guides have been offering a wide range of activities and opportunities to young people in Sandiacre and the surrounding areas for many years, jointly operating from our head quarter on Stanton Road (next to St Giles' Park). We have a team of qualified and experienced adult volunteer leaders running all sections of Scouting and Guiding. 2023 has been an important year for both groups and we have taken part in many local community projects, as well as international ones.

I must touch on September 2022 very briefly when, as a group we planted a tree at the request of the late Queen Elizabeth to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee, sadly this became a memorial tree. The Group was very well supported in this project by our Parish Councillor, Cllr Wayne Major and the tree continues to grow.

Throughout the year we hold many events at our Headquarters, including an Easter and Christmas fair, which are always well attended and supported by the local community. Our Annual Bonfire Display is a fantastic family evening run with the help and assistance of our immediate neighbours, Sandiacre Town Football Club.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY our next display is Saturday, 4th November 2023 so keep an eye out for local promotional information of this event.

In July we hosted a joint Sandiacre Network Community event with Sandiacre Town FC which was well received and attended. This collaboration gave many Sandiacre volunteer groups opportunity to present themselves and offered awareness and accessibility for many Sandiacre residents, again watch this space for a similar event next year in Sandiacre. Maybe your group would be interested in becoming involved.

Scouts, Guides and Springfield Pre-school Group, who operate from our Headquarters during school term time, took part in the Annual Sandiacre Scarecrow festival. Our young members had fun building and displaying our Gruffalo camping display.

As part of the Derbyshire Scout District, Sandiacre was very privileged that 4 of our young scouting members were selected to take part in the World Jamboree held in South Korea. As you may be aware, from worldwide press coverage, this event did not run as smoothly as planned; despite the setbacks, all of our young people experienced some amazing opportunities and had a fantastic time. Scouting and Guiding in Sandiacre offers a wide range of activities to all ages. If your child is interest in joining our Group, please look up Sandiacre Scouting and Guiding contact details on Google.

As a volunteer organisation we are always on the lookout for new adult leaders, so if you are seriously interested and think you have the skills and knowledge that could help a young person become the best they can be. Please contact our Group Scout who would be more than happy to explain the path to becoming a great leader.

Jo Dean - Group scout leader

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EREWASH PHOENIX CHOIR

Erewash Phoenix Choir has been in existence for approximately 20 years and has a membership of 30. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings 7.30-9.30 at Sandiacre Methodist Church, Butt Street, Sandiacre. New members are always welcome and no auditions are required.

During the year we performed 2 evening concerts there and an afternoon concert for the Network Fellowship group.

We were also part of the Sandiacre Community Network event coordinated by Erewash Voluntary Action at the Sandiacre Town Football club where we performed a short programme of our music.

Events we have attended outside of Sandiacre include 2 concerts at Trinity Methodist Church in Long Eaton and Cleve Lodge Christmas Fayre to sing Carols and the Long Eaton Christmas light switch-on.

This year we are developing a new project "Phoenix Spreads it's Wings". A grant was awarded by Derbyshire County Council to help launch this. The aim is to reach groups and residents within Sandiacre and surrounding areas who are unable to come to concert performances.

Research has shown the benefits of listening and joining in with music, particularly for dementia sufferers and we plan to contact local residential homes and organisations shortly. Some of the grant has been used to purchase recording equipment and music ready to commence rehearsing in September.

From September the choir is seeking to appoint a dynamic and committed Musical Director to lead our rehearsals and conduct future performances. An Honorarium will be paid.

For further details of this appointment or choir enquiries, please contact Pauline Edwards (Chair) on Mobile: 07914083911 or Email: phoenixchoir@outlook.com



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SANDIACRE HISTORY GROUP

Sandiacre History Group holds five meetings per year usually on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at Sandiacre Methodist Church on Butt Street and a Members' Social Evening in December at Sandiacre Cricket Club on Longmoor Lane.

The new membership year starts on 1st September and costs £10 per person or £15 for two people at the same address.
The programme of talks for the next season is as follows:-

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| 14 September 2023 | AGM at 7pm followed by refreshments and
My Kind of Paris and the Sandiacre Connection
Illustrated talk by Stephen Flinders |
| 19 October 2023 | Trains, Trams and Trolleybuses in Nottingham
Illustrated talk by Steve Wright |
| 7 December 2023 | Members' Social Evening at Sandiacre Cricket
Club Season's Greetings with Ann Featherstone |
| 22 February 2024 | Violet Jessop: Stewardess and Survivor of SS
Titanic Illustrated talk by Bob Massey |
| 25 April 2024 | Pictures in Glass: the History and Construction of
Stained Glass Windows Talk and demonstration by
Tony Waldron |
| 20 June 2024 | The Ecclesbourne Valley Railway: a Remarkable
Story Illustrated talk by Eric Boulton |

Members pay £1 per meeting and the price of admission for visitors, who are most welcome, is £2.50. Refreshments are available from 7pm.

For more information, please contact the Chairman on 0115 939 8057.

ST. GILES' CHURCH TUESDAY GROUP

St. Giles' Church Tuesday Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm at St. Giles' Church Hall, Church Drive, Sandiacre, NG10 5EE

We enjoy talks by various speakers, visit gardens and garden centres, have craft sessions a couple of times a year and sometimes just a get together with tea and biscuits.

New members are most welcome.

For more information, please contact: Diane Jones dianejones555@hotmail.co.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our Neighbourhood Friendship Hub in Sandiacre.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to come and join in our activities and events. We meet 4 days a week 10-12, Monday and Tuesday at St Giles Hall, Church Drive, NG10 5EE and Friday and Saturday at the Methodist Hall on Butt Street NG10 5RB. We have a café and Free Food Stall and we run a Digital Inclusion section where we teach anyone to get on line and develop skills at their own pace. The food is for everyone, not just 'those who need it' to reduce waste and landfill.



We have an increasing number of community events to get people together and help to build friendship groups (these often go beyond our midday time) and we share food and time together. People book a place at the hub in advance as these events are very popular.

If you would like to join us, or know someone who would benefit just turn up and you will be made very welcome, you will come regularly because it is so good.

We always need more help and if you would like to get involved we can certainly use you. We also need smart phones and equipment we can loan to people to get them started, they do not have to be new.

We started as a Neighbourhood Watch and that is always at the centre of what we do, trying to make people feel Safe, Valued and Cared For. We often have visitors who can teach us how to be safe in the community and at home and there are people who can offer advice or support, or we refer you to someone who can help you.

If you want to join in, just turn up or ring Tony Ford on 07732562996 or email sandiacrenw@gmail.com

See us on Facebook:

Kings Road Area Neighbourhood Watch

Kings Road Area Neighbourhood Watch Food

What's On in Sandiacre.



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REPORTING INCIDENTS

EBC	0115 907 2244	- Noise and disturbance Environmental issues: - Fly tipping - Graffiti - Abandoned vehicles - Dog fouling - Litter - Fly posting - Discarded needles
DB's POLICE	Emergency: Call 999 To give information about a crime or anti-social behaviour (ASB)	- Criminal damage - Verbal or physical abuse - People causing a nuisance or being rowdy in public places - Street drinking, underage drinking or being drunk in public - Nuisance motorbikes - Harassment
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111	To give anonymous information about a crime or anti-social behaviour
DB's Fire & Rescue	Emergency: Call 999	Fires in waste bins, on grassland and public land and small scale fires anywhere which are not an immediate emergency threatening life or property
Reporting ASB	When reporting	- Describe what happened - Where - When - How often - Who was involved - How were you or other people affected
DB's Victim Support	0800 612 6505 www.derbyshirevictimservices.co.uk	Helps victims and witnesses deal with the effects of ASB

MUCH LOVED HOSPICE THANKS LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH 3,000 BIRTHDAY CAKE TREATS



To help celebrate its 40th birthday, Treetops Hospice has given away over 3,000 pieces of birthday cake to thank the local community for their support.

The homemade tasty treats were given out through the hospice's 19 charity shops across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, as well as to local supporters.

As part of the great cake giveaway, a group of patients, counselling clients, volunteers and staff also helped ice 250 muffins. The muffins featured an edible cake topper emblazoned with a specially-commissioned Treetops Hospice 40th birthday logo.

Treetops Chief Executive, Julie Heath, said:

“This is our way of thanking the local community for helping Treetops Hospice to reach this amazing milestone.

“We’re really proud to have cared for thousands of patients and their loved ones at the most challenging time of their lives since the charity began.

“Our care has changed such a lot over the last 40 years. Now, more than ever, patients are choosing to receive our care in the comfort of their own home. We’re also taking our support and information out into the local community to make it even more accessible.

“This wouldn’t be possible, though, without the hard work and dedication of our staff and our volunteers who help across the whole hospice and out in our charity shops, and our wonderful supporters.

“Without them all, we just wouldn’t be the charity we are today.”

Treetops Hospice provides nursing care and emotional support for adults with life-limiting conditions, those who’ve been bereaved, and their families.

For further information about Treetops services, visit www.treetops.org.uk or call 0115 949 1264.



PARISH COUNCIL FUNDING

Disappointment as Erewash Borough Council Withdraws £24,000 Annual Funding from Sandiacre Parish Council - Without consultation

In an unexpected turn of events, Sandiacre Parish Council has been hit with disappointing news: Erewash Borough Council has chosen to pull the plug on their yearly funding of £24,000. This funding was instrumental in delivering essential services within the parish, including tasks like litter picking, maintaining parks and open spaces, tending to flower beds, and caring for graveyards. The email's tone is confrontational, clearly indicating that the borough council no longer seeks collaborative engagement with the parish.

The funding cut, which traditionally helped bridge the service gap between Sandiacre and larger towns managed by Erewash, has prompted a feeling of frustration. The new administration's stance seems to rank the parish areas lower in terms of priority, deeming them relatively well-off and therefore no longer requiring financial support.

This choice carries not only emotional weight but also practical implications. With the funding gone, Sandiacre residents now face the prospect of double taxation. This means residents will have to contribute not only to their local parish council for services within their vicinity, but also to Erewash Borough Council, to continue funding the same services in the larger towns.

This scenario raises questions about the fairness of such a decision and the practical impact on the Sandiacre community. Services that were once maintained through joint efforts will now necessitate additional financial backing from the very individuals who already contribute to local services.

As we grapple with this challenging situation, we call on Erewash to reconsider. Erewash need to acknowledge the importance of distributing resources equitably across all areas, regardless of their perceived affluence. It serves as a poignant reminder that a community's strength lies in unity and the shared commitment to cultivating a thriving environment for all its residents.

Cllr Wayne Major

CURRENT FUNDING

Total Budget	Concurrent Function Grant From Erewash	Parish Precept	Parish Precept Annual Band D Charge
£84,831.00	£24,046.00	£60,785.00	£22.71 (Per year)

RISLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Risley Educational Foundation continues to support students (upon application), with grants towards University or College courses if they live in the parishes of Sandiacre, Stanton by Dale with Dale Abbey, Breaston, Risley and Draycott with Wilne.

The Board of Trustees represent these areas of benefit and are very keen on the giving of grants to help local students. They also continue to support local Sunday Schools, including St Giles' Church in Sandiacre with an annual grant towards their children's work and annual grants to local schools including Friesland, Ladycross Infant School and Cloudside Academy.

Grants to the schools are specifically to help enhance the delivery of education in music - based activities. The Foundation has also very recently given a donation to Ladycross Infant and Nursery School to help them establish both a 'Read at home together book library' and an 'Equality, Diversity and Inclusion library.'

Do look out for posters advertising the grant application process on local parish and church notice boards and also forms given out at Friesland School and Wilsthorpe Academy on A-Level results day.

For more information please contact Mrs Elaine Warren – Clerk to the Board of Trustees
Email: elaine-warren@hotmail.co.uk

SANDIACRE LOCK COTTAGES

The Sandiacre Lock Cottages were originally built in 1779 and restored in 1973. There were originally two cottages to accommodate the families of the lock / toll house keeper and the lengthsman. The lengthsman and family, looked after a section of the towpath and the needs of the horses pulling the barges.

Local industries including coal, iron and stone ensured the Erewash Canal was very busy indeed. The Erewash Canal linked with the Cromford and Nottingham Canals at the Langley Mill Basin and the Nutbrook Canal ran alongside Stanton Ironworks and joined the Erewash Canal.

Products from local industries helped to feed the growing industries of the Midlands and further afield to London. Today the canal and towpath are still very busy with pleasure boats, kayaks, stand up paddle boards, cyclists and walkers.

The Sandiacre Lock Cottages are part of the Erewash Canal, Preservation & Development Association (ECP&DA) who formed in 1968 and ensured the Erewash Canal and the Lock Cottages were rescued and restored for us all to enjoy today.

The lock cottages are part of the Sandiacre heritage trail and is open for visitors on

the 3rd Sunday of each month and Bank Holidays, (10.30am – 3.30pm), but we can open on request for community groups to visit at other times e.g., brownies, schools, walking groups and WI etc. The cottages over recent times have been supported by the Sandiacre Community Network and visitors look forward to our opening days to enjoy a friendly chat and refreshments which include homemade cake. Over the past 12 months visitors have enjoyed both participating and viewing a range of traditional skills and talents. For example, spinning & weaving, canal art, rag rugging, decorative ropework, canal art, clog and sword dancing. Childrens events have included, Victorian wash day, soap making, Easter egg hunt and Lego building. There is always something for children in the cottages! In addition, the

sound of music with singing and traditional instruments have also been enjoyed by many. Christmas is always a special time of year when the cottages are traditionally decorated and of course a visit from Santa Claus.

We make everyone welcome at the cottages, including dogs. See ECP&DA Facebook and website for more opening details. We look forward to you visiting us, but if you require more details, please contact Glyn Stenson 07809251441 or email glynstenson@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Glyn



SANDIACRE MALE VOICE CHOIR

Like many other organisations the choir had to suspend operations during the long Covid lockdown. The following year or so was a period of recovery and we are now very much up and running and looking forward to our new season beginning on 18 September.

In October last year we entertained the Draycott and District Women's Institute and the following month we gave a concert along with the Lyrical SoNGbirds Ladies group at Trinity Methodist Church in Long Eaton, raising funds for the Treetops Hospice. The first Saturday in December saw the annual lighting-up of the Sandiacre Parish Council Christmas tree, when several of our members led the carol singing.

Earlier this year, our accompanist Philippa had to leave us due to work commitments and we were pleased to welcome Hilary Griffiths in her place. Hilary also brought along her husband Adrian, a valuable addition to our bass section.

Last month the choir took part in the One-Voice concert at St Mary's church, Ilkeston. This was part of the Ilkeston Community Theatre & Festival Group's events week and attracted a large and appreciative audience. On 30 September, the choir is joining with the Village Singers of Breaston in a concert at St Chad's, Church Wilne, and plans are in place to sing at West Hallam with the Dalesmen choir from Belper in October.

We shall again be attending the Christmas Tree lighting-up on 2 December and later that month we are singing for the Breaston Belles Women's Institute.

The Choir meets on Monday evenings in the Sandiacre Methodist Church Hall from around 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start. New members are always welcome.

Although young at heart many of us are 70 or over, so it would be good to have a few gentlemen of a lower age group to ensure the continuation of this 123 year-old choir.

For further information please visit our website or just come along and sing.

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Sandiacre Parish Council

Community Consultation

Councillors would like to hear from residents about ways of improving their local community and in particular, areas maintained by the Parish Council.

Please email your comments to the Clerk: clerk@sandiacreparishcouncil.org or return the questionnaire to the address shown below.

1. In one or two sentences, please let us know what you think is good about Sandiacre.

2. In one or two sentences, tell us what you would like to see improved.

3. The Parish Council spends your money as efficiently as it can and is always trying to save money without reducing any service we provide. The parish Precept for Sandiacre is £22.71 per year = only 44p per week. What are your views about this? Your decision could affect the level of services already provided.

Pay £2 More A Year

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Pay £1 More A Year

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Pay The Same

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Pay £1 Less A Year

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Comment

4. We are in the early stages of applying for a grant of £90,000 for improvements to Springfield Park and we would like to use this money to install a new perimeter pathway?

Support it ☐

Don't Support it ☐

5. Please give your comments.

Springfield Park - Pathway Project



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