

Sandiacre Parish Council Newsletter

This newsletter was produced for Sandiacre Parish Council - 2025

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Firstly, may I wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2025!

The Parish Council had a very busy year in 2024 and some significant projects were expected to be finalised by year end, therefore a decision was taken to bring the newsletter out a little later than usual to highlight all the work carried out over the previous 12 months.

Sandiacre Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Since January 2022, the Council has been able to apply for Government funding to receive the services of a well-respected and experienced Planning Consultant to assist with introducing a NDP, which includes policies that developers must take into account for any future land and housing development within the parish boundary.

A Steering Group was formed with Councillors and local representatives and community drop-in sessions were held to consult residents over the content. The NDP documents finally received independent examiner approval at the end of 2024. Having met the 'right basic conditions', EBC are now organising a Referendum for February 2025 to publically consult.

The community has the final say on whether a Neighbourhood Plan is introduced by the Parish Council and it becomes part of the development plan for EBC Planning Department. The Plan

shapes acceptable planning numbers, property design, retaining open spaces and helping to reduce the impact of HGV through the village centre with improved highways.

Please check for details of the Referendum on the Parish Council and EBC website. Polling cards will be issued to all households. This is such an important issue for the future of the community that we encourage you to take part and have your say!

Springfield Park – Perimeter footpath

I am delighted to confirm that the Parish Council was successful in applying for funding to carry out work to install a



Cllr Wayne Major
Chairman

perimeter footpath around Springfield Park, which will make a real difference to all park users and help promote physical and mental well-being for all ages.

The Parish Council has already made a 10.75% contribution to costs, but the remaining funds are provided by FCC Communities Foundation who award grants for community projects from funds donated by the Landfill Communities Fund.

A stone footpath is expected to be installed once dryer weather conditions allow access to the park. Signs will be displayed to give notice of when work will commence and as it could take several weeks, certain areas will be cordoned off to the public for safety reasons as work progresses. The main entrance gates should remain closed during construction.

Parish Council - Summer Play Scheme

The Parish Council continues to offer grant funding to support a 4-week

summer play scheme at Ladycross Infant School, which proves extremely popular with local families, especially as child care costs can now be so expensive. The scheme is run in the last week of July and for 3 weeks of August.

The scheme is run by Adam Metcalf (A M Sports) and organised with his team of qualified coaches. Feedback continues to show how hugely beneficial this project is to local families, especially as it reduces child care costs and supports parents continue working over the summer months. It also allows children a safe place to meet with siblings and existing friends and also offers a chance to make new friends, whilst keeping children busy and involved in daily activities and away from outside influences.

Burial Grounds

St. Giles' burial grounds and Sandiacre Cemetery are maintained by the Parish Council throughout the year. Andrew Wallace, Steve Spencer and Fox Grounds Maintenance are thanked for all their efforts in ensuring it is an inviting and well cared for place for families to visit.

St. Giles' burial grounds no longer offers new grave space or Ashes plots, but Sandiacre Cemetery located at the top of Church Drive, is available, so the Clerk may be contacted for further details.

Litter Picking

I would like to express my thanks to Andrew Wallace who has worked for the Council for many years and covers litter picking and low level work on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground, Springfield Park (owned and maintained by the Parish Council) and Derby Road, each Saturday morning. Working 6 days per



Cllr Steve Bilbie
Vice-Chairman

week throughout the year, he is a real asset and provides an invaluable and important service.

Budget

Since the Parish Council has experienced a reduction in funding over the past 2 years by EBC, I would like to say the Parish Council has prioritised providing value for money and with maintaining high levels of service. Although not everything can be provided at grass roots level and EBC or DCC have many areas of responsibility, Parish Councillors do listen to what residents say and endeavour to address what is important for them. By being careful with funding and applying for outside grants for extras, Parish Councillors hope to continue benefiting local residents for the foreseeable future.

Thank You!

I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to everyone who contributes to improving the lives of Sandiacre people. There are so many worthwhile groups and organisations who are to be congratulated for volunteering and caring for others and of all ages. They are a credit to their community and very

special people who think of others and give their time freely.

In addition, I would like to thank Michelle Bloor our Clerk, Finance Officer and Cemetery Manager. After 17 years in post, she is an experienced Clerk who has the best interests of the community in mind and seeks outside funding to support new projects.

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 Wayne Major

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SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 14 January

Tuesday, 4 February

Tuesday, 4 March ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 6.40pm

Tuesday, 1 April

Tuesday, 6 May ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6.40pm

Tuesday, 3 June

Tuesday, 1 July

August – SUMMER RECESS, NO MEETING HELD

Tuesday, 2 September

Tuesday, 7 October

Tuesday, 4 November

Tuesday, 2 December

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

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FRIENDS OF HAYWORTH ROAD PARK

The Friends of Hayworth Road Park are delighted to place an article in the 2024 edition of the Sandiacre Parish Newsletter.

The park is well worth a visit with plenty of seating, picnic tables and play areas for both young and older children. It's a pleasant place to walk around with great views while enjoying the trees, hedges and wild flowers, also for meeting friends. It's best in dry weather as during the winter months after rain, the poor drainage causes some areas to be boggy. In the spring there's a lovely display of daffodils planted by the Friends Group. In the summer, the wild flowers can be enjoyed.

The Friends of Hayworth Road Park are keen to keep the park alive. More volunteers are needed to help with physical work as Erewash Borough

Council can only do so much. The work involves cutting back brambles as well as overgrown branches and keeping the long grass down where daffodils and wild flowers grow. Dates for work parties can be arranged to suit volunteers.

Also the Friends would like to hear from groups of people wanting to put on events such as our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

To offer help, please contact Katharine Stewart by phone on 07970 744 073 or David Pinney by email at fohrp@outlook.com

We're also on Facebook.



YOUR SANDIACRE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Firstly, I'd just like to introduce myself to those that I have not yet had the chance to meet. My name is Ian Hawksworth and I am the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) assigned to the Sandiacre community and I work closely with PC Dugard who is the Police Officer also assigned to your area. Together we work for the Derbyshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and whilst there are many response officers who may deal with your initial '999' or '101' calls, we will be a first point of contact and follow up officers for all issues that affect the local neighbourhood in Sandiacre.

Whilst we will deal with all neighbourhood crime follow ups and incidents that come our way, and some of you will have already met us whilst out dealing with these, our work is more far reaching than this and we have a key role to play in engagement within the community.

Some of my work as a PCSO is to liaise with and visit the local schools to give targeted inputs on certain forms of crime and this helps to deliver pro-active crime prevention. This year I have delivered inputs on Knife Crime (we call this 'Op Sceptre'), Hate Crime, Cyber Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) to name but a few. These have taken place in Friesland Academy and Cloudside Academy primarily, with some visits being initiated by us and some as a result of direct invites from the schools themselves to address specific issues that have arisen. As well as schools, I have attended and delivered workshops to other local groups such as the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Rainbows and other pre school groups. These activities are a key part of our role in engaging with the younger members of the community and we will continue to do so where opportunities arise.

Myself and PC Dugard regularly attend the Sandiacre Friendship Hub and Safe Space on a two weekly basis at both Butt St Methodist Church and St Giles Church Hall. Here we take the opportunity to discuss local issues with the community and also hopefully provide a friendly face for a chat.

We also take an active role in the other community led groups such as the Sandiacre Community Network and liaise and provide updates as required to the Parish Council. We regularly touch base with the Neighbourhood Watch schemes and provide a point of contact for any local issues they may have.

To close out, I would just like to wish you all a safe year ahead and hopefully know, if you didn't already, who we are. If you wish to stop us in the street for a chat or to raise a concern please do so. Also, as the nights start to draw in and get darker please continue to consider your home and vehicle security, Remember... make it look like your home is occupied to deter thieves...leave a light on... lock it... and alarm it!
PCSO Hawksworth 13089



Left: PCSO Hawksworth

Right: PC Dugard

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 PARISH COUNCIL SUMMER CLUB

Sandiacre Parish Council is delighted to have once again brought affordable childcare to local families during the summer holidays. We understand how challenging it can be for families to find suitable and affordable care during this time, and we are thrilled to see so many families take advantage of the scheme. The success of this initiative is a testament to the need for such support, and we are proud to have contributed to its ongoing success.

The 2024 AM Sports Sandiacre Summer Club, now in its 9th year in partnership with the Parish Council, was another resounding success. This year's club was held at Ladycross Infant School, where we provided a range of exciting activities for children over the course of four weeks. Once again, we were able to offer HAF-funded places to eligible families, all of which were fully taken up.

The holiday activities and food (HAF) programme provides healthy meals, enriching activities, and free childcare places to children from low-income families, benefiting their health, wellbeing and learning.

Children enjoyed a wide variety of games, sports, and new activities, including Axe Throwing, Archery, and New Age Kurling. Daily arts and crafts sessions were also a hit, along with karaoke fun! With over 50 children attending each day, it was fantastic to see so many happy faces.

We extend our gratitude to the Parish Council, Ladycross Infants, and Cloudside Academy for their ongoing support and help in promoting the club. We are thrilled to see the positive impact the summer club has on the children in our community and look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2025!



RESIDENTS TO VOTE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN IN FEBRUARY REFERENDUM

On Thursday, 13 February 2025, residents of Sandiacre Parish will participate in a referendum to determine whether the Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan should be adopted to guide future planning applications in their area.

The Neighbourhood Plan, covering the period from 2022 to 2037, was developed by the Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan Group on behalf of the Sandiacre Parish Council. This initiative involved extensive consultation with local residents and businesses to ensure the plan reflects the community's aspirations for sustainable development. In November 2023, the plan was submitted to Erewash Borough Council. Following a thorough examination, an independent examiner concluded that, with certain modifications, the plan met all necessary legal requirements, thereby allowing it to proceed to a public referendum.

Neighbourhood planning, introduced under the 2011 Localism Act, empowers local communities to contribute to the statutory development plan for their area. These plans must align with national planning policies, promote sustainable development, conform to strategic policies in the local development plan, and comply with legal obligations concerning human rights and environmental regulations.

The upcoming referendum poses a critical question to Sandiacre residents: "Do you want Erewash Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Sandiacre to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?" A majority 'yes' vote would integrate the Neighbourhood Plan into the broader development plan for Sandiacre, thereby influencing future planning decisions to align with the community's vision.

The planning system's primary objective is to achieve sustainable development, balancing the need for growth in housing, business, and technology with the preservation of the natural and historic environment. In Sandiacre, Erewash Borough Council is responsible for determining the suitability of proposed developments, guided by the National Planning Policy Framework, Planning Practice Guidance, and the Local Plan, specifically the Erewash Core Strategy adopted in 2014.

Residents eligible to vote in the referendum must be registered by the specified deadline. The outcome will play a significant role in shaping the future development of Sandiacre, ensuring that growth and change reflect the collective aspirations and needs of the local community.

More information: <https://www.erewash.gov.uk/elections-section/sandiacre-planning-referendum-2025.html>

DONCASTER AVENUE RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

The Parish Council is exploring the next phase of improvements for Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground and would like your input on potential enhancements to this important community space.

We're considering several improvements including adding single benches to deter anti-social behaviour and reduce large gatherings at night, replacing existing litter bins with modern waste solutions, and introducing picnic benches for families and visitors to enjoy. Additionally, we plan to install a Parish Council welcome sign by the park's entrance, further upgrade and improve the play areas, and expand soft landscaping to ensure the park looks inviting and attractive for all park users.

Details of the consultation are available at the back of newsletter.

We are aware of ongoing ASB issues at the park and are working closely with the police to address this. Residents are strongly encouraged to report any incidents to the police by calling 101 (non-emergency), or 999 in an emergency. While the park has excellent CCTV coverage, it has not provided sufficient evidence to deter or charge offenders.

In our efforts to reduce ASB, we previously secured a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner to host youth activities at the Memorial Institute. Unfortunately, these saw low attendance and little impact on park-related issues.

We remain committed to making Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground a safer and more enjoyable space for everyone. Your feedback is crucial to shaping the park's future. Please take a moment to share your views during the consultation. Together, we can improve our community.

A NEW VILLAGE SIGN FOR SANDIACRE

We are excited to announce plans to replace the old village sign on Derby Road in Sandiacre, which has served its time and seen better days. The new sign will be a modern metal design, chosen to enhance the appearance of the village centre while celebrating our community's heritage. This upgrade will not only improve the visual appeal of the area but also serve as a proud marker for residents and visitors alike. By investing in this improvement, we aim to create a welcoming and attractive focal point for Sandiacre, showcasing the pride we have in our village.

SANDIACRE HISTORY GROUP

Sandiacre History Group, founded in 2000, holds five meetings per year, usually on the third Thursday, in March, April, June, September and October at Sandiacre Methodist Church Hall on Butt Street. Refreshments are available from 7pm with the talk or presentation on a subject of historical interest commencing at 7.30pm. A Members' Social Evening with entertainment, followed by seasonal refreshments is held at Sandiacre Cricket Club, Longmoor Lane on a Thursday evening in December commencing at 7pm.

The new membership year starts on 1st September and costs £10 per person or £15 for two people at the same address. There is a meeting charge of £1 for members and £2.50 for visitors, who are most welcome.

The Programme of Talks for the current season is as follows:-

Thursday 19 September 2024

Annual General Meeting followed by Sand Between the Toes Illustrated talk by Dr. Ann Featherstone

Thursday 24 October 2024

Tales of a Pit Man Written and performed by ex miner David Coleman

Thursday 5 December 2024

Members' Social Evening with entertainment by The Woolly Tellers at Sandiacre Cricket Club on Longmoor Lane

Thursday 20 March 2025

My Derbyshire Life Illustrated talk by Ashley Franklin

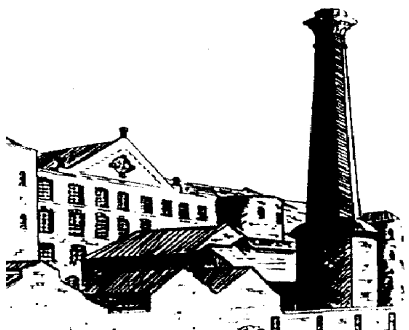
Thursday 24 April 2025

Secrets, Mysteries and Curiosities of Nottinghamshire Illustrated talk by Chris Weir

Thursday 19 June 2025

The Ecclesbourne Valley Railway: a Remarkable Story Illustrated talk by Eric Boulton

If you would like more information or would like to become a member, please contact the Chairman on 0115 939 8057 or email sandiacrehistory@hotmail.co.uk



SANDIACRE FRIENDSHIP HUB & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We meet on Monday and Tuesday at St. Giles' Church Hall, Church Drive, NG10 5EE and Friday and Saturday at the Methodist Church Hall on Butt Street, NG10 5RB. All meetings are held between 9.30am and 12 noon.

We are registered as A Neighbourhood Watch, A Warm Space, a Safe Space and Digital Inclusion Space and anyone is welcome.

We offer a Free Food stall, mostly of bread, cakes, pastries with some fruit, veg and flowers, on a Fair, Share basis. This surplus food is rescued from being wasted and is for all, not just 'those who need it'. We need it to be taken every day. We have a Free café, set out nicely is good Space, with hot drinks and snacks and we offer help in using phones and computers. We have computer equipment and WiFi.

Our Neighbourhood Watch mission is to help people feel Safe, Valued, Cared For and reduce our Carbon Footprint. To help towards this end we have regular presentations on Health and Safety issues with visiting presenters, which regularly includes the local police, Citizens Advice and a variety of organisations. On the third Saturday of each month we have a one hour presentation by 2 or 3 speakers, followed by a themed lunch, for a nominal cost.

We rely on donations to do what we do, but there is no obligation and no challenge to do so. We are run completely by volunteers who receive training to do so to keep us all safe. We always need more volunteers for a variety of tasks.

We are a supportive community. We are caring. We have fun. We signpost to others, who we know can help, where we do not have the expertise.

All are welcome to drop in and see what we do.

For further details contact us on: sandiacrenw@gmail.com or ring Tony Ford on 07732562996



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 Non-emergency 101 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



We'd love to hear from qualified counsellors and complementary therapists who would like to join our volunteer team so we can support even more children and young people when they need us the most," continued Jules.

Treetops Hospice is recognised as a centre of excellence for children's counselling. Counselling support is available to children and young people registered with a GP practice in Derby city, Erewash or Southern Derbyshire.

The hospice has a range of free resources to help parents and carers support bereaved children. The counselling team also provides training to schools and children's organisations.

Treetops Hospice is doing all it can to continue to support those in most need. The charity welcomes donations to ensure the future of the hospice and its services: www.treetopshospice.org.uk/donate



In 2023, we were very proud to celebrate 40 years of caring for people and their families in our local community. We achieved this amazing milestone thanks to our dedicated volunteers who help across the whole hospice and in our charity shops, our hard-working staff team, and our supporters, past and present.

Last year, our team of nurses provided almost 18,000 hours of care to terminally-ill patients during the night to give much-needed support.

Our team of bereavement counsellors provided over 4,200 counselling sessions – more than 1,200 of them to children and young people. Wellbeing team members provide valuable information and support to those who need it.

Treetops is doing all it can to continue to support those in most need and welcomes donations to ensure the future of the hospice and its services: www.treetopshospice.org.uk/donate

A donation of £34.50 helps provide a counselling session for a bereaved child. A donation of £108 helps provide nursing care through the night for a patient at the end of life.

Treetops Hospice Trust, Derby Road,
Risley, Derbyshire, DE72 3SS
0115 949 1264 | www.treetopshospice.org.uk
Registered Charity Number 519540

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.

2025 PARISH COUNCIL FUNDING

The Parish Council has set a precept of £100,360 for 2025/26, reflecting a 4% increase from 1st April 2025. This ensures all services are safeguarded despite the withdrawal of Erewash Borough Council's final £2,000 Concurrent Function grant. The actual overall budget increase is 1.85%. For Band D households, the annual charge will rise from £35.74 to £37.17, equating to just 71p per week. This modest adjustment supports essential community services.

RISLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Risley Educational Foundation continues to support students (upon application) with grants towards University, College or Apprenticeship courses if they live in the civil parishes of Sandiacre, Stanton by Dale with Dale Abbey, Breaston, Risley with Hopwell and Draycott with Wilne and are aged between 18 and 25 years at the beginning and end of the academic year. Each student is able to apply for a maximum of 3 grants (conditions apply).

The Board of Trustees who represent these areas of benefit are very keen on the giving of these grants to local students. Sandiacre is represented on the board of trustees by Rev Olaf Trelenberg and Cllr Wayne Major. The trustees continue to support local Sunday Schools, including St Glies' 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 given to help enhance the delivery of education in music based activities.

During the 2023/24 academic year, the Foundation supported 41 students from Sandiacre, with that number hopefully set to rise during 2024/25.

The Risley Educational Foundation advertises it's grant application process on Parish Council noticeboards, church noticeboards, through the giving of forms on A 'Level results day at Friesland School Sixth Form and Wilsthorpe Academy Sixth Form and by word of mouth (which is often the most effective!).

For more information please contact Mrs Elaine Warren – Clerk to the Board of Trustees

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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 ruging, 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

This year's activities started in February with an entertainment for the residents of Long Eaton View care home, which was well received.

The choir Annual General Meeting was held in April, when most of the officers were re-elected except for our long-standing Chairman Huw Thomas, who had to step down due to work commitments but remains a valuable member of the choir. Musical Director Stuart Graham agreed to take on the extra responsibility of Chairman on a temporary basis. .

We were also booked to sing at Sandiacre Court in June, but this had to be postponed at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances. We hope to visit later this year.

In August the choir took part again in the One-Voice concert at St Mary's church Ilkeston, at the invitation of the Ilkeston Community Theatre & Festival Group. Like last year the church was well-filled and everyone seemed to enjoy the various acts.

The choir will be singing at a family party at the Sandiacre Cricket Club in early October and we have been invited by the Parish Council once again to lead the carol singing at the switching-on of the Christmas Lights on 30 November, always a happy occasion – so long as the weather is kind to us!

2024 has been quite a challenging year for the choir – one member has died and others have either left or can no longer attend regularly due to ill-health or that of their partners. We are therefore looking to strengthen the choir in all sections – tenors are especially welcome – in order to continue the tradition of entertaining which started in 1920. We meet on Monday evenings in the Sandiacre Methodist Church Hall from around 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start. It is not necessary to read music as long as you can sing in tune. For further information please visit our website or, better still, just come along on any Monday and sing!

Anthony Taylor
Secretary Secretary



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 from April 2025 will be £37.17 per year = only 71p 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. Would you like to see further improvements to the facilities on
Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground:**

- 1. New single benches introduced to reduce ASB and youths gathering at night**
- 2. New litter/waste bins to replace existing**
- 3. Introduction of picnic benches**
- 4. Introduction of Parish Council park welcome sign**
- 5. Improvements to play areas**
- 6. More soft landscaping**

