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Above image: RSPB in Sandy. Send your winter Sandy images for our next newsletter!

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER – September 2023

Events

2nd September – Sandy Garden & Craft Show, Sandy Conservative Club, From 12 noon

9th September – Sandy Community Fun Day, Sunderland Road Recreation Grounds, Let's Get Going, 12 – 4pm

16th September – Skate Jam Anniversary, Sunderland Road Skate Park, 12 – 4pm

18th September – Town Council Meeting, Chamber, 10 Cambridge Road, 7:30 – 9pm

1st October – Autumn Market, Market Square, 10am – 4pm

30th October – Town Council Meeting, Chamber, 10 Cambridge Road, 7:30 – 9pm

12th November – Remembrance Parade & Service, Sandy War Memorial – Bedford Road, 10:30am – 12:30pm

3rd December – Christmas Light Switch On Event, Market Square, 12 – 5pm

10th December – Civic & Carol Service, St Swithun's Church, 3pm & 5pm

11th December – Town Council Meeting, Chamber, 10 Cambridge Road, 7:30 – 9pm

Go to the 'What's on' section of our website to see more events and meetings in the community:
https://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/tourist-information/whats-on

If you have an event to list, please get in touch!

Councillor's Corner

We hope you've all had a fabulous summer and as the leaves begin to fall, and the days get shorter, the action doesn't come to a halt at Sandy Town Council. We have a brilliant season ahead of events and more. For now, though, let us introduce you to our Deputy Mayor, Cllr P Sharman…

1. What's your favourite Sandy-based memory?

Having lived in Sandy for most of the last 27 years, it's seeing the Market Square used for the Christmas Lights switch on that brings such a large number of the community together.

2. What are you most looking forward to over the next year in Sandy?

Being Deputy Mayor and seeing progress on the changes and development of the Jenkins Pavilion and Secondary School along with the Town Council's further work on the site of the new Cemetery.

3. What is your current focus in Sandy?

Working with my fellow Councillors to keep the future of Sandye Place at the forefront of people's minds along with its continued use for community events this year and for many years to come.
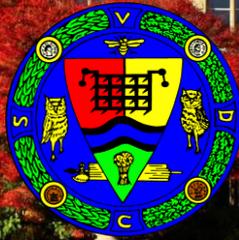
SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT

To get involved or for more information get in touch with admin@sandytowncouncil.gov.uk

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Autumn Market: Sunday 1st October 2023

On Sunday 23rd April we hosted our first seasonal market of the year, with our second Autumn one coming up on 1st October. On our Spring Market we were lucky to have a beautiful day with many showing up for the occasion. The community were eager to get buying with numerous clienteles browsing the stalls early and being drawn in by the different set ups happening in Sandy Market Square.

Sandy centre buzzed with activity, as visitors explored a wealth of artisanal products, gifts, art pieces and tasty treats from 16 small businesses. We received lots of interest from the community and traders made good sales on the day – with The Biggleswade Sandy Lions completely selling out on their decorative gift mugs and raising some decent funds!

Thank you to all the businesses offering their lovely, unique products. We appreciate our residents getting behind local businesses and choosing to shop with independent retailers in the town. Our markets wouldn't be possible without the excellent vendors showing up rain or shine, and we are grateful for the efforts that they have put in to make it all possible.

We are eagerly awaiting our next Autumn market scheduled to happen on Sunday 1st October 2023, again at 10am – 4pm. If you are interested in signing up to be a vendor and selling at our next market, we have around half of our pitches left – so get in quick! First come, first serve. You can join our event: https://www.facebook.com/events/280226638035186

Sandy Autumn Market

Sunday 1st October 2023
10am - 4pm
Market Square, Sandy
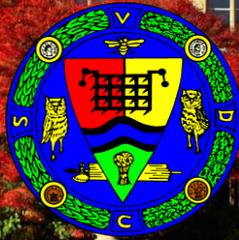(What3words: shut.blend.clerk)

Meet community groups

Listen to live music

With around 20 traders selling fresh & packaged food, beauty & spa products, clothing, jewellery, arts / crafts, plants and more!

For more info:
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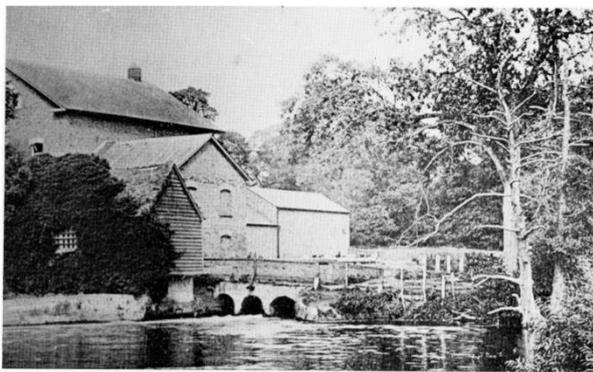01767 681491

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The Riddy

Photo from "Sandy in old picture postcards" by W. B. (Bill) Hanford, Clerk and then Chief Executive of Sandy Urban District Council; copyright 1986 European Library.

In July we had various events taking place at The Riddy such as recognising 'World Drowning Prevention Day' on 25th July and 'Meet the cows' on 29th July.

For World Drowning Prevention Day, Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue service helped to raise awareness of drowning incidents following a recent near miss. A sign was installed at the site and Sandy Fire Station offered throw line training with the local community.

The annual 'Meet the Cows' event was an informative opportunity for members of the public to meet the farmers Mr Kiddy & his son. Mr Kiddy gave an insightful talk about the cows and gave members of the public an opportunity to learn more about these gentle creatures and how we can co-exist in their grazing habitat.

Did you know...the history of Sandy mill?
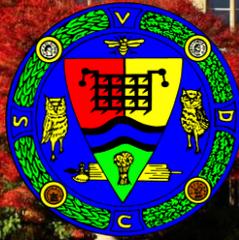
Written by Cllr Anthony Lock

The first reference to a mill at Sandy, not surprisingly, is in the Domesday Book of 1086; it refers to two mills (one perhaps in the lost village of Kinwick), but this could well have meant two sets of millstones in the one building rather than two separate buildings. It must have meant a water mill by the River Ivel, as there were no windmills in the country at this time, and it would have belonged to the manor at Sandy Place – the "e" was added much later. In 1219 the mill passed to the ownership of Henry, son of Hugh, de Beauchamp and in 1271 there is a reference to a man drowning there whilst fishing.   By 1735 Sir Humphrey Monoux was the owner, in 1805 it passed to Elizabeth – the widow of Philip Monoux – and Charles Pope is recorded as the miller in 1850. He rebuilt the mill (in 1857) and built Park House. In the early 20th Century (the photo dates from the 1920s) it was owned by the Walker family and, later, Sidney Banks, but fell out of use during the 1960s and was demolished in 1977.

Humans of Sandy

This season we caught up with Lewis Smart who rides in a Support Class in the Bennetts British Superbike Championship. If you know anyone who would like to feature in our winter newsletter, please get in touch.

Tell us about your relation to Sandy...

I have always lived in Sandy along with my parents, grandparents, aunties, and uncles! My Grandad used to race minis when he was younger, and his race number was number 32 which is why I decided to use the number as my race number. The Smart Racing team is family run team. Mum oversees admin, Dad does all prep and mechanical work, and my sister helps with the cooking!

Explain to us more about Motorcycle racing...

I have been involved in motorcycle racing for the last 3 years. It was always something that I thought about, as I'd studied to be a race technician at Silverstone MotorSport College. My dad's mates raced bikes and so I took an interest and started club racing on the CB500 in 2020 where I managed to finish 3rd in the Championship in my Freshman year. I managed to win the CB500 Sportsman Championship in 2022 which was a massive achievement. After winning the CB500 Championship, I decided I wanted to push myself and take the next step into the British level. I now ride a Ninja400 in the HEL Performance Junior Supersport Class which is a support class in the Bennetts British Superbikes, all races are televised on Eurosport. My biggest achievement this year was getting my first British Podium where I secured a 3rd Place at Snetterton. I work full time in Peterborough at Wheels Motorcycles and race at weekends, the season runs March to October, so I spend most weekends exploring different tracks!

Where do you see yourself going in the superbike world?

I would like to keep continuing my racing career by progressing onto higher levels and other bikes. I do ride a higher capacity bike in Endurance racing so this is something to consider in the future.

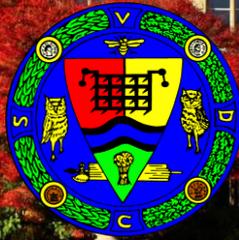### Have you ever had any accidents doing this sport?

I've had a few crashes but nothing too serious. When you crash, you are out of the race, so I've had to learn the hard way through these accidents to be consistent and not too aggressive.

Anything else you would like to tell our readers?

I have some exciting news I will be announcing soon so watch this space – you can follow me on Facebook (Smart Racing) and Instagram (Smart.Racing). I would also like to thank all my Sponsors for their continued support over the season.   If anyone would be interested in sponsoring me next year, please feel free to drop us an email at smart.racing32@gmail.com.

Do you need help using your phone, tablet or computer?

Find out how you can get support:

Sandy Town Council Offices
Thursdays from 13:00-15:00
By Appointment Only

To Book Appointments:
Go to: ywb.org.uk/IT
Call: 01234 838771

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BedsRCC: You can do IT!

If you know someone who could benefit from developing their IT or technology skills, this support could be beneficial to them! We have spaces on the Thursday sessions which are held in our Council Chamber on 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, SG19 1JE. These sessions have been particularly helpful for people who struggle with organisations now converting to online services. BedsRCC help to take the fear out and give users confidence with their device. See some of our Sandy residents below!

This is feedback from some of the clients and what they had to say about "You can do IT!":

"I take so many pills per day that without the NHS app it was incredibly hard to get my prescriptions. Thank you for your help, more people should know about what you do".

" While battling my condition I was locked from the world and now I'm seeing it again thanks to the kindness, acceptance, patience and sense of humour of this group."

Summer Planters

Did you notice our summer planters? We hope you enjoyed our seasonal blooms making the town look beautiful. You may have seen that the planting scheme for this year has moved away from bedding plants that require a large amount of watering to lavender, scabiosa, herbs and drought tolerant perennials.

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10 Cambridge Road, SG19 1JE

Roman Sandy Exhibit

Visit Sandy's Roman exhibition to see exciting local archaeological finds and learn about Roman life in Sandy, Bedfordshire.

Located in: Sandy Town Council's building
at: 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy.
Free Parking

Opening Times:
Monday and Wednesday 9.00am to 4.00pm
and Friday 9.00am to 2.00pm