



Sandal Community Association

WINTER NEWSLETTER

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An Early *Merry Christmas* to everyone in Sandal!

Let us be one of the first to wish all Sandal residents, especially Association members old and new, a Very Merry Christmas. The committee thanks those who have renewed their membership and extends a warm welcome to new members.

Existing members as well as new members can use the form overleaf.



SCA chair Gail Stephenson (left) helps say farewell to former Association secretary Liz Caley

The committee, which meets every month, would also like to thank those who have helped distribute newsletters during the past year. We welcome more volunteers and if you enjoy a walk in your area, or would be able to help us with organising future events, please contact us on 01924 242497.



Santa provided excitement for the children at last year's Christmas social

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new secretary Madge Flint, who has taken over from Elizabeth Caley who moved on to pastures new, and Les Goddard who has taken over the role of treasurer from Sandra Rowland, who stood adown due to personal and work commitments.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Sandal Castle in this January's snow

This year has flashed by. We have been busy with cheese and wine events, coffee mornings and litter picks. A treasure hunt was unfortunately poorly attended but this will not deter us from trying again. The bus trip to North Yorkshire on a beautiful sunny day in June was a great success and at the coffee morning at the Castle pub in May, we worked with St Helen's Church to raise money for their youth project, supporting young people to work in Kenya.

Once again we have been successful in accessing Wakefield Council's Community Chest to help us purchase and put up the beautiful hanging baskets in Sandal. A significant shortfall was met by kind donations from private members and local businesses, including Sandal Endowed School, W G & G M Sharpehouse, D S Hellewell, Aagrah Restaurant, Hoops a Daisy Bridal, Doreen O'Connell, Mrs A Elliott, Miss N Smith, Asda, Guy Salmon Ltd, Sandal Post Office, Sandal Gardening Club, M & B K Mander, Councillor Monica Graham, Friends Of Kettlethorpe Lake and the Agbrigg & Belle Vue Community Association.

We have also started a Friends of Sandal Castle group which will support and promote the castle alongside the council. This group will have its own constitution with separate membership. We look forward to working together to ensure the preservation and enhancement of this important historic site for future generations.

Further information available on our website: www.sandal.org.uk
Enquiries to SCA chairman Gail Stephenson 01924 242497 | 01924 257037
or email: info@sandal.org.uk

Sandal Castle at sunset

Wakefield Council issues

The annual general meeting in June gave an opportunity for members to meet with Stacey Bulet, Head of Culture, Wakefield Council, and Jane Callaghan, the council's Principal Officer, Quality.

The most recent activity we have been involved in is trying to raise awareness of the Local Development Framework consultation process, which in our view was not sufficiently accessible to all Sandal residents. Councillor Graham liaised with the council to enable us to have a public meeting on September 27 when the council agreed to extend the consultation period from September 29 to October 1. In the short time available, we contacted as many members as possible by email and direct mail.

With regard to future plans for Sandal Library, the Association wrote to Wakefield Council with a petition containing over 200 signatures indicating concern about draft proposals. We have asked the council to consult fully with the Association about future plans.

We are still mindful not only of the developments in Sandal but also the overall lack of consultation by the council. We will be working on this in the future.

Future events are being considered by the committee and we welcome ideas from members

FORTHCOMINGEVENTS

Christmas tree light-up

on the green space at the crossroads of Barnsley Road and Castle Road, followed by a repeat of the popular social at Sandal Endowed School
on November 26th 2010, 6.30pm

Councillor Graham has once again organised the tree and, with funding from the Community Chest, we will have new LED lights, which are more cost-effective and more secure. We do have to pay for the tree this year due to cutbacks, so fundraising is essential. Once again Speedibake, Aldi and Asda will provide the mince pies, so a big thank-you to them.

Cheese and Wine evening at West Yorkshire Sports and Social Club

on 12th January 2011, 7.15pm for 7.30pm

Edwin and Kathleen Hirst will present one of their popular illustrated talks on Wakefield's historic buildings. Tickets cost £5. To book call 01924 242497 or 01924 257037, or contact a committee member.

Ceildh at West Yorkshire Sports and Social Club

on Saturday February 19th 2011 in aid of the Help for Heroes charity

This is a repeat of the successful event held in 2008. A pie and peas supper will be included in the cost of £11 each to non-members and £10 to SCA members. Tickets will be available from members or call 01924 242497 or 258041.

Subscriptions: The subscription of £5 per household contributes to the hanging flower baskets & the Christmas tree social event, as well as subsidising some of our other events.

We welcome new members. To join please complete the slip below and return it to the address shown. We would prefer payment by cheque. You can request a receipt, which will always be issued for cash payments.

MEMBERSHIPAPPLICATION

Please return to: 1 Helmsley Road, Sandal, Wakefield WF2 6QU

I/we wish to join Sandal Community Association from 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 for an annual membership subscription of £5 per household.

Name

Address

Tel Email

Please make cheques payable to Sandal Community Association

Receipt required: YES/NO

If you would like to offer assistance to the Association, please tell us what form this might take

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To help keep costs to a minimum, PLEASE provide us with your e-mail address. This will also allow the SCA to keep you up to date with details of forthcoming SCA events and urgent matters such as planning applications, traffic issues, proposed developments and threats to local amenities. Your e-mail address will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shown on our e-mail correspondence. We do not pass or sell e-mail addresses to anybody (ever).


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