



Sandal Community Association

# AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the Autumn SCA newsletter!

We have been very lucky in that all the committee agreed to be re-nominated for another year.

We are always looking for new members for the committee – if we can increase our numbers we will be able to undertake more activities.

### Bloomin' Marvellous

We have also made some serious decisions about our future budget. As you will know, we spend a great deal of time and a large proportion of our budget on the hanging baskets. In previous years we have been very fortunate in getting support from our local councillors, Monica Graham, David Hopkins and Nadeem Admed, to get Community Chest money. This has enabled baskets to be put up across the whole of the south ward.

This year the funding has been cut and we have had to contribute over £1,000 towards the cost of the baskets along Barnsley Road and Standbridge Lane. As our annual income from membership is only £1,500, this impacts on the activities that we can support in other areas. After lengthy discussions, the committee decided not to provide hanging baskets next year unless specific funding can be found. Instead we will work with the Gardening Club to support their activities, providing planting around Sandal. See our website at [www.sandal.org.uk](http://www.sandal.org.uk) for details of the work of the club and how to join.

We would like to thank our sponsors, in particular all the local businesses and groups, who have continued to support the hanging baskets project. This year these have included Sandal Magna Methodist Church, Sandal Gardening Club, Sandal Cricket Club, Castle Grove Infants School, Sandal Post Office, Hoops-a-Daisy, the Bishop of Wakefield, A Oates, Mr and Mrs Sharphouse, Mr and Mrs Helliwell, J & J Shepperson, Agbrigg and Belle Vue Community Association, Councillor Monica Graham, West Yorkshire Sports and Social Club and Sandra Rowland. We also raised money at a car boot sale.

### Membership Fees

The committee has also looked at the cost of membership. There has been no change to subscriptions since 2007 so it has been agreed that from October this year these will be increased from £5 per household to £6.

We will continue to raise funds through activities such as the Celidh and Cheese and Wine evenings and undertake non-profit events such as the Christmas Tree light-up, with a social including a visit from Santa. We also plan to develop the Literary Awards in partnership with the Guides.

We are working with other Sandal community groups and the West Yorkshire Sports and Social Club to have an Olympic Diamond Jubilee event on 3 June 2012 at the club's ground. Some of the activities we have in mind include an inflatable assault course, have-a-go hand bell ringing, fun race competitions, as well as opportunities for all ages to try their hand at football, tennis, rugby and bowling. Other organisations involved will include local charity groups with catering by the Springs. All activities will be free and there will be no charge for entry.





The meeting



Chevet Lane

## Chevet Lane Traffic Issues

The Association organised a meeting with the Highways Department, Councillor Monica Graham and Chevet Lane householders at the Three Houses on 12 September when residents put to the council their concerns about the size, weight, volume and speed of traffic along their road, both day and night. A follow-up meeting will be held on November 14 at the Three Houses at 4pm. The council has agreed to undertake a survey of the lorries travelling along Chevet Lane to identify how much is through traffic. Double white lines will be placed down the lane and the footpaths are to be reviewed

## Thingymijig

During September we were also busy organising a Celidh at WYSSC on the 17th, with dancing to Thingymijig, and pie and peas supper with pies from Richmonds.

## Cheese & Wine Evenings

A successful evening of wine tasting with a difference was held early October at WYSSC with Bob Young giving an interesting talk on making his home-made wine, over 40 people attended the evening tasting wine made from grape juice, pineapple and elderberries to name a few.

This year there will be an additional Christmas Cheese and Wine event at the same venue on Friday December 9th with carols by Sandal Methodist Church choir. Starting at 7.30pm, tickets £6 each.



Bob Young with his home brew

## Going, going, gone...

An innovation for the SCA was the Handbag Auction held in aid of the Wakefield Sea Cadets at WYSSC on October 14th, over 100 handbags were auctioned with Jewellery Tombola, and a raffle. The evening was hosted by Ian Flint auction master.

## Christmas Tree Light-up

The Christmas Tree light-up will take place on 25 November at the green space across from the Castle pub with mince pies and hot drinks at Sandal Endowed School, whose choir will sing carols. Santa will be there with presents for all the children.

## Local Development Framework

Our Local Development Framework specialist is continuing to monitor the progress of the LDF, specifically with regard to the development on the WYSSC site and its replacement development off Walton Lane. Members will also know that we are keeping up to date with and contributing to the library consultations.

## Walking Back to Happiness

Sandal Strollers meet the first Thursday in each month to undertake 2-3 hour walks around Sandal and other nearby areas of interest. These are free to attend and are most pleasurable with information about the area and with the potential to explore new walks. Go to [www.sandal.org.uk](http://www.sandal.org.uk) for information. Members will be emailed with details of each event.

The Friends of Sandal Castle group is continuing to grow with activities and events to encourage residents of Sandal and the wider Wakefield area to learn more about the historical background to this jewel in the Sandal crown.

The Association strives to keep its members informed with regular email updates and through our website at <http://www.sandal.org.uk/>. We would like to get dates on line for all charity events in the Sandal area, so we would be happy to create a page where fund organisers can compare dates and ensure that events are spread throughout the calendar.

Membership enquiries to Philip Carter on 01924 254659 or email [cartersulla@sky.com](mailto:cartersulla@sky.com).

There's a warm welcome for new members so if you've not already joined and would like to do so, contact Phil or download an application form from our website.