

**ST LEONARD'S CHURCH SANDRIDGE
PARISH MAGAZINE
MARCH 2025**



**DIARY FOR MARCH
CHURCH REORDERING PROJECT
ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION
TRIBUTE TO PETER JUDD
NOTES FROM THE BELFRY
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

MARCH DIARY

Sunday 2 March	10.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm CTM event: Reflections for Lent: at Marshalswick Baptist Church (see page 15)
Tuesday 4 March	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 5 March	Ash Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
Sunday 9 March	10.00am Holy Communion
Tuesday 11 March	10.00am Midweek Communion
Saturday 15 March	10.00-12.00 Craft Church for families and children, with refreshments: theme is Spring
Sunday 16 March	10.00am Holy Communion
Tuesday 18 March	10.00am Midweek Communion
Sunday 23 March	10.00am Holy Communion
Tuesday 25 March	10.00am Midweek Communion
Sunday 30 March	Mothering Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion

APRIL DIARY

Tuesday 1 April	10.00am Midweek Communion
Sunday 6 April	10.00am Holy Communion
Tuesday 9 April	10.00am Midweek Communion
Sunday 13 April	Palm Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion
Thursday 17 April	Maundy Thursday 8.00pm Holy Communion
Friday 18 April	Good Friday 10.00-12.00 Craft Church: theme is Easter 2.00pm Final Hour service

Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

St Leonard's is a Grade II* listed building, parts of which are over 900 years old. It was, luckily for us, very well built and has been regularly maintained. However, we have a number of problems:



- We have some leaks in the roof - three at the time of writing. We are hopeful the ones in the vestry and the Roland King Room are straightforward. The one in the roof to the south of the church is proving difficult however and we have already spent hundreds of pounds attempting to fix the problem. It seems that the roof has probably reached the end of its useful life. If this is true of the roof on the south side, it probably is true of the roof on the north side too, as they are the same age.
- The church is very cold in the winter months. Our gas boiler cannot heat the building adequately, even if we could afford to have it on constantly, which we can't. We are charged business tariffs for our gas and electricity and energy is therefore shockingly expensive. Even if we never put the heating on at all, the daily standing charge is a huge amount of money. We would love to use the building more, but cannot consider starting, say, a toddler group or a weekly drop-in session with the current heating system.
- The wooden parquet floor is lifting in many places and also needs stripping back and resealing.
- The electrics need updating. Parts of the nave (the main body of the church) are very dark. This is problematic for those of us with less than perfect vision. It also means the space is not attractive for concerts and so on. We also have very few sockets, which is impractical.
- The nave and Roland King Room both need redecorating. If you look up, you can see the paint peeling off the walls.
- The carpet in the Roland King Room needs replacing and we'd love some comfortable stackable chairs to replace our uncomfortable folding ones. We have no intention of replacing the pews, but often need those extra chairs.

So, what are we hoping to do about all of that?

- We are currently getting advice on the roof and possible replacement options. In an ideal world we would like some solar panels. York Minster has them, so why not St Leonard's? (*cont. overleaf*)

- We would like to move away from gas completely and heat the church using specialised electric heating which allows us to separately heat the Roland King Room, nave or chancel.
- We would like to update the electrics and repair and resurface the floor.
- We would like to redecorate the rest of the church to look as good as the chancel.

How might we achieve all that?

- We are working on getting advice from our church architect, the Diocesan Heritage Officer and an expert in the types of heating which would move us nearer to net zero carbon. Eventually we will put together a proposal which covers what needs to be done, how much it will cost and what order we should do things in.
- We will get two of the leaks fixed as soon as possible and are getting further advice on the other issue, so that we know whether or not we need new roofing.
- Once we know what we need, we will be applying for grant funding to help us pay for some of this. We do have some funds due to legacies (money left to the church in people's wills), but we definitely don't have enough in the bank to pay for everything we need. We will probably have to involve other heritage bodies. We really need to increase our income and will be asking people specifically to consider giving regularly or leaving a bequest in their will. The only way the church survives financially is through the generosity of its congregation. Last year our income was about £10,000 less than our regular outgoings, which meant dipping into existing legacy money to make ends meet. If you feel able to help by giving regularly, or giving a one-off donation, please do get in touch.
- We are in the early stages of planning a Heritage Open Day on Saturday 20 September to promote our ancient building. Eventually we would like to provide much more information for our visitors – for example, about our graffiti, which is hundreds of years old.

How can you help?

- Do you have any of the skills we might need to get this project started, perhaps in project management or grant applications? Maybe you are an expert in publicity or communications? Or you'd like to do research into our stained glass? We'd love to hear from you.
- Could you give a one-off donation or commit to giving regularly to help keep our wonderful 900-year-old church open and useful to its wider community?

Our church is a community asset. It is open every day and we very seldom charge for any of the events we run. We know the building is much loved and it is there for anyone who needs it: for life events such as weddings and baptisms, for life's tough times such as funerals, for joyful celebrations and for remembering loss. It is there for families to drop in and use the children's corner, or for a cuppa and cake on a Sunday afternoon in August. It's there for quiet prayer or for a noisy Christmas Eve family service. It is for everyone and not just those who gather on a Sunday morning. We would like to ensure its future for the next 100 years or so.

Exciting, and no doubt difficult, times lie ahead. This will all take months, if not years. I'm sure this will be the first of many magazine updates.

I am reminded of something our previous vicar Em Coley once said to me: "Our God is a faithful God". As St Leonard's steps out in faith, trying to achieve something immense, we need to trust that God will be with us. If you are someone who prays, please say a prayer for your church, as we embark together on this ambitious project.

Yours in Christ

Revd Wendy

Roger Miller RIP

It has been a sad few months for the parish, as we have lost several older members of our community, who were much loved and well respected. Roger Miller of Langley Grove died on 31 January, aged 82. He was well known to many of us as a kind man who loved to tell his stories.

Since the death of his beloved wife Pam, he had carefully tended the area around her grave in the House Lane churchyard. This care was then extended to the grave of his son Matt. But, in addition, Roger chose to care for other graves – those of members of the Armed Forces, those of young people and those of people whose families lived far away. He will be sorely missed.

His funeral is at St Leonard's church on **Friday 7 March at 2.00pm**, followed by burial in the House Lane churchyard. His family would love to see you there if you would like to attend.



Electoral Roll revision 2025

The Electoral Roll of any church has to be completely revised every six years and for St Leonard's church that means in Spring 2025. If you wish to be entered on the electoral roll, paper forms are now available in church, or you can access the form via this online link to the Parish Resources website, where you can find a fillable pdf (Form 1):

https://parishresources.org.uk/the-pcc-as-a-charity/apcms-and-electoral-roll/#Electoral_roll

Why join the electoral roll?

It is our parish's register of electors. In the same way as being on a civic electoral roll, which allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections, being on the church's electoral roll means you can vote on church matters, attend the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting, usually held in April) and stand for election to the PCC (Parochial Church Council).

The size of the electoral roll also affects the number of PCC lay (non-clergy) members we can have. If our roll is not representative of the size of our parish, it may mean that the PCC is too small for the workload and that puts extra strain on the members of the PCC.

Finally, it is a way of ensuring that people at every level can be in touch with their church and play their part in decision making. It doesn't make you a 'member' of the church - simply regarding St Leonard's church as your spiritual home does that.

How to join the electoral roll

Under the Church Representation Rules, any lay person is entitled to have their name entered on the roll if that person fulfils **all** the following:

- (a) is baptised,
- (b) is aged 16 or over, and
- (c) has made **one** of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment:

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England, or of a church in communion with it, and is resident in the parish.

Electoral Roll revision 2025 (cont)

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England, or of a church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Once completed, please hand your paper form to Carolynn Boucher, or the Vicar, or either of our Churchwardens: Kathy Tilney or Catherine Bailey. Alternatively, please complete the online form and email it to: sandridgechurch1@gmail.com by **31 March 2025** please.

News from the Belfry

January saw two quarter peals at Sandridge. The first, 1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles, was rung on 9 January in 38 minutes by Diego Díaz (treble), Jennifer V Johnson 2, Hana Booth (conductor), Vivian Nutton 4, Callum Hayes 5, Graeme Kite (tenor). This was Diego's first quarter on the treble and Graeme's first on the tenor. A week later, on 18 January, Diego rang his first quarter in more than one method as part of the Young@Herts training programme for young ringers: 1260 mixed Doubles in three methods (Plain Bob, St Simon's and Grandsire), were rung in 43 minutes by Diego Díaz (treble), Andrew M Reeve 2, Michael C Below 3, Jennifer V Johnson (conductor) 4, Vivian Nutton 5, Nicky J. Smith (tenor).

A photograph of Richard and Callum Hayes appeared in *The Ringing World*, accompanying an article on ringers who were Morris dancers and who had rung quarter peals in 2024 to celebrate the centenary of the founding of The Morris Ring. They rang at Thaxted in Essex, where The Ring was founded and continues to be a leading centre for the Morris Ring.

At the end of February, new nest boxes were installed inside the west window of the bell chamber in anticipation of the return of swifts in the summer. The entrance is behind the louvres and the birds will hopefully be attracted at first by a special high-pitched bird-caller. Thanks to the shape of the window embrasure, the boxes will be wide enough for the birds to turn round in, but they will not have access into the bell chamber or interfere with the bells.

Vivian Nutton

From the Registers

Baptism:

8 December 2024 - Jayce James Lee Surridge

Burial of Ashes:

13 October 2024 - Nicholas George Hill

14 October 2024 - Julian Charles Morgan



Tell us your stories about Eric Darby

Many of you will have known Eric Darby, formerly of the High Street and proprietor of Darby's Stores. Eric died on 14 January, aged 90. His funeral took place, as he wished, at St Leonard's church and he was then buried in the House Lane churchyard, where several members of his family also rest. For many years Eric, along with his friend Charlie, had voluntarily maintained that churchyard.

I understand that various people have shared anecdotes about Eric on Facebook and we would love to print in this magazine some of the many memories you have. Not only we will all enjoy that, but copies of the magazine eventually end up in the County Archives, so it would mean those stories - which are part of Sandridge's history - will be preserved.



Please email your stories about Eric to the magazine email address: news.stleonards@gmail.com or write them down and either leave in church or pop them through the Vicarage door. We will then select some to print in a magazine later in the year.

Eric Darby: may you rest in peace and rise in glory.

Revd Wendy Sellers

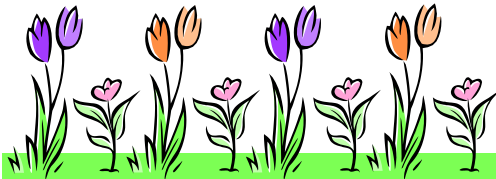
Mothering Sunday

This year Mothering Sunday falls on **Sunday 30 March**. Our service that morning will give us the opportunity to celebrate the mothering we all do, to thank our own mums if we wish and to enjoy the welcome of mother church.

The service is at **10.00am** and all are welcome. However, if you prefer, please join us for refreshments at **11.00am**. Everyone is offered a plant to take home.

A few years ago, we asked for plants for the Garden of Rest and many were donated in memory of a loved one. The next year we asked for roses for the church flower bed and again received some lovely plants, so we are doing this again this year. We are asking:

- that donated plants are new ones from a garden centre or super-market, to avoid spreading weeds.
- that donated plants are small shrubs, perennials, roses, annuals or bulbs. We would welcome plants which provide ground cover.



Plants can be left by the stone in the Garden of Rest or handed in at church. We know how much people enjoy the flowers at church and are very grateful to all who provide them or tidy up, and to our volunteer gardeners.

Craft Church dates and themes 2025

Saturday 15 March	Spring
Good Friday 18 April	Easter
Saturday 17 May	
Saturday 21 June	
Saturday 19 July	outside as much as possible!
Saturday 20 September	part of our new Heritage Day
Saturday 18 October	Harvest
Saturday 15 November	Remembering
Saturday 20 December	Christmas



Craft Church is FUN and FREE! Do come along and see for yourself. Children and adults are all welcome.

A tribute to Peter Thomas Judd 1931-2024

One of Sandridge's best known characters, Peter Judd, passed away on 26 December 2024, just three weeks before his 94th birthday. His funeral took place on 31 January 2025 and was conducted by the Revd Wendy Sellers.

Peter was born to the sound of the Tottenham roar on 17 January 1931, to parents Nora and Harry Judd. He was one of four siblings, along with sister Julie and brothers Don and Rob, who all spent their early years in Tottenham, before the family moved to Enfield where Peter was to spend much of his younger life. When he was 16 he met Jean and they married six years later, setting up home in Boleyn Avenue, Enfield, which is where they were living when son Alan and daughter Sue came along.



In the early years Peter spent a great deal of time studying while also working, so times were difficult and money was tight. However, after a few years, Peter qualified as a polymer chemist, eventually becoming a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

In 1965 the family moved to St. Albans Road, Sandridge, where Peter and Jean spent most of their lives together. Both Alan and Sue attended Sandridge Junior School, at the old site where Tara's Retreat now stands.

During Peter's working life, he was employed by several companies where he worked on projects including seals for the lids of bottles and jars, seals for joining cans together, and even developed an anti-fungal pad for bananas, although his main work was with fusible interlinings in the clothing industry. Indeed, in 1998 he published a book on his work which is still referred to today.

He also gave many lectures at universities. Even when he 'retired' his expertise was still in demand, so he became a consultant and carried on until the age of 70, often carrying out scientific experiments in his workshop at home! His working life took him all over the world to places such as India, Australia and Taiwan. The highlight of his career came after he retired, when he was invited to a reception for the clothing industry at Buckingham Palace, where he was presented to the late Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Peter's two main passions outside work were gardening and music. He developed his gardening skills as a boy during the Second World War when food was short, so families would 'Dig for Victory'. Indeed, in later life he often gave talks to local clubs and organisations about wartime gardening. He spent a lifetime growing vegetables and flowers that he would enter into local flower and produce shows; most notably at Marshalswick Horticultural Society, where he would often take first prize.

His passion for music came from his mother Nora, who enjoyed a wide range of musical genres. Peter was no different and enjoyed anything from classical to jazz and a whole host of other musical styles in between. He also loved to play; firstly the piano, then a Hammond organ, before moving on to various keyboards.

Peter and Jean were great supporters of the village and St Leonard's church: Peter was a member and eventually Chairman of Sandridge Silver Threads. He very much enjoyed church functions, especially St Leonard's flower show and the church Fair, growing plants to sell at the Fair and donating the proceeds to the church. Only recently, Peter had donated a bench for the Garden of Remembrance in memory of Jean and himself.

On Saturday lunchtimes he could often be found in The Queen's Head with Sue, where he loved to chew the fat with other locals and watch wedding guests as they came out of the church. When the pub held special functions he would be the first to dress up in whatever costume the theme demanded, much to the merriment of everyone there! He would also play his keyboard at many village functions, entertaining people of all ages.



He was an eternal optimist, always looking at life with great positivity and seeing the best in the people he met. Peter was definitely a 'glass half full' person and his positive attitude greatly contributed to his success and made for a happy and rewarding life.

His family plan to attend a Sunday service at St Leonard's in the spring, when Peter's ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance.

Alan Judd

(This article is taken from the eulogy delivered at Peter's funeral, by kind permission of his family)

G F HANDEL

MESSIAH

SATURDAY 5 APRIL 2025 | ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL | 7PM



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MESSIAH

Handel was a fast worker. In summer 1741 Charles Jennens presented him with a new libretto and William Cavendish, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, invited Handel to be part of some Dublin charity benefit concerts in 1742. Handel started composing Messiah on 28 August 1741 and it was completed twenty three days later!

The first performance on 13 April 1742, was summarised in the Dublin Journal: "Words are wanting to express the exquisite Delight it afforded to the admiring crowded Audience. The Sublime, the Grand and the Tender; adapted to the most elevated, majestic and moving Words, conspired to transport and charm the ravished Heart and Ear". It was first performed in England on 23 March 1743, at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, despite the widely-voiced objection that a playhouse was not a fit place in which to perform an oratorio!

Messiah tells the story of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, with a focus on the themes of prophecy, salvation, and redemption. Its powerful choruses, including the iconic "Hallelujah," and moving solo arias showcase Handel's masterful ability to blend lyrical beauty with dramatic intensity.

The intensity is such that having completed the Hallelujah chorus, Handel is reported to have said to his manservant: "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the God Himself". On the other hand Charles Jennens, the librettist, is reported to have described Messiah merely as a "fine Entertainment".

Into which camp would you place this work?

Come and judge for yourself.

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT THE CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY 14 JUNE 2025 7.30PM

Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi

Nelson Mass by Joseph Haydn

Welcome to all the Pleasures by Henry Purcell

Conducted by William Fox

SATURDAY 12 JULY 2025

As part of the International Organ Festival

Symphony No 9 in D minor by Ludwig van Beethoven
(The Choral Symphony)

Alto Rhapsody by Johannes Brahms

Conducted by Paul Daniel

SATURDAY 08 NOVEMBER 2025 7.30PM

Requiem by Giuseppe Verdi

Conducted by William Fox

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W I Report

At our January meeting, one of the St Albans Guides came to speak to us about Samuel Ryder, the man behind golf's Ryder Cup, who made significant contributions not only to golf but also to horticulture through his seed business.



Samuel Ryder

Samuel Ryder was born in 1858 into a strongly nonconformist background. During his childhood, his parents took him on their visits to the poor and needy, which had a great influence on him and engendered a lifelong concern for the poor. Unusually, he paid sick pay to his workers and, unsurprisingly, he had at least 20 applicants for each job, mostly employing women because of their dexterity in packing seeds. By 1936 he had over 300 employees.

In 1911 he purchased 27 Holywell Hill, where the twin carved reliefs depicting harvesting, sowing and ploughing can still be seen. In his first business, which he later transferred to some neighbouring cycle sheds, he only sold his seeds via a catalogue. He decided to build an exhibition hall to display his wares, which in recent years was known as Café Rouge.

Samuel took great pride in the catalogue business and his involvement with seeds and plants extended to naming several varieties of plants and, during WWI, by developing hybrids to resist potato blight. His daughter Jean took over the business when he died and eventually it was bought out by Sutton's Seeds.

Samuel sponsored a golf tournament at Marlborough which began his involvement with golf. Before he felt ready to apply to Verulam Golf Club, he practised in his garden in Ridgemont Road six days a week for a whole year.

Between 1903 and 1905 he sat as a Liberal, both as Councillor and Mayor, and was also a JP. Samuel was also involved in Trinity Church, as an Elder and Deacon. In 1897 he moved to the Independent Chapel in Spicer Street, where he supervised 110 Sunday school teachers under the auspices of the Sunday School Union. Samuel died in 1936 and was buried in Hatfield Road cemetery.

Our March meeting will be a games evening on 11 March.

Christine Nutton, Vice President



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARSHALSWICK

BLIND JESUS

Reflections for Lent on the hospitality of Christ

The Revd Alan Stewart

Vicar, St Andrew's Hertford
& St Mary's, Hertingfordbury

Sunday 2 March, 7pm

*Marshalswick Baptist Free Church
Sherwood Ave, St Albans*

Refreshments from 7pm. Reflection begins at 7.30pm ending with an informal service of Communion. All are welcome to take part.

There will be a collection
in support of



P A R I S H C O U N C I L S U P P L E M E N T (A B R I D G E D D R A F T M I N U T E S)

**AT THE MEETING OF SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
12 FEBRUARY 2025, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:**

TO RECEIVE AND FORMALLY ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Ahmed and Sieger

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There was none.

TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2024

The minutes were duly approved.

Questions to Officers

There was none.

Public Participation

The five members of public and County Councillor Allison Wren spoke to Members on the management of the allotment site off Woodcock Hill, Sandridge. The potential for Sandridge Parish Council to take over managing the site was discussed at length, as was the formation of an Allotment Holders Association. The Chair stated that there was some interest amongst Members, in principle at least, to explore the matter further.

It was agreed that allotment holders and Councillor Wren would come back to speak further on this, once they had greater clarity over land ownership and access rights, and are able to reference a similar model working successfully elsewhere.

CLERK'S REPORTS

Monthly Accounts

Members reviewed a schedule of creditor payments for the period 12 December 2024 to 8 January 2025, having been previously circulated.

It was unanimously resolved to ratify payment of this schedule, made on 10 January 2025.

Members then reviewed a schedule of creditor payments for the period 9 January to 12 February 2025. It was unanimously resolved that Members approve payment of this schedule on 14 February 2025.

2024/25 Budgetary Control

A detailed Budgetary Control Report was reviewed by the Finance Committee on 10 February 2025. Councillors noted the projected out-turn to be £341,016 against the budget of £360,305, giving a projected underspend on budget of £19,289. Key contributors to this were identified as:

- An approved overspend on the Sports and Recreation cost centre (£12,300)
- An underspend on the Grounds Maintenance contract resulting from no asset transfers this year (£4,900)
- Increased community centres income (£24,000)
- Enhanced cleaning to both centres (£3,500)

It was unanimously resolved to formally note this projected financial position.

Mobile food vendor in the Village Hall/Spencer Meadow car park

Councillors considered a request by a mobile food vendor to pitch a fish and chip van at Spencer Meadow/Village Hall car park one evening a week (Thursday 4pm to 8pm). It was unanimously resolved that, subject to the vendor securing a street trader's licence, a two month trial would be approved.

Parking bays at Marshalswick Community Centre

Members considered a report circulated with the agenda recommending the two most cost-effective solutions to addressing misuse of the car park between the Community Centre and the Food Hall as:

(a) to install signs at the back of five spaces informing drivers they are reserved for users of the Hall

and

(b) to mark the same bays with a strong colour to ensure they stand out and appear 'different' to drivers entering the car park.

Estimates were given as £620 and £1,375 respectively (total £1,995). It was noted that a brief meeting of the working party produced a further option for consideration, that the three end spaces on both sides of the car park are separated from the remainder by a 'barrier'. This idea will be progressed further by the Working Party and brought back to the Council at a later date. In the interim, it was unanimously resolved to implement both of the above measures at the earliest opportunity in response to hirer's concerns.

B651 traffic calming

County Councillor Allison Wren updated the Council on imminent traffic calming works near the junction of St Albans Road and Sandringham Crescent.

Annual Parish Council Risk Assessment

On 4 February 2025 the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk worked through the Parish Council's Local Council Risk System (LCRS) for the coming year.

After consideration it was unanimously resolved that completion of the assessment is noted. A full copy of the document is available on request at the Parish Office.

Spencer Meadow – advertising on the perimeter of the football and cricket pitches

Members were informed that an opportunity has arisen to erect advertising hoarding around the Spencer Meadow pitches and so raise funds for the clubs and the Sports Association. It was unanimously resolved that Members agree in principle to advertising being permitted around the perimeter of the pitches to raise funds for the benefit of the Sandridge Youth and Sports Community Association. It was noted that views of other stakeholders would still be sought and planning permission may be required. It was unanimously resolved to approve payment of the appropriate planning fees should planning permission be required and if the consensus is to move forward. The Clerk undertook to come back to Full Council should planning fees be substantial.

Matters of Note

- Staff appraisals were carried out in January 2025. These were taken to the HR Committee on 3 February.
- The new planter/bike rack outside the Library has been installed by Cllrs Wells and Chalkley. It has been filled with compost donated by John O'Conner Ltd and filled with plants from a local nursery.
- The Parish Council will host its first Repair Fair on 15 February at Jersey Farm Community Centre. This will be subject to pre-booked slots (via Eventbrite), with St Albans Fixers acting as our guests.
- All three Parish Council-owned defibrillators have had their batteries replaced. These have a life of five years.
- On 5 March the Sports and Recreation Committee will consider the work of an alternative local street artist to complete the skate ramp artwork.
- The Parish Conference will be held in the District Council Chamber on 18 March in the afternoon. Details to follow but please pencil in the date and let the Clerk know if there is an agenda item you'd particularly like to see. Devolution is likely to feature strongly.

COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

(see opposite)

Grant Applications

Sandridge 10K Run: Members considered an application from Sandridge 10K. After consideration it was unanimously resolved to award the sum of £750 for this purpose.

This award to be made using S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

Committee Chairs briefed Members on meetings held since last Full Council:

- Jersey Farm Woodland Park: 13 January 2025
- Committee for Sustainability: 21 January 2025
- Human Resources Committee: 3 February 2025
- Finance Committee: 10 February 2025
- Planning Committee: see below

MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA

There was none.

PLANNING MATTERS

The Planning Committee met on 16 December, 13 January and 3 February. The Committee meets every three weeks to review and respond to planning applications received from the Planning Authority, St. Albans District Council. Planning applications commented on since the last Full Council meeting are:

- * 40 Ardens Way 5/2024/2017
- * Ardens Rise House 5/2024/1726
- * 16 Chiltern Road 5/2024/1853
- * 54 Barnfield Road 5/2024/2005
- * Land adjacent 38 House Lane 5/2024/209
- * 44 The Ridgeway 5/2024/1942

Please note: Planning applications received at the Parish Office from the Planning Authority *after* the Parish Council agenda has been published may also be discussed at the meeting, as may applications of complexity or applications likely to impact heavily on the Green Belt.

SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There was none.

Note: In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Parish Council meetings will be open to the public unless the Parish Council resolves otherwise.

Next meeting date: Wednesday 12 March at 7.30pm

Marshalswick Community Centre

JTB Butchers

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(next to Sandridgebury Stables)

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Sat: 8.00am - 4.00pm

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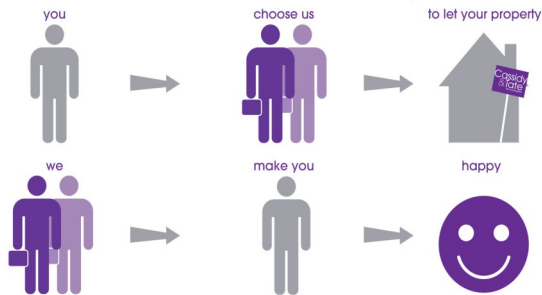


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