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	6.30pm - 9.15pm	Youth Fellowship (Village Hall).
	7.45pm	Bell ringers.
Wednesday	2.00pm - 3.30pm	Tiny Tots. (St. Andrew's Room)
Friday	7.30pm - 8:30pm	Choir Practice. (St. Andrew's Room)

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*In the light of God's call, and our situation here, our vision is:
To glorify and worship God and to further his kingdom on earth; To declare
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encourage and help people to be disciples of Christ; To proclaim Christ's
Gospel to the people of Sandon and the wider world;
To encourage commitment and personal growth in Christian discipleship and
spirituality; To channel God's love through service and care for all.*

PARISH MAGAZINE



ST ANDREW'S SANDON

November 2011

20p

Services during November

at St. Andrew's Church, Sandon [S]
and St. Mary's Church, Little Baddow [LB]

Wednesday 2nd

All Souls' Day

09.15 A Service of Healing and Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 3rd

10.00 A Service of Healing and Holy Communion [St Andrew's Chapel, North Hill Little Baddow]

Sunday 6th

3rd Sunday before Advent

08.00 Holy Communion [LB]

10.00 Jubilate Eucharist [S]

10.00 Morning Prayer and the Commemoration of All Soul's [LB]

11.30 Messy Church [St Andrew's Chapel, North Hill Little Baddow]

Monday 7th

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's Chapel, North Hill Little Baddow]

Wednesday 9th

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 10th

10.00 House Communion [LB] 'Cuddington', Colam Lane Ann Poulard

Sunday 13th

Remembrance Sunday

2nd Sunday of Advent

08.00 Holy Communion [S]

10.00 Remembrance Day Service [S]

10.00 Remembrance Day Eucharist [LB]

18.30 Peace and Reconciliation Service [LB- URC]

Monday 14th

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's Chapel, North Hill Little Baddow]

Wednesday 16th

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 17th

10.00 House Communion [LB] Hen Cottage, North Hill Vicki Briggs

Sunday 20th

Christ the King

Sunday next before Advent

08.00 Holy Communion [LB]

10.00 Parish Eucharist [S]

10.00 Family 'SHOEBOX' Service [LB]

12.15 Baptism [LB]

Monday 21st

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's Chapel, North Hill Little Baddow]

Wednesday 23rd

09.15 Holy Communion [S]

Thursday 24th

10.00 House Communion [LB] Nurses Cottage, North Hill John Atkinson

Sunday 27th

ADVENT SUNDAY

08.00 Holy Communion [S]

10.30 United Communion and Farewell to Michael Powell [LB - URC]

12.30 Baptism [S]

18.30 Evensong [LB]

Monday 28th

09.00 Celtic Morning Prayer [St Andrew's Chapel, North Hill Little Baddow]

Wednesday 30th

St Andrew's Day

19.00 Patronal Festival Eucharist

Organisations & Activities in Sandon & Howe Green

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Minister: Revd. J. Sermon 01245 601662
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Regular Activities

Wednesdays 6.00 - 7.15pm 1st Sandon Brownies in the Village Hall
Last Wednesday Monthly 2.00 - 4.15pm Over Sixties Club.
Thursdays 5.00 - 6.15pm Beaver Cubs in the Village Hall.
6.15 - 7.45pm 1st Sandon Cubs & Scouts in Village Hall.
8.00 - 9.30pm Sandon Scouts in the Village Hall
2nd Thursday Monthly 2.00 - 4.00pm Women's Institute in the Village Hall.

Please inform the editor of any alterations to the above details.

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November 2011

Dear Friends,

Towards the end of last month a good number of four legged creatures gathered in Little Baddow Church on one of the last sunny Sunday afternoons. A beautiful Saluki graced the occasion together with a rather shy and retiring cat. Guinea Pigs and Rabbits sensed the moment nervously. The Spaniel growled just the once as an unwelcome nose approached from the rear and came too close for comfort. Holly joined in with a 'Yap yap' as I welcomed those present and introduced the first song. Our pets have so much to give and there is so much to learn from God's wide and various creations. We went into the Churchyard for the second part of the Pet Service where we thanked God for each and every animal present and one that was remembered fondly. Let us never forget to give thanks for the little blessings in life whose presence we often take for granted.

We easily lose sight of them when our lives are full of demands, "everyone wants something from me!" One morning a female hospital patient had been seen by one hospital employee after another: the phlebotomist wanted her blood, the audiologist wanted her ears, the physiotherapist wanted her legs, the gynaecologist wanted..... and when the next man walked in she pulled up her nightie and demanded with exasperation "and which bit do *you* want?" The Chaplain didn't run away, he listened.

Maybe we sometimes have said to God, "Well Lord, what do *you* want from me?" What's that you say? You want no special favours. No extraordinary works. No outstanding performances. No unreasonable expectations to make you look good. Just a little trust. Actually, I'm so exhausted I don't even know if I can manage much of that.

Did you say, *you'll* give me the faith I need? I don't have to find it in me? I don't have to generate it, to work up to it?
Thanks Lord. That's amazing! That really is 'Amazing Grace'
Thank you for accepting me, 'just as I am' when I'm tired and have little energy left to trust. Thanks for understanding me when others don't.

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Clive

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Sandon WI October meeting

Dorothy Gray, Treasurer, welcomed members, the Speaker, Peter Turrall and his wife to the meeting and thanked Susan Simons for the floral arrangement. Eileen Bartrup, the President was unable to attend as her partner had died recently, and the funeral had only been yesterday, and condolences were also sent to Colette Blair whose husband had died the previous week. Jerusalem was then sung.

Dorothy asked someone to read the minutes of the previous meeting, and then introduced Peter Turrall who gave a most interesting talk showing post cards of old Chelmsford, which gave a number of people many memories of the town before the redevelopment of the 1960s when many old buildings were knocked down. He was thanked by Anne Nickol.

After tea, Angela Harvey gave a report on the recent County Annual Meeting., where members were welcomed by the Mayor of Chelmsford who said the town would be applying for City status during the Queen's Jubilee year. June Ward, the County Chairman said that there had been several new WIs formed in the County, while the Summer show next year would be held at Writtle College on Friday July 13th. There are going to be 75 decorated Christmas trees at Hyde Hall in December and there will be a reduced entry fee for members on production of their membership cards during the display. June had also recently taken part in a joint NWFI and Action for Prisoners families and visited a prisoner in Durham Jail. She made the point that many prisoners had no visits from their families since the costs of travelling were too high. The first speaker at the meeting was Tom Browne, a consultant vascular surgeon who talked about advances in surgery for abdominal aneurysms, with the recovery time now that keyhole surgery was a possibility being very quick. He also talked about a screening programme for those aged 55 to 85 which in turn helps to fund the "Out to Africa" scheme where old equipment which is still usable is sent to needy countries. The next speaker, Tom Holland talked about efforts to keep rural England pleasant and free from litter, and finally Jan Green returned to give a talk "Winging it, the life and times of an Eleven Plus failure" which covered all her various careers, from manufacturing conveyor belts to Family Planning!

Val Chiswell won last month's competition, having found 62 words from "Barnados". The trip to Norwich will be on November 17th, while Little Baddow WI invited Sandon to their Christmas lunch and Boreham invited them to their Harvest quiz. The Federation Carol Service will be on December 5th in Chelmsford Cathedral and there is a list on the notice board for those wanting tickets.

The quiz on "Where in Chelmsford" was won by Frances Freemont and her friends and the Flower of the Month by Jean Galbraith.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on November 10th preceded by a light lunch served at 12.45. Dorothy asked members to think about serving on the Committee as several Committee members are retiring, and the Institute cannot run without a Committee.

Anne Nickol

From the Registers

MARRIAGES

July

Daniel Greaves & Heather Brown	(2nd July 2011)
Stuart Morley & Georgina Speakman	(9th July 2011)
Arran Gordon & Laura Beattie	(23rd July 2011)
Gregory Fourgeaud & Frances Marchant	(27th July 2011)

September

Darren Hall & Victoria Bobeldijk	(3rd September 2011)
Jonathan Heasman & Sarah Hodges	(10th September 2011)

May God bless their lives together

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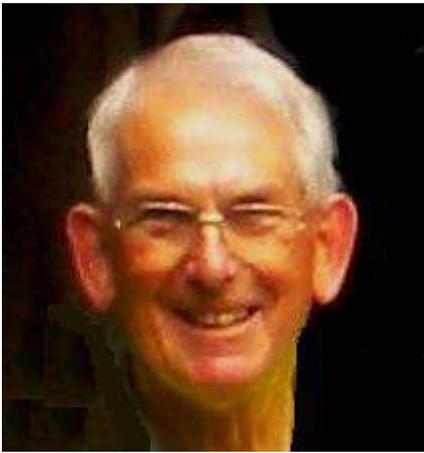
August

Roy Burnett
Anne Mawdsley

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

SANDON GARDEN AND ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Due to illness and retirement, we are urgently in need of help to keep the Sandon Garden and Allotment Association going for next year and the future. Owing to falling membership the running of the Association is getting more difficult. We urgently need a replacement for Neville Jessop, who is our Trading Secretary and takes care of ordering the stock for the shed and for purchasing the bird food and collecting it from the supplier in Chelmsford. Neville our current Trading Secretary is willing to advise and help the new person until they feel confident. We also need someone to take over the running of our outings. Up until now we have been lucky enough to have two trips a year, but we now think one trip a year is more realistic. We also need a few more people to sit on the Committee to help with the running of the Association and we are always in need of someone to help in the shed on Sunday mornings for 2 hours from 10 to 12 am. Please contact Eileen Tappin Secretary of the Sandon Garden and Allotment Association, Telephone No. 01245 476951, if you are interested in finding out more. Eileen Tappin



Parish People - Full Name; Frederick John Golden Whinney
PCC Member

Known as Jack - after Father's elder brother killed in WW1

When did you arrive in Sandon? Su and I arrived in Sandon in 1963, when we had been married three years, with son Richard aged 8 months.

Why did you come to Sandon? We came because it was convenient for commuting to the City. We wanted to be able to sail without having to struggle to get down to the South Coast at the weekend and we could buy a house that we could afford.

Ambitions as a child. To be good at ball games and get into the school teams! As I grew up I thought I would like to be an architect, but I knew my advanced mathematical ability was not good enough - calculus was a black hole. I also wondered about joining the Navy with a view to becoming a regular naval officer. I joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve at the age of 17, then did two years National service in the Navy. I became a midshipman and then sub-lieutenant. It was a wonderful experience and though asked if I would like to stay on, decided against it. I knew that if I got married and had a family I would not enjoy being away from them on foreign postings for a year at a time.

Life lesson that I have learned. One cannot achieve everything but if you apply yourself you can achieve most things that are worthwhile. Live life as it is, make the best of it and enjoy it.

How did you become a Christian? I was brought up a Christian and both my schools were broadly based Anglican. We went to a short morning service every day except Sunday when we had two services, matins and evensong. I owe a lot to my parents and my preparatory school headmaster for my beliefs, standards and principles and since we met, to Su for rounding off some, at least, of the rough edges.

What do you like about Sandon Church? The relatively broad Anglicanism, the community, our wish to do better and the fact that St Andrew's has borne witness for nearly a thousand years, through many ups and downs and still we seek to serve and be inspired by Christ.

Do you believe in miracles? Yes.

What gives you hope for the future? Christianity, the youth of the world and the thousand years of St Andrew's as a living Church.

Outgoing or shy. I always thought I was shy but I no longer think so since I am quite prepared to talk to strangers.

Coffee or tea. both when drinkable!

Special life experiences. Many but most special being married to Su, sharing life with her and having our children and grandchildren.

Books and films that have inspired me The Snow Goose by Paul Gallico (which I have read many times); Narrow Boat by L.T.C. Rolt; Lifting the Hatch: a Life on the Land - based on the life of Mont Abbott of Enstone by Sheila Stewart; Butterfly Isles by Patrick Barkham.

Film - The King's Speech.

Favourite part of the Bible. Old Testament - Naaman is cured of his leprosy by Elisha 11 Kings Ch 5. New Testament - parable of the good Samaritan and the meeting on the road to Emmaus both in Luke Ch 10 & 24

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From Su Whinney - first published in 'An Easter Feast' a collection of recipes collated by the Friends of Essex Churches with Bishop Trillo, ISBN 950 5549 01

THE BELLS >>>THE BELLS>>

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In 1635 one of our most learned incumbents Brian Walton was appointed Rector but during the Civil War he was replaced by a Puritan Minister Samuel Smith in 1641. Even so in the midst of war, civil and religious unrest Sandon had 3 new bells hung in 1653. Two are now the number 2 and 3 bells in the present 'ring' but the other developed a fault and was recast in 1784 and is now our number 4 bell. After allowance for the old bell metal the cost was £17 plus 5 shillings cartage from Chelmsford and £7.12 shillings to take down the old bell.

By 1908 the bells needed a full overhaul and all were taken down repaired and re-hung and at the same time the opportunity was taken to add a further bell our present tenor bell.

In 1929 a decision was made to add a further light treble bell to complete the ring but due to the economic problems of the 1930's and World War Two this was delayed until 1952 when the new treble was added and the oak and steel frame was strengthened with additional steel work to reduce the tendency for the tower to "walk round the churchyard".

The bells are rung regularly for services and for Tuesday evening practice. Please come along if you are interested in the bells or would like to learn to ring or contact our Tower Captain Nick Tovey (Ch 472692).
Ian Underwood

Inspiring words. Many, but of these - "Suaviter in modo fortiter in re" (Gentle in manner, resolute in action). " One needs a continuous openness to seeing life afresh" (Phrase used by Rev Angela Tilby on Thought for the Day). " Consider, Sir how insignificant this will appear twelve months hence" - Dr Johnson.

Quality most valued in others Honesty, warmth and responsiveness.

Behaviour hard to tolerate. Intolerance, "gilding the lily" and unsmiling.

Night or morning. Never see myself as one or the other, but I do benefit now from a 10 - 15 minute zizz after lunch.

Which season do you prefer? I enjoy them all but am thrilled by Spring.

Moment when I have felt God's presence. There is no one moment when I have felt the presence of God. However I believe Him to be everywhere and this is strengthened in moments of great stress, great services and great people - Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Mother Theresa and in the inspiring beauty of so much of nature.

Favourite hymn. Tell out my Soul, the Greatness of the Lord.

Religion and politics. Should not be kept separate. All people of goodwill, whatever their religion should be seeking to help the politicians create fair and just societies living in peace. Religious leaders are in a special position to exert influence in this - above party politics.

Friends from other faiths? One who is a Buddhist, quite a number from other nationalities and a number of atheists.

Something I am looking forward to Taking our grandchildren to the Olympics to see the final of the men's 1500 metres.

If I had a large sum to give to charity I would donate to the alleviation and cure of AIDS, though I am specially concerned about children born with major facial disfigurements, blindness and deafness.

What to save from a fire. First things first, my wife, but as she is not a thing an illustrated log of a family canal holiday in 1976 to which we all contributed with much of the writing done by our children (Aged 13 and 10)

Advice to an 18 year old. To your own self be true, have a go and do everything with enthusiasm.

Moment to Relive. Lying in the long grass, concealed on a bank on Skippers Island, Walton Backwaters watching a barn owl slowly and methodically going up and down a patch of rough grass looking for prey - almost floating on the air and coming very close.

Age to relive. Each age in turn, perhaps when we were courting and engaged 23 - 25.

Special interests. Sailing, now golf, gardening, nature (birds, wild flowers and now with great enthusiasm butterflies) maps, art - life!!

J.W.

THE BELLS >>>THE BELLS>>

The Nave and Chancel of St Andrew's Church was completed around 1080 AD by the monks of Ely Abbey and possibly replaced a wooden building, or even a roman building. There is no record of any bells but it is probable a small external bell was used to summon the faithful from the fields, or by simple codes, announce deaths and births. It would also ensure that prayers were said at the correct times during the day.

With the arrival in 1514 of Cardinal Wolsey Lord of the Manor of Sandon, amongst other things, he appointed Giralamo de Treviso of Hampton Court fame to build the massive tower for two or three bells. These have not survived.

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ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDON



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ST ANDREW'S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP END OF SUMMER TERM 2011 REPORT

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In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot.

And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg.

Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?" And Abraham did look at her - as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load - but simply said,

"How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. The drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was called Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures: Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and began to siphon off some of Abraham's business. But he was soon discovered, arrested and prosecuted for insider trading.

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. And he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks.

Lo, Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others!" And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known, he said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO!," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE). And that is how it all began!

David Farrar

CLUB MEMBERSHIP has been excellent this term with many new members joining and being regular **BUT - Reminder – we need to KNOW details before you bring a friend to club, phone us.**

OUR HELPERS Linda, Debbi and Eileen could do with an extra pair of hands in the **Tuck-shop** – this can be on a rota basis so you don't have to come every week. In the **Junior Club** we have recruited Lydia Green to help with club games (indoor and outdoor) and Linda part-time from Tuck Shop to do craft work. (Linda has also run a Sunflower Growing Competition – winner to be announced later.) The new arrangements are working well but, because of the large numbers, in September, we will be splitting the youngsters. The older ones will go into the newly reformed **77 Club** and continue games and activities. We are still looking for additional help with this group. Loads of enthusiasm required! All our helpers are CRB checked.

TERMLY SUBSCRIPTIONS will be £10 per member, payable on the first night of term if possible please. **The charge to visitors is £1 per night**. We expect that all visitors to become full members after the probationary first 3 weeks. Some people this term have continued to pay £1 per night which means they pay MORE but we LOSE out if they are not at club regularly. This is a problem for us – our costs of insurance and hall hire do not go away. We have to find the money every week. Please try and pay £10 at the beginning of the term – it will help us all.

JACK PETCHEY FOUNDATION We are still members of this award scheme receiving £600 per year. Unfortunately this money is not to be used for general running costs. It can be used for equipment, projects, coaching or anything that will benefit members. We had an election for 2 award winners to spend up to £200 each from the Wish List that was compiled by members aged over 11 years and leaders. We are now in the process of trying to buy a camcorder (Conor Hicks' wish) and we have just enjoyed a trip to Walton by coach (Jessica Bailey's wish). Each award has to be sanctioned by JPF and invoice kept for proof. A medallion and certificate were presented to each award winner at our presentation evening on 21 June. Leaders and parents of Sebastian Pountney attended the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards Presentation at the Civic Theatre in April for the presentation to Seb. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by many Essex organisations and winners. A great insight into the work of the Jack Petchey foundation. We thank JPF for their continued support.



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Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

Happy 40th Birthday!

As 1st West Hanningfield Rainbows Unit celebrates its 3rd birthday, Girlguiding Anglia Region has reached the grand [young!] age of 40!

To celebrate the Rainbows embarked on a hugely ambitious project of completing 11 separate Challenges set by the Girlguiding counties across the region incorporating

- Bedfordshire
- Buckinghamshire
- Cambridgeshire East
- Cambridgeshire West
- Essex North East
- Essex West
- Essex South East
- Lincolnshire South
- Norfolk
- Oxfordshire
- Suffolk



You can imagine the girls are delighted that the *Anglia 40th Birthday Challenge* leads to the beautiful, unusual badge displayed above.

Thank you

We continue to be welcomed at St Peter's Church of England (VA) Primary School and at the Church of St Mary and St Edward in West Hanningfield and our warm thanks go to Mrs Wendy Figueira and Rev Dr Stephen Need. We are proud that nearly all of our Rainbows move up to Brownies at West Hanningfield, Stock and occasionally Wickford.

Rainbows Sleepover 2011

Another phenomenal success with 15 girls all camping out in the newly-decorated school hall in September was our Rainbows Sleepover. This year's theme was Under The Sea which involved a vast number of craft activities, games and songs, with a movie at bedtime to boot!



Thanks to Ann Usher at 1st West Hanningfield Brownies for the loan of the campfire, our campfire songs were wonderfully cozy this year!

Recently Guiding offered me an insight into how incredibly good it is to be part of an International Organisation, a very small wheel in a hugely successful machine.

At 2 recent extremely well-organised events, I spread my wings a little to help with Guiding of older girls (Guides, Senior Section), just to see what



they get up to you understand, and saw just how modern and up-to-date Guiding is for girls ... A Nite Hike at Wat Tyler Park called Matilda's Magical Mahem had 35 teams of 4-6 girls taking part in 20 challenges in the dark armed with little more than their confidence ... and The Big Gig at Wembley at which 12,000 Girlguides and Guiders were

entertained with the likes of Alexis Jordan, Dionne Bromfield, Ed Sheeran, Eliza Doolittle, Loick Essien, Olly Murs, Parade, Pixie Lott, The Wanted, presented by Helen Skelton. I caught myself at various points in awe looking around Wembley Stadium from my vantage point at the flashing bunny ears, colourful halos and neon antennae amazed that these artists were there ... performing ... on stage



... just for Girlguides!

Ali Shelton, aka Whirlwind!