



NOTES From

Agenda for 9 March 2026

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1.0	Attendees Kevin Roberts Liz Smith Lizzie Smith Vicky Feaver Rosie Sanders Eddie Grimble Apologies Sal Kenward Guy Valentine-Neale Steve Blunt Giles Topping Heidi Bailey	Apologies
2.0	Committee & Previous Minutes The previous Minutes were reviewed and agreed. These were signed off and issued for digital filing and publishing on the website.	Previous Minutes
3.0	Events Midwinter Jolly on 15th January at the Ship in New Romney was a great success despite the lack of service which was felt to be a reflection of reduced staffing in the hospitality sector. A letter was sent but no response was had. The tip of £21.50 was withheld and will be added to the Sandgate Society funds and used to subsidise a similar event. The Sandgate Society bingo was a success. Profit of £160 will go into the account and the bingo outgoings will be confirmed in due course. The Committee supper at the Providence Inn was very enjoyable and ideas for 2027 venue will be considered depending on availability.	Events

	Get in the Spirit. 15 people attended, which raised £75.00. The cost in hosting this event it to be confirmed ASAP to Eddie. The winners were Lizzie Smith for the Sloe Gin and Vickie Feaver for her Limoncello. Future events The full proposed list of events for 2026 will be issued at the AGM by the events team and leaflets will be available to be given to the attendees. A sample of the proposed events is listed below: -Quiz -walking routes -Jolly on the Bus -Bingo -French trip -Autumn spirit competition -Catherine Southon from Bargain Hunt will be doing a talk at the Chichester Hall, and also potentially review antiques. - Nick Varian Tales From the Rails which will be held at Saga. Confirmation required on which day in November will be held. -18th April 2026 Quiz night will take place at Chichester Hall. -Sandgate Literary Festival will be over 2 weekends 8th-11th October and 17th October 2026. -Anne Sinfield Is willing to give a Canterbury Cathedral tour and there may be an Evensong event afterwards, that members can potentially attend. AGM The reports have all been submitted. The Sandgate Archive Department have also submitted a report which is being typed up by Vickie Feaver. Catering for the AGM will be carried out in house by Sal Kenward.	
4.0	Premises and Reading Rooms	Premises

	Theatre lighting designer Chris Wilcox hopefully attending to give a report in March. A PR campaign is underway to promote the Reading Rooms, targeting Art Societies and similar groups as well as being published on San Soc website and emailed out to members. Actress Claire Storey hired the reading room to practice her show.	
5.0	Planning 32 Radnor Cliff – amended proposal for demolition and construction of 2 new buildings SanSoc have sent a letter of objection to this amended proposal based on the retention of the ragstone wall. Sandgate Parish Council have formally refused permission. 144 Sandgate High Street SPC have approved this retrospective application to lots of changes but including reinstatement of render to Front and rear elevations. Riviera Court – new glass balconies SPC have approved this application. SanSoc has no objection as it is complementary to other balconies along Granville Parade. Garage site – Sandgate Society has objected to the proposed scheme. Leo Griggs has submitted a 55 page document to appeal the current planning judgement.	
6.0	Parish Council Potholes on Romney Hill are to repaired. The portable signage highlighting the 20mph are moved to different locations.	Parish Council
7.0	Social Media & Communications	Social Media & Communications

	There are 555 followers on Instagram. More engagement on Instagram required. As Guy will be relinquishing the website, it maybe redesigned and relaunched later in the year.	
8.0	Environment & Sustainability The Big Green Fair will take place on 7th June 2026 at Saga	Environment & Sustainability
9.0	Treasurer The accounts are complete. They will be audited and signed off prior to the AGM. A presentation will take place at the AGM. .	Treasurer
10.0	Membership New members this month were Paul Johnson, Angela Currie & Judi Varana-Angon and partner.	Membership
11.0	Archives Archives will be moving their railway exhibition to the Library but still no update. There is a new person who is helping the archive team. Her name is Rosie Hoskin. The report from the archive team for the AGM has been submitted. The TV in the library is unused by the archives team. Do we want it back in the Firestation?	Archives <i>Liz will keep an eye on the exhibition change and report to Committee.</i>
12.0	AOB Possible community crowdfunding for Patrick Butler to take over 58 Sandgate High Street. This topic was discussed at the meeting and further information is required about crowdfunding is required such as what happens if the target is not met and about the scheme from Patrick, prior to pushing it onto any of the Sandgate media platforms.	

	Committee decision on inviting Leigh Chambers to join main Committee. The motion was suggested and passed unanimously. Guy is giving up media and website. Sal, Vicky and Bryan are meeting him on 26 Feb (tbc) to have full handover on operation of both, and the Committee may be asked to fund a new, more contemporary and easier to use website. More details after the handover.									
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